



# RED BIRD MPHIL

**International  
Student  
Experience  
Week**

GUIDEBOOK

- ▶ The **RISE Week Camp** is designed to welcome **international students** into the Red Bird educational environment, offering a direct experience of its **Project-based Learning education system** and its **cross-disciplinary & collaborative approach** to learning. Situated in the Greater Bay Area, the camp also provides a valuable context for participants to engage with the **region's cultural landscape** and its **ongoing development in science, technology, and innovation**. Through this immersive learning experience, students will gain a deeper understanding of our PBL-driven academic culture while broadening their perspectives on **future academic pathways**, including potential study opportunities at HKUST(GZ).





## ► Event Agenda

	Theme	Date	Time (UTC+8)	Agenda
Day 1	Arrive & Unite	Jan 11 Sun	Arrive at 08:40	Flight to Guangzhou
			10:30-12:00	Check-in & Documentation
			17:15-18:00	Library & Sports Hall Tour
			18:00-20:00	Welcome Dinner
Day 2	Discover & Inspire	Jan 12 Mon	10:00-11:30	College Introduction and Ice Breaking
			13:30-15:00	Design Thinking Mindset Training Session <i>The Explorer's Mindset: Decode GBA, Design Solutions</i>
			15:00-16:30	Group Project Brainstorming
			16:30-18:00	Zhihui Innovation Center Tour
Day 3	Ideate & Ground	Jan 13 Tue	09:10-17:30	Guangzhou High-Tech Enterprise Visit
Day 4	Immerse & Expand	Jan 14 Wed	09:00-12:00	Campus Tour
			13:00-16:30	Shenzhen Innovation Ecosystem Tour
Day 5	Iterate & Explore	Jan 15 Thu	9:30-12:00	Group Project Iteration & Alignment
			13:00-18:15	Guangzhou Free Tour
			18:15-19:30	Panoramic City Experience
			19:30-20:00	Haixinsha Night Tour
Day 6	Synthesize & Conclude	Jan 16 Fri	09:30-12:00	Group Project Refinement & Synthesis
			14:00-17:30	Reflection & Sharing
			18:00-20:00	Farewell Dinner
Day 7	Depart & Embark	Jan 17 Sat	16:35-21:20	Flight to Tashkent

\*For more detailed information, please refer to the official event schedule leaflet.



## ► Travel Preparation Info



### Weather & Timezone

During the event from Jan 11 to 17, 2026, temperatures are expected to range between 10°C and 23°C. Guangzhou follows China Standard Time (CST), corresponding to UTC+8.



### Passport & Entry Requirements

To ensure smooth entry into China, please prepare the following:

- Passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your entry date.
- Printed round-trip flight tickets (showing your entry and exit dates).
- Official Invitation Letter (sent by email from the organizing team).
- Accommodation address in China (Our address: No.1 Du Xue Rd, Nansha District, Guangzhou).



### Smoking Area

For your comfort and compliance, please note that smoking is prohibited across the entire HKUST(GZ) campus. Designated outdoor smoking areas, where available, will be clearly marked.



### Drinking Water

Tap water in China is not safe to drink. For your health, please consume only bottled water or water that has been boiled.



### Power Adapter

China uses a 220V electrical system with type A, C, or I. We strongly recommend bringing a universal travel adapter to ensure all your devices can be charged.



### Language

While English is widely used on campus, a translation app is still highly recommended for daily convenience.



### Mobile Connectivity

To stay connected upon arrival, you have two convenient options:

1. Purchase an international data plan from your home carrier before departure.
2. Buy a local SIM card from the service counters at the airport upon arrival. Please remember to bring your passport to purchase and activate a SIM card upon arrival..



## Payment Methods

- Payment can be **by Cash or Credit cards**. However, mobile payment is the most common and convenient method in China. We recommend setting up a **mobile payment app** for ease during your stay:
  - Alipay is a popular mobile payment platform widely used in China. It allows you to make payments, transfer money, and even pay utility bills using your linked bank account or Alipay wallet. It accepts international credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, JCB, Diners Club International and Discover.

 Scan the QR code for detailed instructions on setting up Alipay



## Tipping

In mainland China, tipping is not expected or practiced in daily life. You do not need to leave tips in taxis, hotels, or at restaurants.



## Religious

Foreigners in China may participate in religious activities at designated venues such as temples, palaces, mosques, and churches, but cannot hold lectures or gatherings in non-religious settings. They must adhere to Chinese laws, which prohibit the establishment of religious organizations, the appointment of religious staff, and missionary activities targeting Chinese citizens. Additionally, the production, sale, and distribution of religious materials, including books and propaganda, are not permitted.



## Useful Numbers

- Police: 110
- Fire & Ambulance: 119
- Medical Emergency: 120



## Useful Phrases

Hello: Nǐ hǎo (你好)

Thank you: Xiè xie (谢谢)

How much?: Duō shǎo qián? (多少钱?)



## Useful Apps



Amap



Didi



淘宝网购



美团



WeChat



Alipay



Scan to check the introduction of top 20 Apps in China for foreigners.



## ▶ Transportation Info



### Address

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) is located at No.1 Du Xue Rd, Nansha District, Guangzhou, near Exit A of Dongchong Station on Guangzhou Metro Line 4.  
广州市南沙区笃学路1号香港科技大学（广州）

### Traffic Around Campus



#### By Taxi → HKUST(GZ)

- Please set the following address as the destination: Gate 1 of the HKUST(GZ) 香港科技大学（广州）1号门.
- There are many online car-hailing apps in China, which greatly meet travelers' needs. Didi is the most popular car-hailing platform in China.



Scan to learn  
how to use Didi



Scan to  
download Didi



#### By Bus → HKUST(GZ)

- You can take Bus Nansha 35, Bus Nansha 52, Bus Nansha 37, Bus 37, Bus Nansha Night 2
- Bus Station: Dongchong Metro Station (*For route between this station and the HKUST(GZ) campus, please refer to the pictures on the next page.*)
- Fares: ¥2 (*regular*), ¥3–¥5 (*air-conditioned/night buses*).
- Payment methods:
  - Yangchengtong Card
  - Mobile Transit QR Code (*Alipay*)
  - Cash and Coins  
(*No change given for cash payments*)

Please refer to the photo for bus payment instructions.  
You may choose from the four payment methods mentioned.





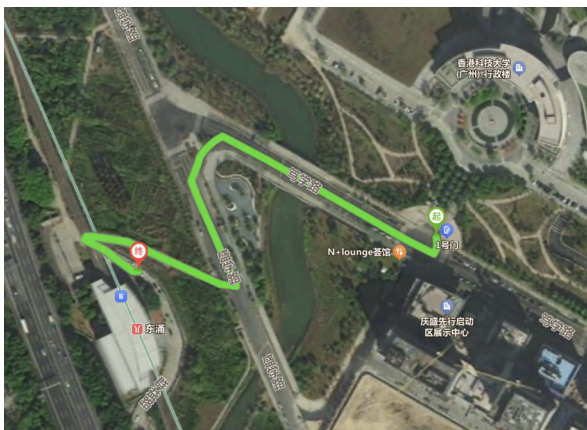
### By Metro→ HKUST(GZ)

Guangzhou Metro usually runs from 6 AM to 11 PM. You can download the “Guangzhou Metro” app to check the stations and routes.

- Metro Station: Dongchong Station. Students can take Line 4 and transfer to Line 3 at Haibang Station to reach the city center (Tiyu Xilu) for shopping and visiting.
- Fares: ¥2–¥15 depending on distance
- Payment Methods:
  - Yangchengtong Card (*rechargeable transport card, available at metro stations*)
  - Mobile Transit QR Code (*Alipay/WeChat*)
  - Single-ride tokens (*purchase at metro ticket vending machines*)
- Rush Hours: 7:30–9:30 AM & 5:30–7:30 PM (expect crowded).



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“Guangzhou Metro”



Route between metro station  
and HKUST(GZ) campus



Metro ticket vending machine



Exit A of Dongchong station

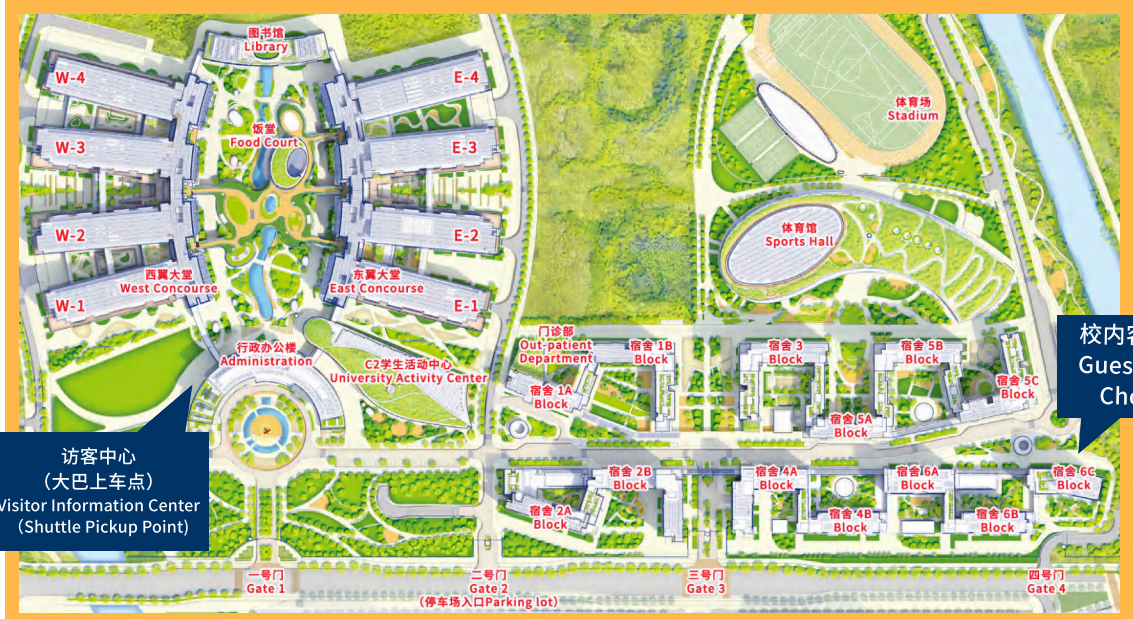


Entrance of Gate 1, HKUST(GZ) campus

# ▶ Campus Info



## HKUST(GZ) Campus Map



访客中心  
(大巴上车点)  
Visitor Information Center  
(Shuttle Pickup Point)

校内客房入住  
Guest Room  
Check-in



## HKUST(GZ) 科大GO Campus Map

- ① Scan the QR code for the 科大Go Mini Program to access the campus map
- ② Login through “Phone number” or “Take a tour around”



## Campus Entrance

All participants will receive an email with a link to generate a QR code for entrance. (Room card also access to the gate)



二维码三分钟有效,过期请刷新  
QR code is valid for 3 minutes, please refresh it after expiration





## Accommodation Photograph



**Guest Room Location:** 6C Building

**Room Type:** 2 Bedroom & 3 Bedroom

**Room Policy:** Smoking and alcohol consumption are strictly prohibited



## Wi-Fi

Free internet access is available in public teaching areas on campus. There are two ways to log in to Wi-Fi:

- Select the Wi-Fi network HKUSTGZ-GUEST and log in using your mobile number for verification.
- Visitors from the institutions with eduroam hotspots account can access the Wi-Fi via the home institution account. Please click <https://eduroam.org/where/> for the list of institutions with eduroam hotspots.
  - a. Turn on WLAN
  - b. Select the Wi-Fi named “eduroam”
  - c. Connect to it with the home institution username and password



## Dinning Information

- 1st Floor of 3A, 清心餐厅 Qingxin Restaurant (**Hala Restaurant**)
  - *Opening Hours: 07:30-09:30; 11:00-13:30; 16:30-19:30*
- 1st Floor of 2A, KFC
  - *Opening Hours: 07:30-23:00*
- 1st Floor of 2A, 北方家宴
  - *Opening Hours: 11:00-14:00; 16:50-20:30*
- 1st Floor of 2A, 一碗贵粉 Yiwanguifen Restaurant
  - *Opening Hours: 07:00-10:00; 10:00-22:00*
- 1st Floor of C1, Starbucks
  - *Opening Hours: 07:00-21:00*
- 1st Floor of C5, 真功夫 Kung Fu Restaurant
  - *Opening Hours: 07:30-21:00*
- 1st Floor of C6, 中膳食堂 Zhongshan Restaurant
  - *Opening Hours: 07:00-09:30; 11:00-13:00; 17:00-19:00*
- 2nd Floor of E2, 森绿餐吧 Sumlook Restaurant
  - *Opening Hours: 09:00-20:00*
- 2nd Floor of W3, 光塔亚洲料理餐厅 Auras Asia Restaurant
  - *Opening Hours: 11:00-22:00*
- 2nd & 3rd Floor of C6, 逸林港式茶餐厅 Yilin Restaurant
  - *Opening Hours: 11:00-13:30; 16:30-19:30*

\*Food delivery is available to Gate 3 only; delivery personnel are not allowed to enter the campus.

**Note:** For detailed locations, please refer to the campus map.



## ▶ Important Notice



- HKUST(GZ) will arrange your pickup upon arrival at Guangzhou Baiyun Airport (CAN) and return transfer at the end of the event. Detailed instructions and the contact number of our staff on arrival day will be provided to you via email before your departure.
- You must have valid international travel health insurance covering the duration of your stay. Carry your insurance documents.
- Always carry your room card with you, which grants you access to the campus gate and dormitory area.
- Please take good care of your personal belongings and electronic devices. The organizers of this event are not responsible for any loss of students' property or money.
- During the event, strictly follow the university's regulations and the rules of all activities.
- Pay attention to your safety, participate in activities according to your comfort and ability, and promptly inform the person in charge if you feel unwell.
- Photos and videos will be taken during events for college promotions (e.g., social media, website, brochures). If you prefer not to appear in such materials, please send an email to inform our staff in advance.
- Common apps like WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, Google, and Telegram are not accessible in China. Before arriving, you should install a reliable VPN (Virtual Private Network) app on your phone and laptop.
- Both the HKUST(GZ) campus and your accommodation will provide free Wi-Fi coverage. You can connect to the campus network for study and communication.

## ► **Contact**

- **Event Organizer:**
  - **Email Address:** [cft@hkust-gz.edu.cn](mailto:cft@hkust-gz.edu.cn)
  - **24/7 Emergency Contact (During Camp):** +86 181 4892 1770
- **HKUST(GZ) Guest Room:** +86 (020) 8833 1002

