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an unofficial guide

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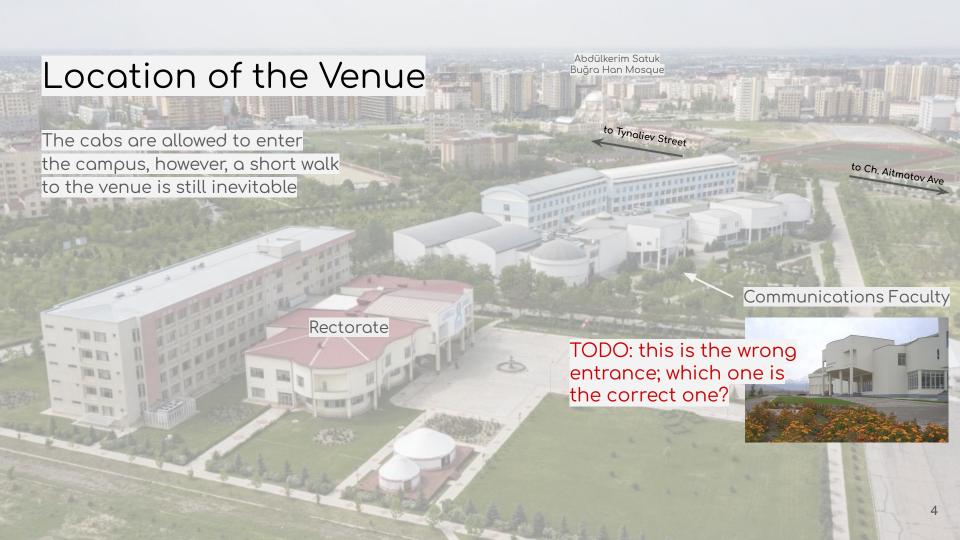
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a famously rare black stork from the stamp series 'Flora and Fauna of Kyrgyzstan'



«aucm» (aist) is a Russian word for stork





How to Get to the City Center



The easiest way to get to the city center is to call a taxi, e. g. Yandex. Taxi is a popular Uber/Lyft-like service

In case one prefers to catch a cab right at the airport, KTMU website's FAQ section recommends 'Manas Taxi and Express Taxi, as they are the safest and most reliable'



Bus. How to get from your location can be found in the **2gis application**



Bus/Marshrutka (minibus). How to get from your location can be found in the <u>2ais application</u>

Conference Halls

The registration desk should be right after the entrance

In case of **any trouble entering the campus or the University**, please let the organizers know via a Telegram chat

The pre-ordered lunch will be served at the cafeteria

Please note that there won't be many options w. r. t. anyone's preferences: KTMU's policy is that the very same lunch is served to students and teachers alike at KTMU

TODO: карта как дойти до столовой TODO: фото здания с указанием куда идти внутри (какой этаж как минимум) TODO: фото сразу за входом и стрелочка, куда идти; если маршрут сложный, фото лучше сделать несколько

Suggestions for Accommodation in Bishkek



* discounts are available through the organizers

Hotel Bridges Bishkek*	<u>booking</u>	maps	+996 709 80 88 80
SK Hotel	<u>booking</u>	maps	+996 770 03 18 66
Отель Амбассадор	<u>booking</u>	maps	+996 312 97 98 98
Orient Hotel Bishkek	<u>booking</u>	maps	+996 706 14 01 60
Plaza Hotel Bishkek	<u>booking</u>	<u>maps</u>	+996 770 05 04 30
Five Hotel	<u>booking</u>	<u>maps</u>	+996 995 24 42 44
Ramada By Wyndham	<u>booking</u>	<u>maps</u>	+996 552 55 28 03
City Stay Bishkek	<u>booking</u>	maps	+996 701 97 99 98

Kyrgyzstan: What You Might Need to Know (if You Don't)

Currency	Kyrgyz som	100 KGS ≈ 1.2 USD ≈ 113 RUR 1 USD ≈ 84.70 KGS ≈ 95.62 RUR
Russian payment cards	We advise to have some cash on you	MIR cards still work in some places; Russian VISA/MasterCard do not
Dresscode	No serious restrictions; men in shorts are frowned upon & naked skin percentage should not be provocative	Bishkek in October is not likely to promote a large percentage of naked skin or wearing shorts: +7+16 C are expected (meteum)
Alcohol	No special restrictions	
Smoking	Forbidden in public transport and indoor public places	
How to say 'hello', 'sorry', 'thanks'	Knowing these phrases in Kyrgyz is a great idea; also note that most people in Bishkek speak Russian as well	Hello = Салам, Саламатсызбы Thanks = Рахм а т = Rakhm a t Sorry = Кечирес и з = Kechires y z

Apps for Your Convenience

- Cabs: Yandex.Taxi
- Food delivery: Namba Food/Glovo
- Maps: 2GIS
 (Google/Yandex.Maps content is often outdated)

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Must-Visit Sights in Bishkek

TODO: art museum, history museum, the mosque, a drive to Issyk-Kul, Rukh-Ordo, Burana tower, gorges, etc.

Local Cuisine

In Bishkek, one can find places which can offer the gems of Dungan, Uyghur, Koryo-saram cuisine, and — of course — Kyrgyz cuisine

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Frequently Asked Questions

- Conference fee?
 None. The participation is free.
- Restaurants near the conference venue?

 Any interactions involving actual money are not allowed on the campus, hence we recommend to...

 However, ...
- How do I choose the Currency Exchange places?
 Which of them typically offer reasonable rates?
- The best souvenirs from Kyrgyzstan? Where to buy? ...

We Hope You Enjoy Your Time in Bishkek!

