

Origins of Early Writing Systems

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Please print out 2 copies of this page and bring them with you when you travel to Beijing.

(The Chinese characters are for you to point to Chinese you encounter, such as taxi drivers, to show them what you want, it will come handy if you do not speak Chinese)

- ✓ 1 US\$ \approx 7.5 RMB Yuan (Chinese currency), 1 Euro \approx 10.25 RMB Yuan (Chinese currency), the rate fluctuates, but not much
 - You can exchange for RMB at the airport
 - You can withdraw RMB with your international ATM card from any Chinese ATMs; you pay a small fee, but not much; and you get a better rate than the airport exchange
 - You can exchange for more RMB at many local banks
- ✓ The weather in Beijing during the conference is the best during the year; temperature: 50-70 F (10-21 C); please check over the internet for more information about the weather (example: www.weather.com).
- ✓ The conference does not require formal attire, even during your presentation; so, lighten up your luggage load.
- ✓ Whenever you take a taxi, ask for a receipt (请给我发票) that is printed out after the trip ends and before you pay; this will make sure that the taxi driver will not over charge you (Beijing taxi drivers rarely over charge their foreign customers, however, taxis leaving the airport are known for such problem), and just in case you forget anything on the taxi, the receipt contains information on how to locate the exact car.
- ✓ The conference does not offer pick up service at the airport, you need to take a taxi to get to the hotel. Please stand in the taxi line to get an assigned taxi; do not take private car services. The fare is less than 20 US\$ (150 RMB). You do NOT need to pay tips to taxi drivers in China. The fare you are charged includes gratuities already.
- ✓ Alternatively, you can choose to take a shuttle route #5 (民航班车5号线), which runs between 8:30AM and 9:30PM, at least every half hour from the airport to Zhongguancun (中关村四号桥), after you arrive at Zhongguancun, you need to take a taxi to the hotel described in details below. The total cost of this shuttle + taxi is about 4 US\$ (26 RMB).
- ✓ Once you are at the front desk of the hotel, present your name and you will be lead to your hotel room already reserved for you.
- ✓ If you need to pay any portion of the housing cost, you will be charged at check out at the conference negotiated discount rate.
- ✓ The conference committee will have a welcome desk at the hotel lobby on the 3rd and 4th. Our student volunteers will assist you with any need you might have.
- ✓ During your stay in Beijing, if you have any questions, please call Dr. Yiyi Chen's cell phone at 137-186-77725.
- ✓ The following paragraph in Chinese is for you to show to the taxi driver how to get you to the hotel (Peking University Guest House: Shaoyuan Hotel)

我要去北京大学的勺园宾馆（会议中心）；请在到达后给我发票；具体路线是：走北四环由东往西，过了中关村深槽路段后马上出来（在到海淀桥前出来），往北，进入北大西侧机动车门，进门后第一个右转，100米，勺园就在右手。电话：62752200 / 62752218