Dear presenters/discussants/participants,

The 2nd CAPANA conference is coming soon. Here are some updates.

(1) Conference hotel changes. Due to an increasing number of H1N1 Flu (Swine flu) cases in China and the recent experience with SARS, Chinese government is taking cautious steps to prevent the further spread. As a result, we are advised by Beijing University to change the conference hotel. In the last couple of weeks, CAPANA officers and Beijing U. (HengYue particularly) have worked hard to find the best possible conference hotel. Now we changed the conference hotel to Fragrant Hill Hotel, a 4 star hotel within Xiang Shan, one of the most beautiful places in Beijing. The address of the hotel is 北京市海淀区香山公园内(买卖街 40 号)(Haidian District,Beijing Fragrant Hill Park),Tel 010-62591166. The hotel is also very close to many tourist attractions and famous university campuses. Please see the hotel website http://www.xsfd.com/ for more information.

It will be most convenient if you stay at Fragrant Hill hotel during the conference. Beijing University will help those who indicated to stay in BoYa, the original conference hotel, to reserve a room in Fragrant Hotel. The room will be 440 Chinese Yuan per day. For those who have already reserved rooms in WenJin, please inform HengYue if you want to reserve a room at Fragrant Hotel, but you need to cancel your reservation at WenJin yourself. If you decide to stay in WenJin, please check with HengYue to see whether they can arrange transportation from WenJin to the conference hotel.

It might be wise not to travel if you have any flu symptoms before the flight. People with such symptoms might be quarantined. Also, passengers confirmed with H1N1 flu and those close will be quarantined. Several CAPANA officers have traveled to China and other regions in Asia. All were fine, but such risk does exist.

Please inform us and Heng Yu as soon as possible if you decide to change your travel plan.

- (2) We are happy to inform you that the conference papers are available to download at http://www.capana.net/news_c_conpapers.htm. Please be sure to bring with you thehard copy of the conference papers because we will NOT distribute hard copies of the conference papers on site.
- (3) The conference schedule is also available at the conference web site's. We are finalizing the details of the social events. Once it is finalized, an updated schedule will be posted on the conference website and will also be provided upon hotel registration. Beijing U. is working hard to provide nice social activities, potentially a traditional Chinese performance during a dinner. Stay tuned.
- (4) For paper presentation, each paper has 1 hour and 15 minutes. The format of the presentation is as follows. The presenter will have the first 20 minutes to provide background information and an overview of the paper. Afterwards, the discussant has approximately 20-25 minutes commenting on the paper. The presenter may then wish to address two or three of the discussant's major points. Following this segment, other

- conference participants may raise any questions they might have. The conference room is equipped with a computer for ppt presentations.
- (5) For poster session papers, there will be no formal presentation. For each poster session paper, we have identified a more senior faculty to discuss the paper. The author and the senior faculty can find one hour during the conference to discuss the paper, or use the designated time (5-6pm on July 2).
- (6) From any enquiry regarding the logistics, please contact HengYue (yueheng@gsm.pku.edu.cn). If you have any emergency during traveling, please contact HengYue at 13521942915 or GuohuaJiang at 13501090336.

We look forward to seeing you all at the conference.

Sincerely,

Qiang Cheng and ZhaoyangGu Co-chairs, 2009 CAPANA Conference Program Committee