

## **1. WHERE TO STAY**

There are a number of possibilities for hotels.

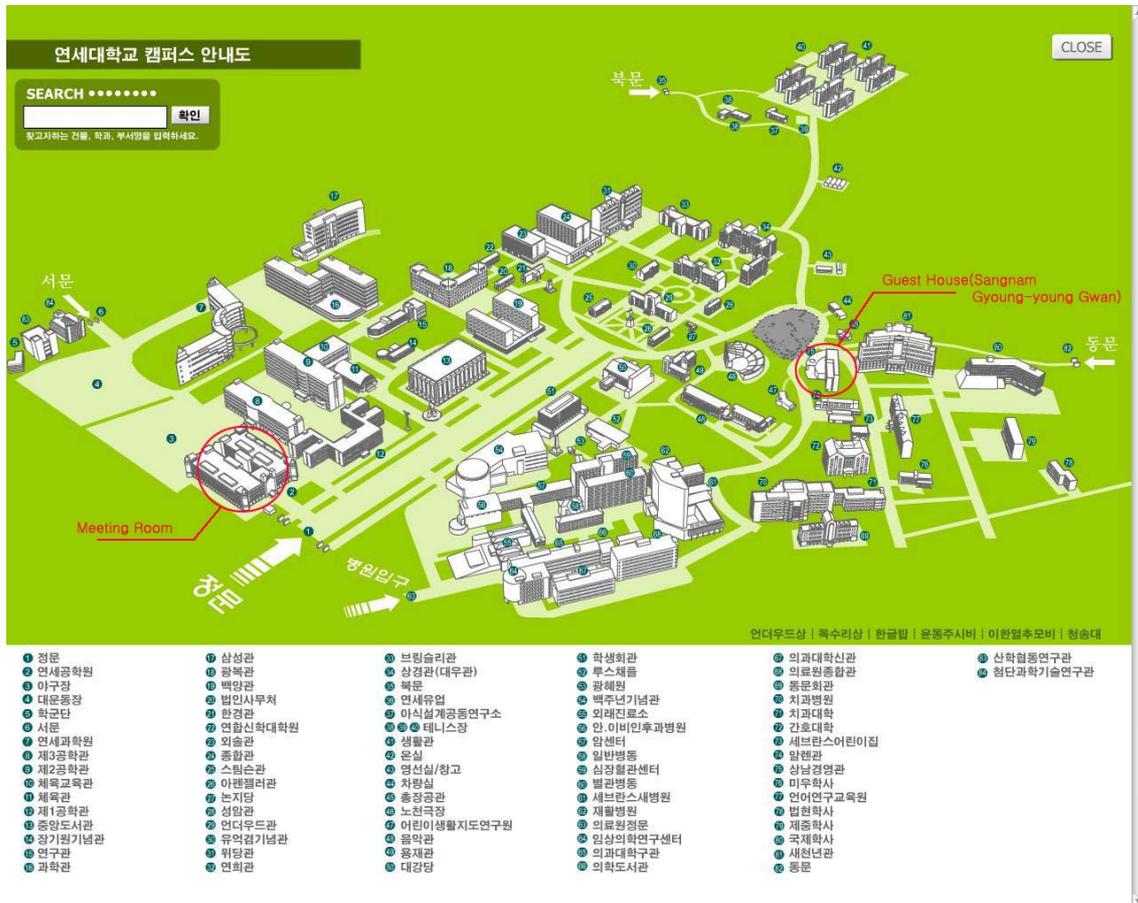
### **(1) Yonsei Guest House**

Yonsei University has a very nice guest house in the campus. From the guest house, you can walk to the meeting room in about 10 minutes. The room has a good working desk and has a good price (KRW 70,000 (about US\$60) for single occupancy, KRW 80,000 for double occupancy, KRW 120,000 for suite). Equivalently equipped hotels would cost 2-3 times. Yonsei University is in the center of Seoul and a variety of public transportation is available. So you will have easy access to the city.

Since there are only 38 rooms, I already made a block reservation for 20 persons (Oct. 16-24). However, the guest house wants each reservation confirmed in a week or two. Please note that you need to make a reservation through me since the guest house does not take reservations from public. So if you want to stay in the guest house, please let me know your arrival and departure dates as soon as possible. Then I will send you a required form.

Internet will be freely provided in the campus. Each room of the guest house has an internet port. However, they say that some recent notebooks do not work properly.

## Yonsei Campus Map



### (2) Hotels

There are a number of hotels in all classes around the university. Deluxe hotels will cost about \$150-200 and will take 10 minutes by taxi (cost \$4-5). I found the following websites provide hotel reservation in English.

<http://www.hotelwide.com/english/main.asp>

<http://www.worldexecutive.com/cityguides/seoul/>

The websites provide detailed information on hotels. However, please be careful in selecting hotels. If you select a hotel in a wrong part of Seoul, it could take more than an hour to get to the university. If you want a deluxe hotel which has a swimming pool and good restaurants, I would recommend the following hotels:

(a) **SEOUL PLAZA HOTEL**                      23, 2-Ga, Taepyeongno, Jung-Gu, Seoul, TEL: 82-2-771-2200

(b) **THE WESTIN CHOSUN, SEOUL**                      87, Sogong-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul, TEL: 82-2-771-0500

These two hotels are located in front of the Seoul City Hall, in the heart of downtown Seoul. There are a number of shopping centers and restaurants in the vicinity. It will take about 10-15 minutes to get to the meeting room by taxi (cost US\$ 3-5). You can take a bus or subway, which would take about 30 minutes (cost less than US\$ 1).

(c) **GRAND HILTON**                      201-1, Hongeun-dong, Seodaemoon-gu, Seoul, TEL: 82-2-3216-5656

This hotel is close to Yonsei University. It will take about 10-15 minutes to get to the university by taxi (cost US\$ 3-5). You can take a bus, which would take about 20 minutes (cost less than US\$ 1). A problem with the hotel is that it is not so convenient to access the city. Well, this may not be a problem since a usual VQEG meeting does not leave time to other activities.

## **2. COMMUNICATION**

We are planning to arrange web-broadcasting and instant messaging. We will provide several PCs so that some people can participate the meeting using instant messaging such as the MS messenger (no international phone call). If you are interested in using instant messaging, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can determine how many PCs are needed (too bad the messenger allows only one-to-one voice communication). Please understand that there will be a limit on available PCs. I am also working on audio conferencing with the university.

## **3. TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT**

The Incheon Airport is far away from the city. Although taxi is relatively cheap in Seoul, it will still cost about US\$ 40-60. There are two types of taxi in Korea:

### **(a) Regular Taxi**

Regular taxis are available at the taxi stop No. 18 at the Incheon airport. Normally, it would cost about KRW40,000 ~ 50,000 (US\$35~40). You have to pay the meter fee plus toll fee.

**(b) Deluxe Taxi**

Deluxe taxis can be found at the taxi stop No. 21 at the Incheon airport. They are called "Mobeom Taxi". They have a yellow roof and black body with "deluxe taxi" sign on both sides. Normally, it would cost about KRW60,000 ~ 70,000 (US\$50~60). You have to pay the meter fee plus toll fee. If you want to take a taxi, I would recommend a deluxe taxi.

There are also limousine bus services. The limousine bus stops at the three hotels mentioned above. Unfortunately, the limousine bus does not stop at the guest house of Yonsei University. Although you can change to a city bus, it will be tricky for foreigners. An easiest way is take a limousine bus to one of the three hotels and then take a taxi from there.

I would not recommend rental car in Seoul unless you are familiar with the city or love challenges. Taxi is affordable in Seoul and you can go almost anywhere in Seoul with \$US 5-12. Public transportation is good in Seoul.

**4. SOCIAL EVENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Yonsei University will host a welcome lunch or dinner. SK Telecom has also agreed to host a dinner.

More detailed information will be sent to participants later.

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