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IMAST
15th International Meeting on Advanced Spine Techniques

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HONG KONG
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Key Dates

November 1, 2007
Abstract Center, Registration & Housing Open

January 7, 2008
Exhibit Application & Sponsorship Deadline

February 1, 2008
Exhibit Space Assignments & Service Kits Distributed

February 1, 2008
Abstract Submission Deadline

March 3, 2008
ICL Faculty Invitations E-mailed

April 4, 2008
Abstract Notifications E-mailed

June 2, 2008
Registration & Housing Deadline

Save the Date!

THE 43RD ANNUAL SRS MEETING & COURSE | September 9-13, 2008 | Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
THE 16TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON ADVANCED SPINE TECHNIQUES | July 2009 | Europe
THE 44TH ANNUAL SRS MEETING & COURSE | September 22-26, 2009 | San Antonio, Texas, USA
A World-Class Meeting
in an Unforgettable Destination

The annual IMAST meeting gathers leading spine surgeons, innovative research, and the most advanced spine technologies in an international forum. This year, IMAST will be held for the first time ever in Asia. The vibrant, cosmopolitan city of Hong Kong will be the perfect setting for this outstanding and historic event. For three days, surgeons from across Asia and from around the world will discuss, debate and demonstrate new spine techniques to help each other improve patient care. Don’t miss these course highlights:

• Interactive format, including round tables & "East vs. West" debates
• Updates in spine technology, including motion-sparing devices, nucleus replacements, and biologics
• Advances in treating scoliosis, trauma, tumors, and degenerative diseases
• 150+ scientific papers and 300+ E-Posters
• 35+ instructional courses with expert lecturers
• 40+ exhibits of the world’s leading spine companies
• “Spine Fundamentals” sessions with hands-on opportunities
• Continuing Medical Education credits

It will be an exceptional program in an extraordinary location. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Lenke, MD
Chairman, IMAST Committee

About the SRS
The purpose of the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) is to foster the optimal care of all patients with spinal deformities.

IMAST is a program of the SRS.

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You are cordially invited to submit an abstract(s) for presentation at the 15th International Meeting on Advanced Spine Techniques (IMAST).

On-line Abstract Submission Deadline:
February 1, 2008
11:59 pm
Eastern Standard Time

Only abstracts submitted on-line by the deadline will be considered.

Access the submission site at www.imastonline.org or at www.srs.org.

You may submit an abstract to the SRS 43rd Annual Meeting and/or to the 15th IMAST meeting at the same time. Abstracts may be considered for oral presentation, E-Poster presentation, or both. Abstracts submitted for IMAST do not require a minimum 2-year follow-up of patients. We encourage topics relating to current techniques (procedures being performed clinically or on a research model) that relate to current spine care.
Call For Abstracts

Abstract Submission Length
- Oral Abstract: 2250 characters
- Précis of Abstract: 80 characters
- Poster/E-Poster Abstract: 1090 characters

Titles, spaces, abstract body and table or image will be counted. Authors and institutions will not be counted.

There is a strict limit of one graph, figure or table to each submitted abstract. Poor quality images or multiple images will not be published.

Disclosure and Licensing
All authors, including co-authors, will be required to complete a Financial Disclosure Form that lists all significant financial relationships (not simply those pertaining to the abstract). Abstract submitters will also be required to submit an FDA Disclosure Form and a Non-Exclusive Licensing Agreement. These forms are all available online during abstract submission.

Abstract Review
All abstracts submitted will be reviewed and graded blind by the SRS Program and IMAST Committees.

Abstract Notification
During the on-line submission process, you will be asked to identify the Presenting Author (if different from the Contact Author) and provide complete contact information. You will also need to provide e-mail addresses for all co-authors and identify the order you wish them to appear on all printed materials.

Please ensure your e-mail address is accurate, as this will be the sole method of communication regarding abstract acceptance.

Abstract notifications will be e-mailed by April 4, 2008.

On-Site Presentation
Persons submitting an abstract to IMAST must be prepared to present their work (either orally or as an E-Poster) at the meeting, and must register at the reduced fee of US$695 (US$795 after June 2) and pay all their own travel expenses. Co-authors may also register at the reduced registration fee.

Abstracts accepted for podium presentation must be presented in English. Any author submitting an abstract for consideration must be prepared to speak and answer questions in English. All abstracts accepted for podium presentation will also be published in the Scientific Program Book.

Abstracts accepted for E-Poster presentation will be displayed at computer kiosks on-site and will also be distributed to all attendees via CD-rom. E-Posters must be provided in PowerPoint format of up to 12 slides with no video, embedded video, or sound.

For Assistance
For technical assistance with submission, please contact acsupport@scholarone.com, or call Scholar One at (434) 817-2040 ext. 406.

Further Information
For questions about the IMAST abstract guidelines and process, please contact:

Kate Laney
IMAST Meeting Planning Office
Tel: (630) 681-1040
E-mail: klaney@broad-water.com

Abstract Categories
Submitted abstracts for the 43rd Annual SRS Meeting and the 15th IMAST must fit into one of the following categories to be considered for presentation:

- Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis
- Adult Spinal Deformity
- Aging Spine
- Basic Science
- Bone Grafting
- Cervical Reconstruction
- Complications
- Congenital Scoliosis
- Diagnostic Methods
- Etiology/Natural History
- Evoked Potentials
- Genetics
- Infection
- Innovative Methods
- Kyphosis
- Lumbar Degenerative
- Miscellaneous
- Motion Preservation
- Neuromuscular Scoliosis
- Spinal Biomechanics
- Spinal Osteoporosis and Metabolic Bone Disease
- Spondylolisthesis
- Surgical Complications
- Trauma
- Tumors
- Other
### Meeting-At-A-Glance

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* not CME accredited
Who Should Attend?

- Spine surgeons (orthopaedic and neurological surgeons)
- Residents
- Fellows
- Nurses
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Engineers and Company Personnel

Language

Presentations and course materials will be provided in English. Mandarin translation will be available for the General and Concurrent Sessions.

Educational Objectives:

Upon completion of this program, participants should be able to:

1. Assess the most recent advances in surgical techniques for the treatment of spinal disorders.
2. Analyze the indications and potential complications for various spine fixation systems including spinal arthroplasty.
4. Explain the various biologic techniques available to enhance spinal fusion.

Faculty

The 15th IMAST will feature a diverse faculty including:

- Surgeons with expertise in a wide variety of spinal complexities and treatments presenting cutting-edge research.
- Both orthopaedic and neurological spine surgeons.
- Nationally and internationally renowned surgeons.

Whitecloud Awards

Each year, the IMAST program presents awards in memory of Thomas Whitecloud, MD for the best basic science and clinical papers.

The 2007 Whitecloud Award Winners were:

**Best Basic Science Paper**

Analysis of Construct Mechanical Stiffness and L5-S1 Kinematics after Sacrum Only, Unilateral and Bilateral Sacroiliac Instrumentation

Jack Chen, MD, Tucker Tomlinson, MS, Vidyadhar V. Upasani, MD, Greg Carlson, MD, Jeff Dekey, MD, Andrew Mahar, MS

**Best Clinical Paper**

Artificial Disc vs. Fusion: A Prospective, Randomized Study with 2-year Follow-up on 99 Patients.

Rick C. Sasso, MD, Robert Hacker, MD, John G. Heller, MD, Joseph D. Smucker, MD

Instructional Course Lectures (ICLs)

- A variety of leading spine companies will support presentations on the latest spine techniques, technologies, and products.
- Many sessions will include discussion, debate, and hands-on experience.
- ICLs will provide product training on the safe and efficacious use of various companies’ products.
- ICLs are not CME accredited.

NEW - Spine Fundamentals Sessions

During the Concurrent Sessions at the 15th IMAST, a special “Spine Fundamentals” track will be offered. The Fundamentals sessions will include expert lecturers from around the world, including members of the IMAST Program Committee, providing insight into common pathologies and treatment options. The sessions will be specifically geared toward the surgical challenges and interests of surgeons with limited access to comprehensive training, although all are welcome. IMAST exhibitors will also provide hands-on training opportunities at the end of each Fundamentals session.

Disclosure Policy

It is the policy of Medical Education Resources, Inc. to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its sponsored educational programs. All faculty will disclose to the audience any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentation(s). Faculty relationships with companies whose products and/or services may be mentioned in their presentations will be indicated in the program.

Physician Accreditation

Medical Education Resources is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation

Medical Education Resources designates this educational activity for a maximum of 12.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This CME activity was planned and produced in accordance with the ACCME Essentials.

FDA (United States)

Some drugs and medical devices demonstrated during this course have limited FDA labeling and marketing clearance. It is the responsibility of the physician to be aware of drug or device FDA labeling and marketing status.
**Registration Instructions**

We encourage on-line registration for the 15th IMAST at www.imastonline.org. You may also register by completing and mailing or faxing the form on page 7. All registrations will be confirmed via e-mail. If you do not receive a confirmation within two weeks of submission, please contact the IMAST Meeting Planning Office at USA (630) 681-1040, or IMAST@Broad-water.com.

Advance registration is available until June 2, 2008. The registration cut-off date is June 16, 2008. Registrations will only be accepted on-site after this date.

The registration fee includes entrance to the General and Concurrent Sessions, Spine Fundamentals, the Instructional Course Lectures, breakfasts, breaks, lunches, the Wine and Cheese Reception on Tuesday, and the Course Reception on Wednesday.

**Guest Attendance**

Guest tickets for the Course Reception are available for $95 each. Children under 13 are admitted to the Course Reception for free. All other IMAST events are for registered medical attendees only.

**Cancellations & Refunds**

All cancellations must be received in writing. The IMAST Meeting Planning Office will grant a full refund for cancellations received in writing on or before June 2, 2008. For written cancellations received after June 2nd a $150 processing fee will be withheld from your refund. No refunds will be granted after June 16th.

**NEW - Discounted Registrations**

In honor of IMAST’s first meeting in Asia, a special discounted registration rate of $395 is available for surgeons from the following countries:

- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- China
- Fiji
- India
- Indonesia
- Korea, Dem. Rep.
- Lao PDR
- Malaysia
- Micronesia
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Discounts based on the World Bank’s classification of economies from July 2007

**Sponsorship**

This activity is jointly sponsored by the Scoliosis Research Society and Medical Education Resources, Inc. Medical Education Resources (MER) is a non-profit medical education company.

**Support**

Medical companies will provide unrestricted educational grants. These grants will be identified in the final program.

**Disclaimer**

The material presented at this continuing medical education activity is made available by the sponsors for educational purposes only. The material is not intended to represent the only, nor necessarily best, methods or procedures appropriate for the medical situations discussed, but rather is intended to present an approach, view, statement, or opinion of the faculty that may be helpful to others who face similar situations.

Medical Education Resources, Inc., the Scoliosis Research Society, and BroadWater disclaim any and all liability for injury or other damages resulting to any individual attending a scientific meeting and for all claims that may arise out of the use of techniques demonstrated therein by such individuals, whether these claims shall be asserted by a physician or any other person.

**For Questions or Assistance**

Please contact the IMAST Meeting Planning Office:

c/o BroadWater
1737 S. Naperville Road, Suite 106
Wheaton, IL 60187 U.S.A.
Tel: (630) 681-1040
Fax: (630) 682-5811
E-mail: IMAST@Broad-water.com
Website: www.imastonline.org
# Registration Form

**Fast, Easy and Secure Online Registration Available at www.imastonline.org**

Advance Registration Deadline: June 2, 2008  
Late Registration Fee Applies After June 2, 2008  
Registration Cut-off: June 16, 2008 (*Registrations will only be accepted on-site after this date*)

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**Total Due:**

The registration fee includes entrance to the General and Concurrent Sessions, Spine Fundamentals, the Instructional Course Lectures, breakfasts, breaks, lunches, the Wine and Cheese Reception on Tuesday, and the Course Reception on Wednesday night. Guest tickets are only available for the Course Reception on Wednesday night. Children under 13 are admitted to the Course Reception for free.

## Name Information

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Email address (All correspondence is done by email)

Institution

Mailing Address

City  
State  
Zip  
Country (To appear on badge)

Absolutely no registrations will be accepted by the IMAST Meeting Planning Office after June 16, 2008. After June 16, you must register and pay on-site at the meeting.

## Payment Information

Mail form and Payment to: BroadWater-IMAST Meeting Planning Office, 1737 S. Naperville Rd. Suite 106, Wheaton IL 60187 USA  
Make check payable to Scoliosis Research Society (US Funds drawn on a US bank only) or provide credit card information complete with billing address.

- [ ] Check Enclosed  
- [ ] Visa  
- [ ] MasterCard  
- [ ] American Express

## Billing Information

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Name (as it appears on Card)

Billing Address

City  
State  
Postal Code  
Country

Signature (I agree to pay according to the credit Card issuer agreement)

## Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received in writing. You may fax your cancellation to (630) 682-5811. You will receive a confirmation and refund within 14 days after receipt of your cancellation letter. The IMAST Meeting Planning Office will grant a full refund for cancellations received in writing on or before June 2, 2008. For written cancellations received after June 2nd, a $150 processing fee will be withheld from your refund. **No refunds will be granted after June 16, 2008.**

SRS Tax ID #23-7181863
For your convenience, IMAST has secured reduced rate rooms at three hotels. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grand Hyatt Hong Kong - Headquarter Hotel

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Wanchai, Hong Kong
Telephone: +852 2588 1234
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Website: www.hongkong.grand.hyatt.com

The Grand Hyatt Hong Kong is among the finest luxury hotels in the world, with a central location in the heart of Hong Kong. The hotel is conveniently connected to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center by a covered walkway.

Grand Room / Grand Harbor View Room
These well-appointed rooms include: a self-contained workstation and wireless high-speed internet, marble bath with separate tub and shower, and king or twin bed. Grand Harbor View Rooms also include floor-to-ceiling windows framing a panoramic view of Victoria Harbor.

Room Rates
Grand Room
HK$2,200 (approximately US $282.05)
Grand Harbor View Room
HK$2,700 (approximately US $346.15)
Club Room
HK$2,800 (approximately US $358.97)
Club Harbor View Room
HK$3,200 (approximately US $410.25)

Suites are also available at a reduced rate. Suite types and rates are available online at www.imastonline.org

Room rates are based on single or double occupancy and are subject to a per room, per night service charge of 10% and government tax of 3%.

There is no charge for children twelve (12) years of age and under sharing a room with parents and/or guardians. There will be an additional charge of HK$350 per night (plus applicable taxes and charges) for an extra bed for any person twelve (12) years of age or older sharing a room.

Each room can only be reserved with a credit card. Cancellations made after June 2, 2008 and any no-shows on the specified date of arrival will be billed for an amount equal to the entire period of stay.

Check In Time: 14:00
Check Out Time: 12:00

Grand Hyatt Hong Kong Hotel Reservation Instructions

By telephone:
It is essential to notify the reservation agent that you are part of the group code “IMAS.”
Calls within the U.S. and Canada: 800-492-8804
Calls within Europe and Asia: +852 2584 7038 (long distance overseas call)

By Fax or e-mail:
A downloadable reservation form is available through: www.imastonline.org
The completed reservation form may be faxed or emailed back to the Grand Hyatt Hotel.
Reservations fax: +852 2824 2077
E-mail: reservations.ghhk@hyattintl.com
In order to secure the reduced meeting rate, it is strongly recommended that you reserve your room early. Space will fill rapidly.

InterContinental Hong Kong

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Website: www.hongkong-ic.intercontinental.com

One of the world's top hotels, the InterContinental Hong Kong provides the most breathtaking views in the city, including Victoria Harbor and the skyline of Hong Kong Island. Located in the center of the fashionable Tsim Sha Tsui district, the InterContinental offers easy access to the most popular shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities.

Transportation options to the Hong Kong Convention Center include:
- Complimentary scheduled shuttle to / from the hotel and convention center
- Taxis are readily available; the approximate one-way charge is HK$80 (approximately US $10.25) depending on traffic.
- The ferry terminal is approximately .80 km (.5 miles) from the hotel. The ferry ride across the Hong Kong Channel is approximately 8 minutes and is one of the top 10 Hong Kong experiences for the amazing views.

Contemporary Superior Plazaview Rooms / Harbor View Rooms
These spacious rooms feature 37” LCD televisions, Bose entertainment systems, iPod docking stations, wireless high-speed internet access, a generous working area with an executive size desk and a marble bath with separate tub and shower. Harborview Rooms also feature mesmerizing views of the dramatic Hong Kong Island and bustling harbor.

Room Rates
Contemporary Superior Plazaview
HK$2,200 (approximately US $282.05)
Contemporary Superior Harborview
HK$2,500 (approximately US $320.51)

Room rates are based on single or double occupancy and are subject to a per room, per night service charge of 10% and government tax of 3%. There is no charge for children twelve (12) years of age and under sharing a room with parents and/or guardians. There will be an additional charge of HK$600 per night (plus applicable taxes and charges) for an extra bed for any person twelve (12) years of age or older sharing a room.

Each room can only be reserved with a credit card or one night non-refundable deposit by bank draft. No-show or cancellation made 48 hours prior to the actual arrival date is subject to one-night room charge penalty and it will be automatically applied to the credit card.

Check In Time: 14:00
Check Out Time: 12:00

InterContinental Hong Kong Hotel Reservation Instructions

By telephone:
It is essential to notify the reservation agent that you are part of the IMAST block
Calls within the USA: 800-327-0200
Calls within Canada: 800-424-6835
Calls within the UK: 0800 405060
Calls within Europe and Asia: +852 2313 2101 (long distance overseas call)

By fax or e-mail:
A downloadable reservation form is available through: www.imastonline.org
The completed reservation form may be faxed or emailed back to the InterContinental Hotel.
Reservations fax: +852 2739 3936
E-mail: hkghc_groupsvn@interconti.com
The Harbour View International House is situated in the Wanchai business district facing Victoria Harbor and opposite the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. The majority of the rooms at Harbour View International House overlook Victoria Harbor and are furnished to combine the elegance of a hotel and the comforts of home. Amenities in the rooms include: private bath, central heating/air conditioning, color television (cable), wireless broadband internet access, and mini bar.

### Room Rates
HK$950 (approximately US $121.80)

Room rates are based on single or double occupancy and are subject to a per room, per night service charge of 10% and government tax of 3%.

There is no charge for children twelve (12) years of age and under sharing a room with parents and/or guardians (maximum of 3 guests per room). There will be an additional charge of HK$275 per night (plus applicable taxes and charges) for any person twelve (12) years of age or older sharing a room.

Each room can only be reserved with a credit card. Cancellations made 21 days prior to arrival or a no-show will be charged for one night stay.

**Check In Time:** 14:00  
**Check Out Time:** 12:00
Arriving in Hong Kong
Hong Kong is divided into four districts: Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, Lantau Island and New Territories. Hong Kong International Airport, also known as Chek Lap Kok International Airport, is located on Lantau Island. The airport code is HKG. The airport is approximately 30 minutes from the InterContinental Hong Kong, and 40 minutes from the Grand Hyatt and the Harbour View International House.

Visa Requirements
Visitors to Hong Kong must hold a passport that is valid for at least six months after the planned departure date from Hong Kong. Nationals of most countries are not required to obtain visas and can stay for periods varying from seven days to 180 days, depending on nationality. Check with any Chinese embassy or consulate for the latest status.

Pre-Arranged Airport Transfers
For pre-arranged transportation, you are invited to use our tour company, Pacific World Limited. For rates and to pre-reserve a transfer, please use the Tours and Transfers Reservations form located on page 13.

Taxis
Taxis are readily available at the airport. Be sure to use the taxis with a red body for traveling to Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. Taxi fares are metered and strictly enforced by law. The meter fee does not include the luggage fee, toll fee and waiting fee. Taxis will only accept cash payments in Hong Kong dollars. There is a large chart at the exit to the taxi stand with approximate fees to most destinations. Approximate taxi pricing to the IMAST meeting hotels is HK$350-450.

Language
Hong Kong’s official languages are Chinese and English. In hotels, major restaurants, stores, and tourist centers, most people speak English. This is not always the case, however, with taxi drivers, bus drivers, and workers in small shops, cafes, and market stalls.

Currency
The Hong Kong Dollar is the official currency. The official exchange rate is fixed at 7.80 HKD to 1 USD, although bank rates may fluctuate slightly.

Climate
Hong Kong is sub-tropical and temperatures in July range from 79° F / 26° C to 91° F / 33° C with humidity near 86 percent. A sweater or light jacket is recommended for air conditioned restaurants and hotels. An umbrella is recommended in case of rain.

Electricity
The standard electrical voltage in HK is 220 volts AC, 50HZ. You will need an adaptor for 120-volt North American appliances and electrical equipment. The majority of electrical outlets in Hong Kong take a three-pronged plug.

Tour Information
Several exciting group tours are available for IMAST attendees on a first-come, first-served basis with advance booking. All prices listed are per person. All tours include transfers to and from the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center circle drive (next to the Grand Hyatt Hotel walkway). Gratuities for the tour staff and drivers are included. All tours are escorted by English speaking guides.

Hong Kong Island Tour – HK$266
Take in the “can’t miss” highlights of Hong Kong with this half-day tour. You’ll first enjoy a tram ride up Victoria Peak for a stunning 360-degree view of the city, harbor and islands. Next, visit historic Aberdeen and enjoy a sampan boat ride to see the historic floating neighborhood of fishing boats. Then, browse through the popular Stanley Market for amazing bargains on designer goods, clothing, porcelain and souvenirs such as chopsticks, silks, and jade trinkets.

Local Markets Tour – HK$156
No visit to Hong Kong is complete without some serious shopping! This tour includes a stop at the Ladies Market, which is particularly well known for fashionable ladies clothing, but also includes menswear and children’s clothes. You can find great bargains on watches, accessories, bags, small household items and toys. You’ll then visit the exotic and colorful Goldfish Market, Flower Market and Yuen Po Street Bird Garden.

Off the Beaten Track Tour with Dim Sum Lunch – HK$166
Experience some of Hong Kong’s unique attractions that showcase traditional Chinese culture. Have your fortune told at Wong Tai Sin Taoist Temple, one of Kowloon’s most colorful and popular temples. Next, visit the Bird Garden, a fascinating open-air area of stalls selling and trading all types of songbirds, pet birds, and talking birds. Then, visit the Jade Market to buy souvenirs of this precious stone, believed to ward off evil spirits and protect travelers. Finally, enjoy a traditional Dim Sum lunch, a popular meal of light snacks that includes a variety of dumplings, buns and pastries.
Cocktail Sunset Cruise with Dinner at Jumbo Kingdom – HK$1,134
Enjoy a relaxing evening cruise in Victoria Harbor and watch the sunset gradually fade on the horizon. Following the cruise, a fabulous Chinese dinner awaits you at the famous floating restaurant, Jumbo Kingdom in Aberdeen.

Lamma Island Tour with Seafood Lunch – HK$915
Escape from the city to peaceful and tranquil Lamma Island, the third largest of Hong Kong’s islands. There are no cars here and few buildings are over three stories high. The tour starts with an hour-long ride in a traditional Chinese “junkboat,” followed by a guided walking tour between the island’s two main villages. The hike includes a gentle hill climb but can be completed in a leisurely couple of hours. Your walk will be followed by a deluxe seafood lunch at a local restaurant.

Stanley Market Tour – HK$166
Stanley Market is a huge open-air market and one of the most popular shopping destinations in Hong Kong for bargain-hunters. It is especially good for small souvenirs and affordable clothing, but you can also find toys, ornaments, luggage, and Chinese arts and crafts. After shopping you can also check out the local architecture, including a colonial-era Murray Building and the 18th century Tin Hau Temple.

Tour and Airport Transfer Reservation Instructions
To sign up for tours and airport transfers, please complete the form on page 13 and fax to Pacific World Limited, the course tour agency, at +852 2370 1777. All requests will be confirmed in writing within two weeks of receipt. Tours and transfers are not guaranteed until you receive confirmation.

All advance tours must be booked by June 24, 2008 in order to guarantee availability and pricing.

Payment and Cancellation Policy
Payment in full for tours and transfers must be provided by credit card at the time of reservation. Reservations may be cancelled without penalty upon written notice received by June 17, 2008.

Tour Minimums
Tours are subject to cancellation in the unlikely event that the tour minimums are not met. In such an event, all participants will be contacted in writing and a full refund will be provided. In the event of tour cancellation, alternative tours with different pricing may also be offered.

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For travel and tours questions, changes, or cancellations, please contact:
Pacific World Limited
Fax: +852 2370 1777
Email: pwhk@pacificworldhk.com
# IMAST 2008 - Tours & Transfer Reservation Form

- **Dr.**  
- **Mr.**  
- **Mrs.**  
- **Ms.**

**FIRST NAME** | **SUR (LAST) NAME**
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**ADDRESS:**

**TELEPHONE** | **FAX**
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**E-MAIL:**

**HOTEL YOU WILL BE STAYING AT DURING THE CONFERENCE**

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**Airport Transfer Reservation**

- **Arrival / Departure Transfer To / From InterContinental Hong Kong**
  - 1 pax by private car | HK$91770 | |
  - 2 pax by private car | HK$91421 | |
  - 3-4 pax by minicoach | HK$91317 | |
  - 5-9 pax by minicoach | HK$91212 | |

- **Arrival / Departure Transfer To / From Grand Hyatt Hong Kong or Harbour View International House (circle one hotel)**
  - 1 pax by private car | HK$91817 | |
  - 2 pax by private car | HK$91441 | |
  - 3-4 pax by minicoach | HK$91337 | |
  - 5-9 pax by minicoach | HK$91223 | |

Note: Driver gratuities are included in transfer pricing

**Flight Information (airport transfers only)**

- **ARRIVAL DATE & TIME**
  - **ARRIVAL AIRLINE & FLIGHT NUMBER**

- **DEPARTURE DATE & TIME**
  - **DEPARTURE AIRLINE & FLIGHT NUMBER**

**Billing Information**

- **TOTAL TOUR COST**
  - **TOTAL AIRPORT TRANSFER**

- **TOTAL DUE**
  - **VISA**
  - **MASTERCARD**
  - **AMERICAN EXPRESS**

- **CREDIT CARD NO.**
  - **CARD TYPE**

- **CARD HOLDER’S NAME**
  - **EXPIRY DATE**

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