Croucher Summer Course 2014

New GNSS Algorithms and Techniques for Earth Observations 2014 (nGATEo 2014)
—— GPS/Beidou/GNSS Satellite Positioning and Navigation and Earth Observation

26-31 May 2014
Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Hong Kong, P. R. China

Call for Participation

Change is the only constant phenomenon on this Planet. The ecosystems of this planet where we are living in undergo constantly changes in temporal and spatial domains. The ecosystems become more fragile than before as evidenced by the occurrence and observation of many more unusual phenomena such as global warming, sea level rising, extreme weather, Earthquakes and natural disasters, etc. The ecosystems changes and dynamics of our planet need to be closely and precisely measured and monitored.

The modern GPS/BeiDou/GNSS and Earth Observation Systems (EOS) offer an unprecedented level of capability to deliver PNaVT (Positioning, Navigation, Velocity and Timing) and observation information, which can be used to precisely measure and record this planet’s dynamic change in a well defined space and time reference system, from both ground-based and space-satellite-based viewpoints.

A 6-day Croucher Summer Course 2014 with a theme on "GPS/Beidou/GNSS Satellite Positioning and Navigation and Earth Observation" will provide an excellent opportunity for internationally distinguished scholars to share their latest research outcomes with summer course participants. It will be an ideal place for all participants to broaden their horizon, diversifying research interests, enhancing their scholarly communications and reach out social network. Anyone interested in this Croucher Summer Course can register and become participant, regardless of whether they are from Hong Kong, Mainland China and any other countries/regions. However, in-school researchers
(PhD/MSc students, Postdoc), university junior faculty, industrial R&D engineers/researchers/professionals, and government professional officers will be given high priority in registration.

The Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics (LSGI), at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), Hong Kong, P.R. China, has the great honor to partner with the Croucher Foundation, Hong Kong, to host this Croucher Summer Course 2014 on the campus of PolyU. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University was proudly ranked the 161st according to the QS World University Rankings 2013. The Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics (LSGI), supported by a strong team of research and teaching faculty, enjoys a long history offering a variety of geomatics programs in Geodesy, Satellite Navigation, Land Surveying, Geographic Information Science (GIS), Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Underground Utility Surveying and Management. The high quality research work conducted at LSGI is widely recognized in the international geomatics community and the Science Citation Index (SCI) of LSGI has been consistently ranked at the top in the world over the past many years. The LSGI will proudly celebrate its 30th anniversary in May 2014.

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The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has the street address of 11 Yuk Choi Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Lecture Rooms Y304, PQ305 and Y302 are located on the 3rd floor of Y building and PQ buildings, on the PolyU campus. Y, PQ buildings are highlighted in red boxes.

The Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics (LSGI) is located at the ZS621, South Tower of Block Z (highlighted in red box), PolyU campus. Its street address is: 181 Chatham Road South, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Lecture rooms:
- For the 1st and 2nd days (26-27 May, Monday to Tuesday), lecture room is: Y304, Block Y, PolyU Campus.
- For the 3rd, 4th and 5th days (28-30 May, Wednesday to Friday), lecture room is: YPQ305, Block PQ, PolyU Campus.
- For the 6th day (31 May, Saturday), lecture room is: Y302, Block Y, PolyU Campus.

Transportation Information

Hong Kong International Airport to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)

(1) PolyU address: 11 Yuk Choi Road, Hung hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong (5 minutes walking to the Hung Hom MTR (mass transportation railway) train station
(2) From HK airport, you may take a taxi directly to the PolyU campus. The total taxi cost should be about HK$300 (about US$40)

(3) If you want to experience the Hong Kong’s Airport Express, you can take the Airport Express Railway at Airport. The ticket can be purchased at the Airport at a price of HK$90. The Airport Express train stops at several stations. Your destination station is called “Kowloon station”. From Airport to Kowloon station, the train takes about 21 minutes. After you get off the train at Kowloon station, you can then take a taxi to the PolyU. The taxi will be about HK$50 and about 15-20 minute driving.

From Airport to Kowloon station, the first Airport Express train departs airport at 05:54 AM. The last Airport Express train departs airport at 00:48AM.

From Kowloon station to Airport, the first Airport Express train departs Kowloon station at 05:53 AM. The last Airport Express train departs Kowloon station at 00:52AM.

Some Important Reminders

(1) Many countries’ visitors to Hong Kong do not need a visa. You are suggested to contact your country’s consulate in Hong Kong to know whether or not you need a visa to Hong Kong. However a visa is often required to enter into Mainland China.
(2) Hong Kong uses 220-V electricity. Time zone of Hong Kong is UTC+8 hrs.
(3) Hong Kong weather information from the Hong Kong Government can be checked at Hong Kong Observatory website: http://www.hko.gov.hk/

Supporting and Funding Organizations for the Croucher Summer School 2014

This Croucher Summer Course 2014 is hosted and supported by:

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Sub-Commission 4.6: GNSS-Reflectometry and Applications

**Registering with the Croucher Summer School 2014**

Please note, at least five (5) Travel Grants will be awarded to 5 participants to waive registration fees. The registration fee of Travel Grant winners will be fully refunded after they complete all the lectures of this Croucher Summer School 2014. To be eligible for being awarded Travel Grants, you must register and pay the full registration fee first and send your full, complete and detailed CV and Travel Grant application (less than one A4 page) to state why you need this Travel Grant (please send Travel Grant application and registration reply to Miss Mandy MAN, shukyan.man@polyu.edu.hk). The Croucher Summer School 2014 Organization Committee has the final right to select the Travel Grants winners based on the applications received. Early registrations will be considered with a higher priority.

The full registration fee of this Croucher Summer School 2014 is HK$3,000.00 or US$450.00 or RMB 2,500.00 (yuan). This non-refundable, non-transferrable registration fee includes free 4-STAR HOTEL rooms for 7 nights and free meals (breakfast/lunch/dinner and coffee breaks) for 6 days, and free lecture materials, thanks to the great support from Croucher Foundation! However international flight or other costs are the responsibility of the participants themselves. Partial registration is not accepted. Registration fee is not refundable at all cases. The number of seats is very limited in order to have the best lecturing and learning quality. You are highly encouraged to register As Soon As Possible before the Croucher Summer School 2014 is fully registered.

More information can be found at the website: [http://projects.croucher.org.hk/summer-courses](http://projects.croucher.org.hk/summer-courses)
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## Registration Form

### My option is

- [ ] Yes, I will attend the **Croucher Summer School 2014**.
- [ ] Not sure now, I will very likely attend the **Croucher Summer School 2014**.
- [ ] No, I will not attend the **Croucher Summer School 2014** for the reason that

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### Mobile phone (if any)

### Research background

### Affiliation

### Address

#### Describe yourself

- [ ] I am a Master student since the year of _______.
- [ ] I am a PhD student since the year of _______.
- [ ] I am a Postdoc since the year of _______.
- [ ] Others, please specify____________________

### Registration fee (choose one only)

- [ ] I choose to pay HK$ 3,000.00.
- [ ] I choose to pay US$ 450.00.
- [ ] I choose to pay RMB 2,500.00 (yuan).

### Payment method (choose one only)

- [ ] You register with Miss Mandy MAN, shukyan.man@polyu.edu.hk first. We will notify you how to make payment after we accept your registration.

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To register: please send this filled form and payment information to Miss Mandy MAN, shukyan.man@polyu.edu.hk. More detailed information regarding payment methods can be found at: [http://projects.croucher.org.hk/summer-courses/new-gnss-algorithms-and-techniques-for-earth-observation](http://projects.croucher.org.hk/summer-courses/new-gnss-algorithms-and-techniques-for-earth-observation)

Full payment of registration fee is mandatory whether or not you are applying for the Travel Grant. Only registrations with full payment will be considered valid and be included into this **Croucher Summer School 2014**. Your registration will be confirmed and notified via email after receiving the full registration fee.
Contact Information

All the information should be available @ the Croucher Summer Course website: http://projects.croucher.org.hk/summer-courses

However, you are welcome to contact us anytime.
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