The 42nd CIML Meeting will be hosted by the State General Administration for Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) in the Grand Ballroom of the five-star Okura Garden Hotel, Shanghai (P.R. China) from 22 to 26 October 2007.

**Practical information: Summary**

**Shanghai - Introduction**
Shanghai is situated on the estuary of the Yangtze River and is the largest industrial city in China. Covering an area of 5,800 km² (2,239 square miles), Shanghai has a population of 18.7 million. Shanghai is China’s largest commercial and financial center and offers numerous sightseeing and shopping possibilities.

**Accommodation**
The Chinese Organizing Committee is handling accommodation bookings in the recommended hotels. Delegates are invited to use the form on the Shanghai web site to make their reservations, but should bear in mind that the deadline for reservations is 10 September 2007; rooms cannot be guaranteed after this date.

**Passports and visas**
All participants whose country has not signed the Mutual Visa Exemption Agreement with China require a visa. Applications should be made well in advance at your local Chinese Embassy, Consulate or Diplomatic Mission to ensure that enough time is allowed. AQSIQ can supply you with an invitation letter to facilitate obtaining a visa; please contact them for such requests.

**Airport shuttle service to Shanghai**
Shanghai has two international airports, Pudong and Hongqiao. The easiest way to travel from Pudong Airport to the City Center is by the Maglev Train. The journey time is approximately 20 min to Longyang Road (Metro Line 2), the fare costs 50 yuan and there are departures every 15 minutes.

**Climate**
The weather in Shanghai in October is generally pleasant - temperatures should range between 14 °C to 22 °C.

**Languages**
The 42nd CIML Meeting will be held in English; unfortunately, no translation will be provided into other languages.

Full information:
www.oiml.org/shanghai

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