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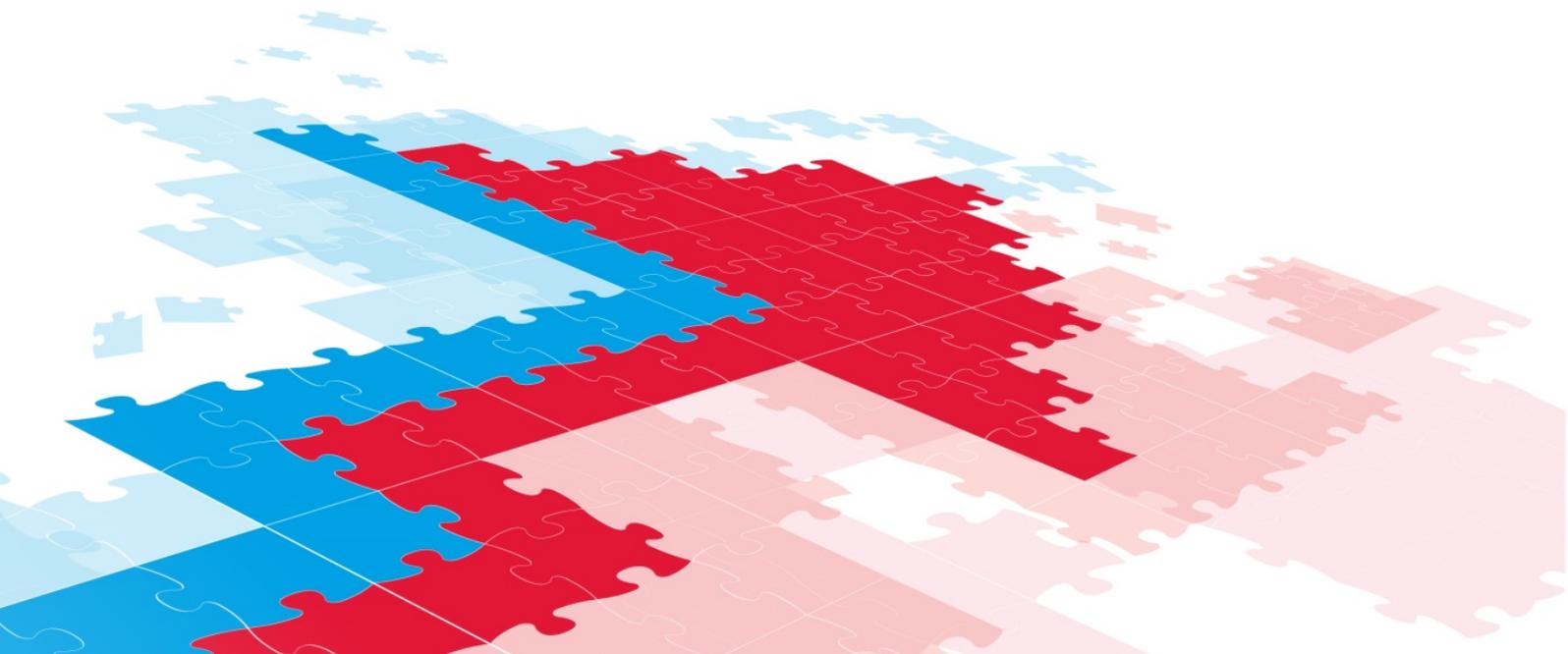


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Welcome to New Directions Post Symposia

North China Session

We're delighted that you'll be joining us at 5th British Council New Directions in English Language Assessment Conference Post Symposia --- North China Session. We hope that the information provided here will help you get the most out of the event.

Time and venue

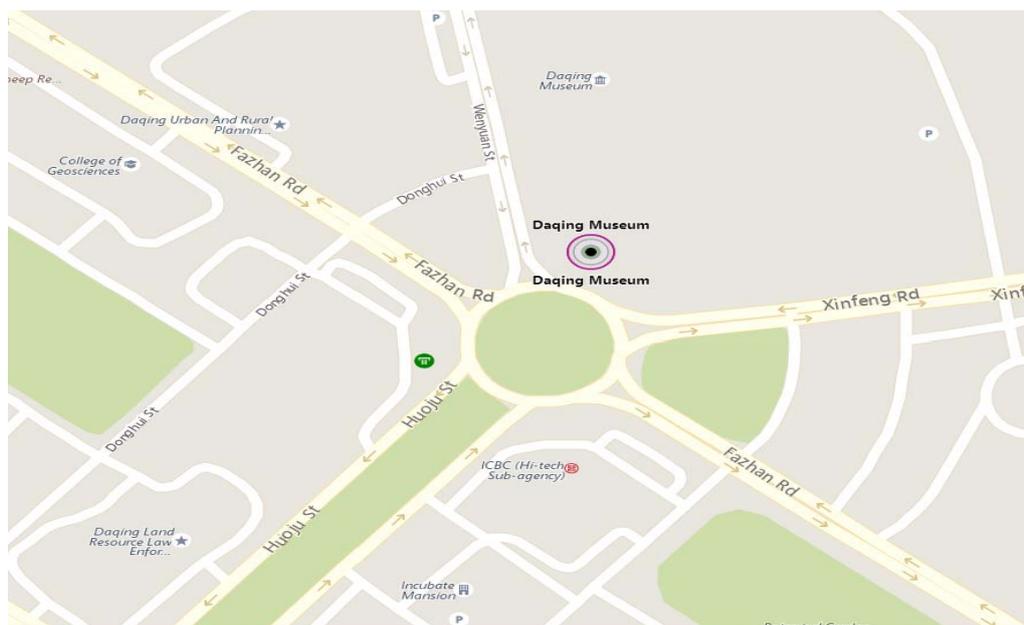
- Date: **25 April 2018**
- Registration time: **8:00 to 9:00. Please arrive by 8:30 at the latest.**
- Conference time for both days: 9:00 to 17:00.
- Venue: Daqing Museum, Daqing

Address: No.2 Wenyuan Street, Gaoxin Technology Industry Development Zone, Daqing,
Heilongjiang, China, 163711

Address in Chinese: 大庆市开发区文苑街 2 号

Tel:+86-459-4617

Map:



Transportation to the conference

- Daqing Saertu Airport (DQA) -24km, 30 minutes by car
- Harbin Taiping International Airport(HRB)-185km, 2hours and 10mins by car
- Daqing Railway Station-14km, 28 minutes by car
- Daqing East Railway-8.5km,17 minutes by car

Accommodation

List of recommended hotels:

 Sheraton Daqing Hotel

Website:<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3608>

To book a room, please contact:+86-459-6858888

 Daqing Oriental Mingyue Business Hotel

Website: http://guan.388hotel.cn/hotel/hotel_rooms.asp?hotelid=34261

To book a room, please contact: +86-459-8998777

 Novotel Daqing Haofang

Website: <https://www.accorhotels.com/zh/hotel-8900-大庆昊方诺富特酒店/index.shtml>

To book a room, please contact: +86-459-6536666

Conference

Timetable

Morning session, Wednesday 25 April, 2018

Time	Session	Location	Event/Speaker
08:00-09:00	Registration	Registration Area	
09:00-09:20	Opening Speech	Conference Hall	BC representatives and Daqing representatives
09:20-09:50	Plenary 1	Conference Hall	<p>Mengmeng Cheng Deputy Director of Foreign Language Assessment Department, National Education Examinations Authority, China</p> <p>Topic Validating the Levels of the China's Standards of English</p>
09:50-10:20	Plenary 2	Conference Hall	<p>Barry O'Sullivan Head of Assessment Research & Development , British Council, United Kingdom</p> <p>Topic Linking Examinations to the China's Standards of English</p>
10:20-10:50	Tea Break	Main Hall, 1F	
10:50-11:20	Plenary 3	Conference Hall	<p>Neus Figueras Casanovas Senior Researcher, Ministry of Education in Catalonia, Spain</p> <p>Topic Setting standards in language testing and assessment: past, present and future: the impact of the CEFR</p>

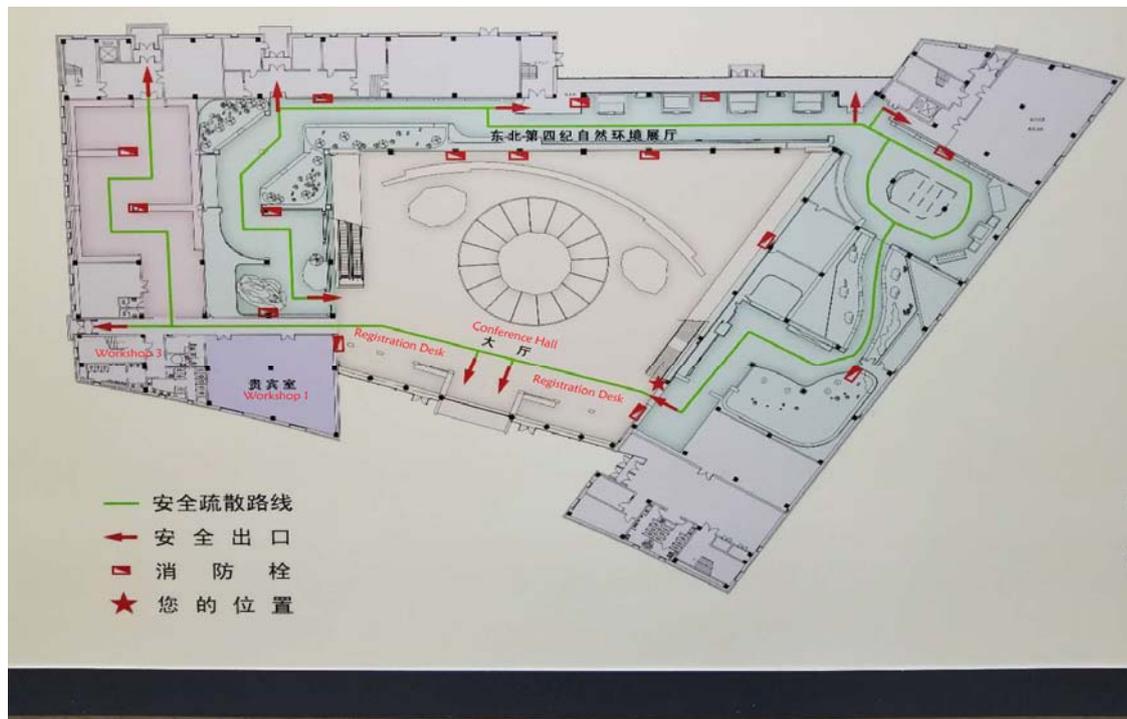
11:20-12:10	Panel Discussion	Conference Hall	<p>Panel discussion topic: Perspectives on Language Frameworks</p> <p>Panellist Hongchen Xu Barry O' Sullivan Neus Figueras Casanovas</p> <p>Facilitator Evan Simpson, Assessment Solution Consultant, British Council</p>
12:10-13:30	Lunch break	Dining Room, 1F	

Afternoon session, Wednesday 25 April, 2018

13:30-16:40	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
	Main Room	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 3
	Evan Simpson British Council Topic How Language Assessment Works- Speaking	Hongchen Xu China Foreign Affairs University Topic Notes for research project application	Zhongrong Yu, Director of Language Testing & Education Programs of Iflytek Topic: Artificial Intelligence and its application in language assessment
16:40-17:00	Closing Speech		

 Floor Plan

1F:



Daqing at a glance



Overview

Daqing has been named as a City with a Hundred Natural Lakes and a Green Oil Capital of Petrochemical Industry. Used to be the largest oil field in China and one of the 10 top super large oil fields in the world, Daqing is well-known for its oil and petrochemical industry which plays a pillar role in the city's economy. With over five decade's development and construction, Daqing, a young civilized city has emerged in the northeast of China. Daqing has become a modern and livable city with sound environment and spiritual heritage of Patriotism, Pioneering, Practicality and dedication known as Daqing Spirit and Iron-Man Spirit. It has ranked 11th among the regional cities in China in terms of comprehensive strength. Daqing has been included in the new 50 second-tier cities in terms of urban financial strength. Daqing's industrial production value ranked the second place among the cities in the northeast China with the per capital GDP totaling 20,000 US dollars. Daqing has been recognized by the State Council as China's Demonstration City of Service Outsourcing. It has been rated as National Civilized City, Natural First-Batch of Pilot City for Security Development and has the title of National Garden City.

Daqing is also National Excellent Tourism City with 57 tourist sites including tour sites for oil culture, wetland sightseeing, hot spring, local customs, ethnic group tradition and Daqing city

culture. Daqing's unique tourism is attracting more and more visitors from home and abroad. In Daqing, the Oil Scientific Museum has been included in internationally-recognized tour site; the Iron-Man Wang Jinxi Memorial Hall has been designated as one of National Patriotism Education Bases. The Daqing Songji No. 3 Oil Well is welcomed by people symbolizing Daqing Oil Field's emerging. Daqing's other attractions include horse racing, on-water hunting, ethnic group's museum where local culture and customs can be experienced. In Daqing's Longfeng Wetland Scenic Zone, people can enjoy ecological tour, spend holidays and view wild animals. Lindian, to the north of Daqing is well-known as the Home to Hot Spring Tour which enjoys popularity and has been included in the Heilongjiang's hot tour routes of Harbin (ice sculpture) – Yabuli (skiing) – Daqing (experiencing hot spring).

Climate:

Daqing enjoys plenty of sunshine but insufficient rainfall with long and harsh winter while short and cool summer. With annual temperature being 4.2 °C , Daqing has the coldest monthly temperature being -18.5°C and the highest temperature at 23.3°C in summer.

Time Zone:

Daqing is eight hours ahead of GMT. During British summertime the time difference is seven hours. The international dialling code for China is +86 and the city code for Daqing is (0)459.

Currency:

The Chinese currency is called "Yuan" or "Renminbi ¥" (the People's currency). You may also hear the term "kuai" (pronounced "kwai"). At the current exchange rate, 1 pound sterling is currently approximately equal to 8.88 yuan and 1 US dollar is currently approximately equal to 6.30 yuan.

Transportation:

Taxi is the easiest way to get around. You can pick them up outside hotels or in the street even late at night. Although some taxi drivers may speak a little English it will be very helpful to have your destination written down in Chinese. Ask your hotel for its business card with the Chinese version. All taxis are metered and the drivers largely trustworthy and professional (in attitude if not in driving ability). Fare is mainly 5 yuan for first 3 kms then 1.6 yuan per km.

Public Buses are cheaper than taxis, but kind of slow. Fares range from 1 to 4 yuan depending on distance.

What to Wear:

For conference: smart casual

While it will be cool outside, it will be quite warm indoors with air conditioning so a light jacket or cardigan is useful.

Explore Daqing

Landmarks

Iron-Man Wang Jinxi Memorial Hall



Iron-Man Wang Jinxi Memorial Hall is to commemorate oil worker Wang Jinxi's spirit of selfless dedication, patriotism and be realistic and pragmatic, founded in 2006 and covered a total area of 4790 square meters for the exhibition hall. It is a National First-Class Museum of China and National Patriotic Education Demonstration Base.

Location: 8 Jiefang Road, Ranghulu District

Opening Hours: Daily 8:30-16:00, close on Monday



Daqing Museum

Daqing Museum mainly exhibits *Northeast Quaternary Natural Environment, Northeast Quaternary Mammal Fossils. Ancient Human Civilization of Daqing Area*. You can find lots of mammal fossils here such as mammoth, woolly rhinoceros, wild wolf and bison, as well as get an outline introduction of the process of animal breeding.

Location: 2 Wenyuan Street, GaoxinTechnology Industry Development Zone

Opening Hours: Daily 9:00-16:00, close on Monday

Lianhuanhu Hot Spring Spa Resort



Situated in the west of Duerbote County, Lianhuanhu Hot Spring Spa Resort is a National 4A scenic zone and designed according to the standards of Northern Scenery Featured Tourism Development Zone. So far it's an outdoor hot springs spa resort with the highest standards and best facilities in Northeast China's cold area.

Location: 17 kms away from Duerbote County.

Opening Hours: Daily 9:00- 22:00

Enjoying the local cuisine

Around the Daqing Museum, there are many choices. Daqing City's most popular food is Northeast China's special food, but there are some Szechwan cuisine, Cantonese Cuisine, Korean and Japanese restaurants in our city as well. The special food restaurants within 3 to 5 kilometers are as follows:

Local friendly restaurants

1. Yikouzhu Restaurant, Butcher's food (Pork) (in Chinese: 一口猪)

Address: 59 Jianshe Road, Saertu District

萨尔图区建设路 59 号。

Tel:86-459-4616444

Opening Hours: Daily 9:00-21:30



Xiaojiadayuan Restaurant, Northeast China's special food (in Chinese: 肖家大院)

Address: 1F H-A, Jingsan Street, Saertu District

萨尔图区经三街 H-A 一层。

Tel:+86-459-6395288

Opening Hours: Daily 8:30-21:30



Sanjude Pit Barbecue(in Chinese: 三聚德坑烤)

This is a local featured food, barbecue potatoes, eggs, chicken legs and wings, etc. in a pit.

Address: B57 Building 25, Tiedongxinqu, Longfeng District
大庆市龙凤区铁东新区 25 栋 B57 号。

Tel:+86-459-6207852

Opening Hours: Daily 9:00-21:00



Peace Hotel (in Chinese: 和平饭店)

It's a fine dining restaurant of old Shanghai style.

Address: 11 Chuangye New Street, Longfeng District
龙凤区创业新街 11 号。

Tel: +86-459-6871931

Opening Hours: Daily 9:00-21:30



Leisure and Entertainment

Daqing Saertu Wanda Plaza

Located at the urban main road Century Avenue, Wanda Plaza is the new benchmark of modern metropolis life and new shopping center in Daqing. It is composed of Van's Dept. Store, Wanda Cinema, Yonghui Supermarket, KTV, Gome Electric Appliance Store, indoor children's playground including many world class brands such as ZARA, H&M and Starbucks. The Century Avenue is often packed with people on weekends and holidays. The shops are often targeted at domestic tourists, so the prices are surprisingly reasonable.

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