

An aerial photograph of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, during sunset. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and pink. The city skyline is visible, featuring several prominent skyscrapers, including the Bitexco Financial Tower. A large river, the Saigon River, flows through the city. In the foreground, there are various buildings, including a large white building with a red roof. The overall scene is a vibrant and modern urban landscape.

The 1st ASIA – PACIFIC INFINITI Conference on International Finance

7th & 8th December 2016

University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Arrival Guide

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Emergency Ambulance 24/7
Tel: *9999



Family Medical Practice
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Vietnam require foreigners (except for cases granted Vietnam Visa exemption) to obtain a visa when attending a conference.

For details that apply specifically, please check with Vietnam representations in your countries for detailed instructions and initiate the application process in advance of departure date. Your passport should have at least 6 months' validity at the time of arrival at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

As the conference host, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City (UEH) have sent visa support letters to Vietnam Embassy or Consulate offices at your countries to verify your attendance at the conference.

To participants

If you are required a personal **letter of invitation** for visa application (some embassies might require one), please email to huynq@ueh.edu.vn with the following information. Those requesting a letter should allow 2 business days to receive it.

- Name (as it appears on your's passport)
- Conference registration confirmation number (if any)
- Paper ID, Paper title, Role at the conference
- Email address of where letter can be sent

To participants from Ireland and bases in Ireland

Understanding commuting concerns, UEH will provide assistance with Vietnam **visa application** to attendees from Ireland.

For visa assistance, please download and fill in the [Visa Assistance Form](#) and send to huynq@ueh.edu.vn with a **scanned file of your valid passport attached before and up to 16 November 2016** (Time zone: UTC + 7).

Those requesting visa assistance should allow 10 business days to process. Confirmation and guideline will be sent to your email afterwards. All requests are handled in the order they are received.

Note: UEH cannot intervene in the visa application process on your behalf at any Vietnam Embassy or Consulate office abroad.

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All recommended hotels below are within walking distance (~1 km) of the UEH.

Hotels (+: good reviews)	★	Address	Distance to UEH (km)	Est. listed prix (VND)	Est. discount prix (VND)
Aristo Saigon Hotel +++	3	3A Vo Van Tan, Dist.3, HCM City	0.18 ●	2,223,687	1,156,317
Novotel Saigon Centre +++	4	167 Hai Ba Trung, Dist.3, HCM City	0.19 ●	3,032,528	2,560,532
Sofitel Plaza Saigon +++	5	17 Le Duan Boulevard, Dist.1, HCM City	0.72	3,712,394	3,123,960
Central Palace Hotel +++	4	39-39A Nguyen Trung Truc, Dist.1, HCM City	0.80	1,904,762	1,619,048
Silverland Hotel & Spa +++	4	20 - 22 Thai Van Lung Street, Dist.1, HCM City	0.90	1,445,610	1,156,488
Liberty Central Saigon Citypoint +++	4	59-61 Pasteur, Dist.1, HCM City	1.04	3,740,000	2,805,000
Silverland Sakyo Hotel & Spa +++	4	10A-10B-10C Le Thanh Ton, Ben Nghe Ward, Dist.1, HCM City	1.04	2,795,290	2,152,373
Sherwood Residence ++	5	127 Pasteur, Dist.3, HCM City	0.29 ●	3,771,600	2,451,540
Victory Saigon Hotel ++	3	141 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Dist.3, HCM City	0.34 ●	1,661,500	913,758
EMM Hotel Saigon ++	4	157 Pasteur, Dist.3, HCM City	0.61	1,647,822	1,357,576
Sonnet Saigon Hotel ++	3	14 Truong Dinh, Dist 3, HCM City	0.87	1,991,342	1,194,805
Blue Diamond Signature Hotel ++	4	11 Thai Van Lung, Ben Nghe Ward, Dist.1, HCM City	1.02	2,105,772	989,626
Sanouva Saigon Hotel ++	3	177 Ly Tu Trong, Ben Thanh Ward, Dist.1, HCM City	1.03	1,449,071	1,014,394
Nhat Ha 3 Hotel ++	4	12-14-16 Cao Ba Quat, Ben Nghe Ward, Dist.1, HCM City	1.05	2,007,712	1,718,178



Assistance for hotel reservations

Registered attendees are eligible to take advantage of the UEH negotiated conference rates and assistance on hotel reservation within the conference dates. The following travel services companies below have agreed to make all attempts to assist conference registered attendees for UEH.



CheapTickets is a subsidiary of **Expedia**.

18% discount on the site-listed price of your chosen hotel.

Promo code: **PUMPKIN**
This promo code is valid until **6 November 2016** for the conference attendees. Booking should be made by that time to be guaranteed this discount rate.

Q&A: giang@expedia.com



20 – 30% off on the hotel price.

Email your booking request to Mr. Khuyen – Hotel team Leader
khuyen.pham@yesgo.vn

Takes **60 minutes** for a reply.

Required info in your request:
*Check-in time; Check-out time;
No. of rooms and guests; Nationality;
& others (if any)*



For further assistance with hotel info, discount for group booking,

Email your request to Ms. Emily | emily@hitrip.vn

Required info in your request:
*Check-in time; Check-out time;
No. of rooms and guests; Nationality;
& others (if any)*

You are strongly encouraged to make hotel reservations asap due to high demand arising in December.

Hotel reservations are processed in order and depends on the hotel occupancy. Failure to vacate rooms by this time may result in a full rate being charged.

Payment method will follow those agencies' policies.



FYR: [Map of Tan Son Nhat International Airport](#)

Getting to the city center from the airport

Bus: Bus lines 49 and 109 which require a short walk from the airport terminal to bus stations on ground floor, with good signage in yellow. No reservations are required.

Taxi: Taxis await you on the ground floor at the airport car parking. Approximately 10 km = 240,000 VND = 12 USD each way, from/to airport and an exact address (cash in VND only).

Getting to the UEH from your chosen hotel

The UEH, which host the 1st Asia-Pacific INFINITI Conference on International Finance, locates at city center area (near to Notre Dame Cathedral). It takes a short walk/drive from the hotel of your choice within the city center.

We do recommend a walk during certain peak times (7AM – 9AM; 5PM – 7PM).

Information assistance

City center map

Bus maps: 109, 49

!Taxi!

Taxi: vinasun, mailinh

Start: 12,000 VND
1Km: 15,000 VND
Tips: 5.000-10.000

Wave hand to call Taxi
Safe to use at night
More Comfortable
Beware of Scams

Warning: Pay attention on the meter
Check luggage before leaving
Not safe to use credit cards

08. 38 27 27 27 (Vinasun)
08. 39 39 39 39 (Mailinh)
for any concerns & problems.

!Cross a road!

Cross a road

Do not move fast
Do not step backwards
Let cars and buses go first
Walk steadily. Bikes will veer around you
Stop for a while at the middle



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LANDMARKS

- 1 POST OFFICE
- 2 REUNIFICATION PALACE
- 3 NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL
- 4 BEN THANH MARKET
- 5 PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

MUSEUMS & HISTORICAL SITES

- 6 ART MUSEUM
- 7 WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM
- 8 HISTORY MUSEUM
- 9 HO CHI MINH MUSEUM
- 10 MUSEUM OF HO CHI MINH CITY
- 11 TAX CENTRE
- 12 SAIGON ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN

PROMINENT SHOPPING & OFFICE BUILDINGS

- 13 DIAMOND PLAZA
- 14 METROPOLITAN
- 15 PARKSON
- 16 OPERA VIEW
- 17 OSIC
- 18 SUNWAH TOWER
- 19 TAKA PLAZA
- 20 SAIGON CENTRE
- 21 FIDECO BUILDING
- 22 KUMHO ASIANA PLAZA
- 23 CITYVIEW TOWER
- 24 LANCASTER
- 25 SAIGON TRADE CENTER
- 26 PETRO VIETNAM TOWER
- 27 ME LINH POINT
- 28 HARBOUR VIEW
- 29 BITECO FINANCIAL TOWER
- 30 CAPITAL PLACE
- 31 MISS AO DAI
- 32 SAIGON RIVERSIDE
- 33 SAILING TOWER
- 34 SAIGON TOWER
- 35 GEMADEPT BUILDING
- 36 TIMES SQUARE
- 37 CENTRE POINT
- 38 CENTEC TOWER
- 39 HAVANA BUILDING
- 40 UNION SQUARE
- 41 VINCOM CENTRE
- 42 BAO VIET BUILDING
- 43 STATE BANK
- 44 SAIGON SQUARE
- 45 MAI LINH TOWER
- 46 ZEN PLAZA
- 47 VIETCOMBANK TOWER

PAGODAS

- 48 XA LOI PAGODA
- 49 VINH NGHIEM PAGODA



- Supermarket
- Market
- Pagoda
- Church
- Hospital

Arrival



From/to airport and center area:

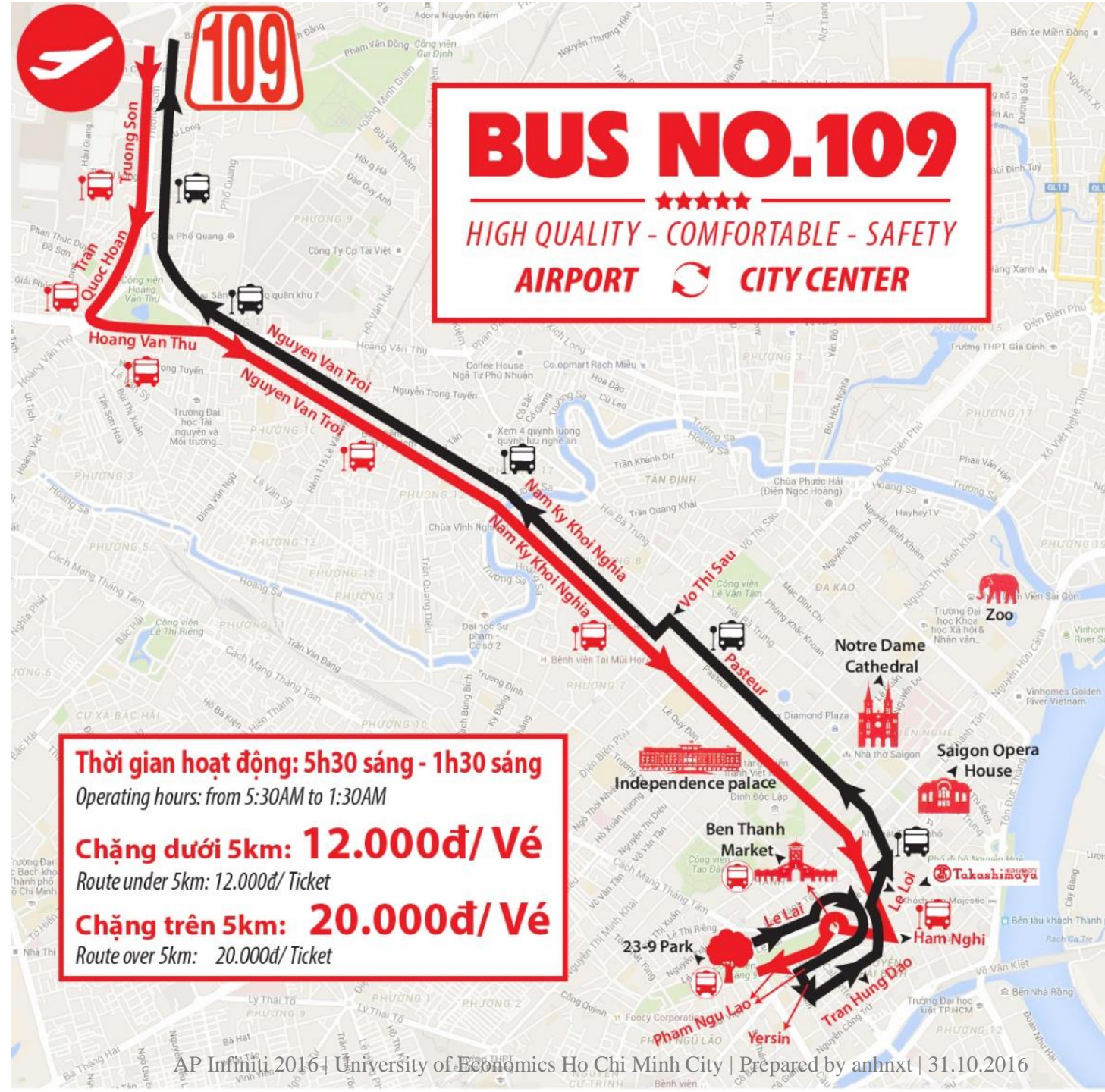
The airport – Truong Son St. – Tran Quoc Hoan St. – Hoang Van Thu St. – Nguyen Van Troi St. – Nam Ky Khoi Nghia St. – Ham Nghi St. – Ben Thanh Market – Pham Ngu Lao – 23/9 Park

Operating hours: from 5.30 am to 1:30am

Departs every 15 minutes

Cash in VND only

20.000 VND (~ US \$1) each round.



Arrival



From/to airport and city center:

No.	Bus Stop	Location Bus Stop
1	Park Royal Hotel	307D Nguyen Van Troi Street (Column)
2	Eastin Grand Hotel Saigon	253 Nguyen Van Troi Street (Column)
3	Cosmopolitan Hotel	191 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street
4	Notre Dame Cathedral	01 Cong Xa Paris Street (Column)
5	Saigon Opera House	Bus stop front of Vincom Center
6	Sheraton Hotel	117-119 Dong Khoi Street
7	Majestic Hotel	22-24 Ton Duc Thang Street (Bus Station)
8	Ben Thanh Bus Station	Ben Thanh Bus Station
9	Pham Ngu Lao Street	Three Bus Stations on Pham Ngu Lao Street
10	Le Lai Street	Two Bus Stations on Le Lai Street
11	Nguyen Thi Nghia Street	36 Nguyen Thi Nghia Street (Bus Station)
12	Cach Mang Thang 8 Street (CMT8)	14 CMT8 (Bus Station) 42 CMT8 (Column); 108 CMT8 (Column)
13	Vissai Saigon Hotel	144 Nguyen Van Troi Street (Column)

Operating hours: from 5.30 am to 11:30pm

No reservations are required at the airport

Cash in VND only

40.000 VND (~ US \$2) each round.

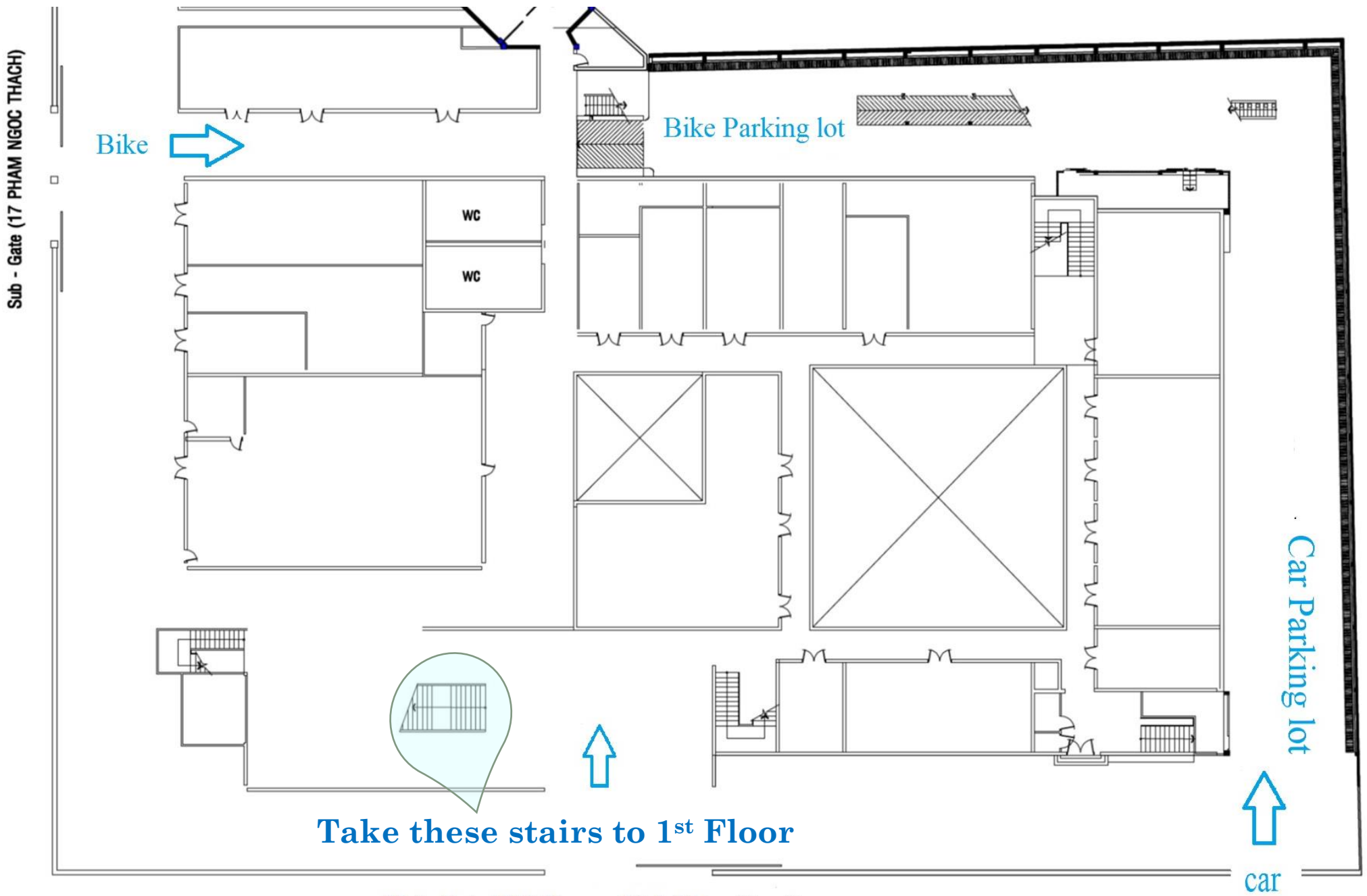
SHUTTLE BUS
★★★★★
Directly from airport to hotel & vice versa
AIRPORT ↔ **CITY CENTER**

Price: 40.000 VND / Ticket
BOOKING: 08.38 48 9055
Or: 012.0447.0448 (evening time)

DEPARTS EVERY 30 MINUTES

at UEH

Ground Floor Plan

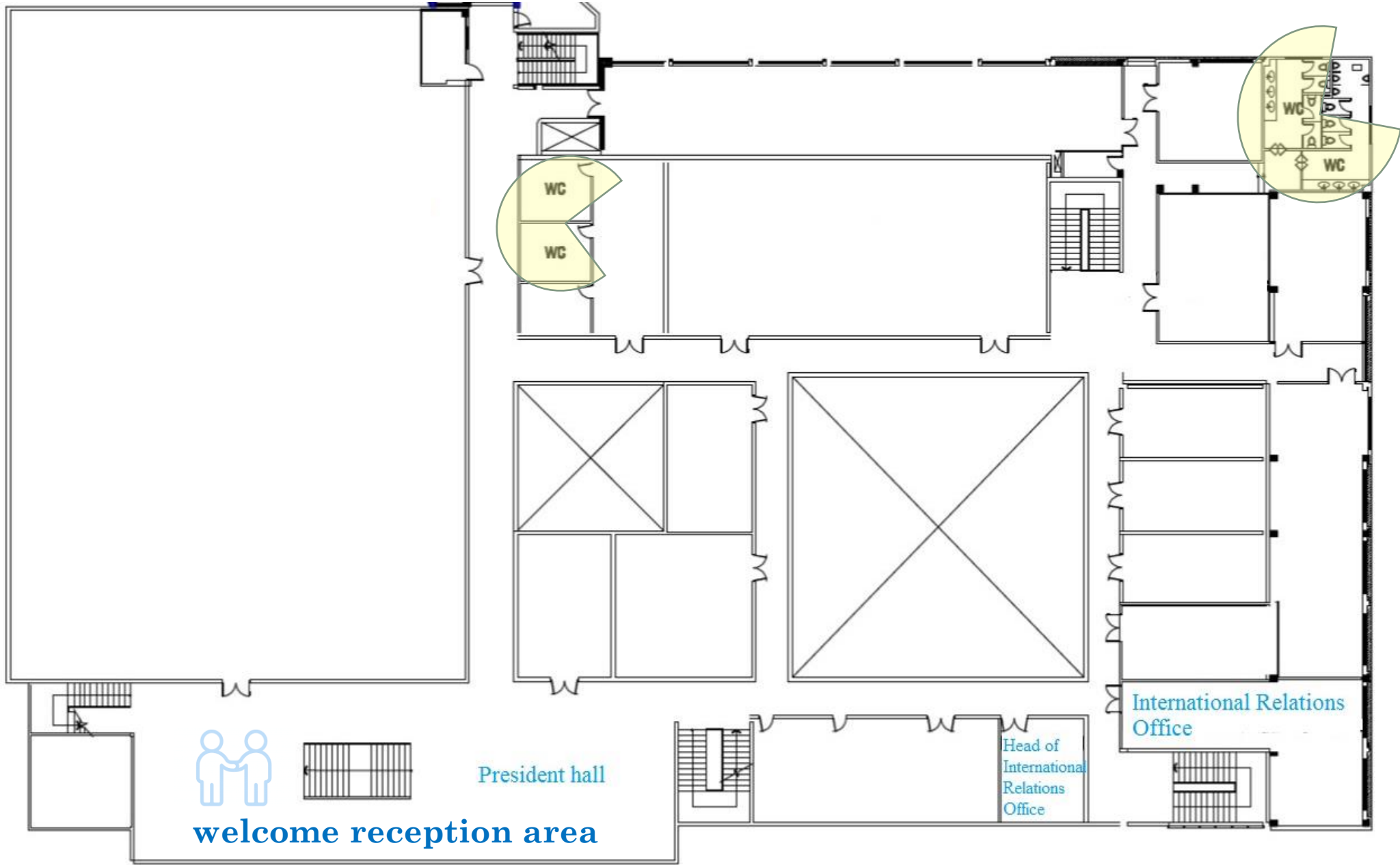


Take these stairs to 1st Floor

Main Gate (59C Nguyen Dinh Chieu Street)

at UEH

1st Floor Plan





Money

Vietnamese bank notes are available in the following denominations:



You should exchange money before arrival or at exchanges counter at the airport on arrival (US \$1 ~ 22,300.00 VND)

It is best to carry smaller notes. Debit and credit cards are widely accepted.

▶ We recommend having around 2.000.000 VND in cash when you arrive in HCM City.

Electronics

The official power voltage in Ho Chi Minh City is 50Hz 220V. Outlets in Ho Chi Minh City generally accept the 2 – pin plug. Please bring your own universal portable adapter to charge your electronic items during your stay.

Climate, Clothing

The dress code is smart casual.

The meeting takes place in an air – conditioned room.

The weather in Ho Chi Minh City is humid and a bit rainy. Light/ cotton clothing is recommended.

!Beware of Snatch Thief!



Where: some walking streets, parks and market.

How: Two thieves work together and ride a moped to make theft and escape easier.
A person steers the vehicle while another does the act of theft itself.



Should not walk close to roads.



Should not hand luggage when walking



Should not put valuables in your bag.



Should not lose attention when taking photos



Should not leave bag near bench at park



Should not use phone near roads



Should wear and keep tightly



Should wear camera over your neck



Should cross handbag over your chest



Should use small purse to put it in pant pocket.



Should be careful with bags to cross



Should be in group for safety

What should we do after a snatch thief incident?



Do not run to get it back.
Yourself is more important



Yell out for help

51-T3
4062

Memorize bike's number

(08) 3 829 7373
District 1 Police station

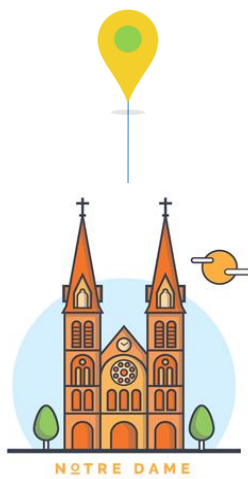
(08) 3 836 8426
Saigon Police Department

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Sightseeing

BEAUTIFUL SAIGON



Notre-Dame Cathedral 1 Công xã Paris, Dist.1

Vietnam's Basilica of our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Built between 1863 and 1880 by the French with materials imported exclusively from Marseille, France

Independence Palace 135 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Dist.1

The base of the South-Vietnamese president during the Vietnam war. The palace made its name in global history in 1975 as signifying the end of the war.



Bên Thành Market Lê Lợi St., Dist.1

One of Saigon's oldest landmarks that offers an absolutely authentic Vietnamese atmosphere.

Saigon Central Post Office 2 Công xã Paris, Dist.1

The largest post office in Vietnam, was built between 1886 and 1891 by the renowned architect Gustave Eiffel.



Bitexco Financial Tower 2 Hải Triều, Dist.1

Ranked as the fifth in CNNGo listing of the world's 20 most iconic skyscraper. Designed by Carlos Zapata who was inspired by Vietnam's national flower, the Lotus.



Vinh Nghiem Pagoda 339 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Dist.3

The largest Mahayana pagoda in Saigon which was built from 1964 to 1971. The symbol for the peaceful combination of modern and ancient elements.



War Remnants Museum 28 Vo Van Tan, Dist.1

Reminder of this long lasting and brutal Vietnam war with many photographs and military equipment on display.



Bùi Viện Street Dist.1

Gathering place of foreign visitors to the city with fast and busy living rhythm, especially at night.





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Taxi: Taxis await in front of hotels.

