

## Conference Proposal for the Twelfth International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Software Engineering (TASE 2018)

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Figure 1: *the proposed host city of Guangzhou, a city by the Pearl River (courtesy of [topchinatravel.com](http://topchinatravel.com))*

### Conference Location — Why Guangzhou

One of the most prosperous cities in China, Guangzhou is the capital of Guangdong province in southern China, located at the north of the Pearl River delta. Historically, Guangzhou is both the start of the Maritime Silk Road and the center of Lingnan Culture. With the first known settlement in the area back to 1100BC (Cf. wikipedia), Guangzhou has the longest history among the international trade port cities in the world. The China Import and Export Fair (Canton Fair) has been held twice a year in the city since 1957.

Most importantly, Guangzhou ranks first in the number of restaurants and tea-houses in the country. As one of the four major food styles of China, Cantonese cuisine is good in color, fragrance, taste and presentation, and is the most widely served style of Chinese cuisine in the world. Yum cha, or dim sum, being one of the most well known light brunch Chinese food, has been welcomed and enjoyed by people all around the world.



Figure 2: *Yum Cha*

## Jinan University

Jinan University was established in 1906, founded by Governor General Duanfang and honoured by the Guangxu Emperor of Qing Dynasty, with the intention to teach Chinese language and Chinese culture to overseas Chinese who have not yet received proper Chinese education (Cf. Wikipedia). Jinan University was the first university in China to recruit foreign students, and is currently the Chinese university with the largest number of international students. Being one of the best universities in the province, Jinan University is also known as “the Number One Institution of Overseas Chinese”.

Today, the University consists of 27 colleges (or schools), 59 departments, 182 research institute and 77 research labs, hosting 50,535 undergraduate and postgraduate students (13,512 of which are international students). Notably, the university has an International School which is a college with all courses taught exclusively in English. The conference will be organized by the College of Information Science and Technology and the College of Network and Space Security.



Figure 3: *University gate*

## Conference Venue



Figure 4: *Guangzhou President Hotel*

The conference will be held at Guangzhou President Hotel in Tianhe District which is located next to Jinan University. The hotel is within



Figure 5: *Hotel function rooms*

walking distance from the Gangding Metro station and about 39 kilometers from the Baiyun International Airport. The hotel has a business center and five function rooms, and it also provides concierge service, travel service, safe deposit boxes at reception, charged parking lots, car/bus rental service and free WiFi in public area. Its premier function room has the capacity to hold meetings for up to 200 people, which will be sufficient for a large conference. It also has smaller function rooms with seats for around 80 people (Past TASE conferences have 50-60 attendees.)

## Transportation

### Travelling to Guangzhou

Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (IATA code: CAN) is the main airport of Guangzhou and the main hub of China Southern Airlines. In 2015, Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport was China's third-busiest and world's 17th-busiest airport by passenger traffic, with 55,201,915 passengers handled. The airport is about 40 kilometres away from Jinan university.

To reach Jinan University's main campus in Tianhe District from Baiyun Airport, there are at least two ways to plan your travel.

- Metro/Subway: From Airport South, take Line 3 northern extension line (orange line in Fig. 10) towards south to Tiyu Xilu (12 stops), then change to Line 3 (also in orange in Fig. 10) to Gangding (2 stops). From the Gangding Metro station, the Guangzhou President Hotel is about 100 metres to the west. The west gate of Jinan university is about 500 metres to the east (Fig. 6). It takes about 45 minutes to reach Gangding by Metro and the total cost is about 15 RMB.

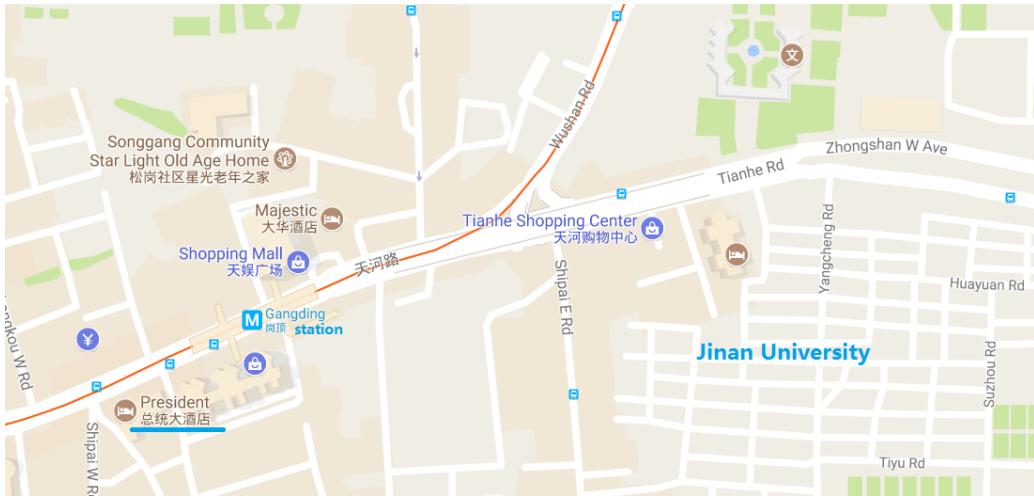


Figure 6: Map for the location area: Gangding Metro station, Guangzhou President Hotel and Jinan University

- Taxi: Taxi is more convenient if you have a big luggage, but also more expensive. It takes about 30 minutes to 1 hour (which depends on traffic) and the cost is about 150 RMB.

### Local traffic and surrounding attractions



Figure 7: Aerial view over the Canton Tower and Zhujiang New Town — Guangzhou's New Central Business District

Yangchengtong is a contactless rechargeable smartcard that you can purchase at local news kiosks and Metro stations, which is designed for paying the travel fares in the Metro, buses, taxis and ferries in Guangzhou, China and surrounding cities. When you take Guangzhou Metro, the start-up cost is 2 RMB (less than 30 ¢ USD) and the total cost is measured by

distance <sup>1</sup>.

As a modern city built on top of a historic town, Guangzhou is rich in history, culture and natural beauty, which altogether brings to you plenty of attractions for sightseeing. Within reach of public transportation, you may visit a variety of attractions at your choice, to name a few, former site of Whampoa Military Academy (founded in 1924 by Sun Yat-sen to cultivate military officers), Sacred Heart Cathedral on Yide Road, Baiyun Mountain (White Cloud Mountain), Nanyue King's Tomb Museum (ancient time architecture of the Han Dynasty of 206 B.C.-24 A.D.), Bright Filial Piety Temple (dated back to 1700 years ago) and Yuexiu Park (where to find the famous statue of the Five Rams). Joining a scenic night tour on the Pearl River cruise will bring you unforgettable memory to the city's night life culture.



Figure 8: *the Five Rams*

## Accommodation



Figure 9: *Standard rooms*

The rates for a standard single or double room at Guangzhou President Hotel is in the range of 438 RMB to 988 RMB per night breakfast inclusive ([http://presidenthotel-gz.com/presidenthotel-gz\\_kfindex.htm](http://presidenthotel-gz.com/presidenthotel-gz_kfindex.htm)). With our experience, it is possible to bargain and reserve a fixed number (e.g., 20) of pre-booked rooms at a discounted price.

## Proposed Dates

We have the following provisional dates:

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<sup>1</sup>Yangchengtong awards you further 10% discount on travel costs.

Table 1: Preliminary Budget (fixed costs, in RMB)

Cost Category	Expected	Notes
Rental of venue & equipments	50,000	three days
Travel cost	27,000	three invited speakers
Meals	4,500	three invited speakers
Accommodation	6,000	three invited speakers
Printing cost	5,000	flyer, poster, conference program
Other cost	10,000	registration, reception, administration
Total	102,500	

Table 2: Preliminary Budget (variable costs p.p., in RMB)

Cost Category	Expected	Notes
Buffet lunch	300	100/person × 3 days
Coffee break	120	20/person × 6 coffee breaks
Banquet	500	
Give-aways	50	pads, pens, folders (based on school expense in 2016)
Proceedings	300	
Other cost	100	local transport to social events
Total	1,370	

- Abstract deadline: 23 February 2018
- Paper submission deadline: 2 March 2018
- Notification: 6 May 2018
- Camera-ready due: 26 May 2018
- Conference date: 5-7 September 2018

## Preliminary Budget

The following budget is preliminary. The budget is only presented to illustrate that hosting and organising TASE 2018 in Guangzhou is economically feasible. Since the event is planned in 2017, we could not get definite offers or final justifications for the different budget headings. The budget is based on our experience in the organisation of events, meaning that we have estimated the average costs foreseen for the different categories. The College

of Information Science and Technology will kindly provide financial support of up to 80,000 RMB. Based on the budgets in Tab. 1 and Tab. 2, we calculate the registration fee for TASE 2018 using the following formula:

$$\frac{(\text{fixed costs}) - (\text{maximal sponsor support})}{(\text{number of participants})} + (\text{variable costs per participant})$$

We assume it compulsory for authors to register and to present at the conference. If we expect to have at least about 30 participants, the formula gives 2,120 RMB per participant. Therefore, the conference registration costs will be as follows (50% student attendance rate).

- Regular early registration: 2,300 RMB
- Student early registration: 2,000 RMB
- Regular late (including on-site) registration: 2,600 RMB
- Student late (including on-site) registration: 2,300 RMB

Note the budget will be supported by the local budgets of the College of Information Science & Technology and the College of Network & Space Security, Jinan University.

## Organizers

The organizing committee will be mostly from local universities. We will invite as program committee members from researchers worldwide in the areas of formal methods, programming languages, software engineering, artificial intelligence and other related areas. We are currently negotiating a special issue for selected papers to be published in Formal Aspect of Computing (FAOC).

- General Co-Chairs:  
TBA
- Local Chair:  
TBA
- Local Organization Committee:  
TBA
- Program Committee Co-Chairs:  
TBA



Figure 10: The subway network connecting Baiyun airport and Jinan University. For the complete map we refer to <https://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/guangdong/guangzhou/subway/metro-map.htm>