Offer from Nanchang University (Jiangxi Province, southern China)

Where is your university or institution located?
Nanchang University is located in the heart of southern China, in Jiangxi Province's capital city, Nanchang. The university's Philosophy Department has a long-standing tradition of research in Continental Philosophy, Confucianism, and Buddhist Philosophy, making it an ideal venue for an academic gathering such as ours.

When would you be able to host the annual SACP conference? Our preferred rotation by year is as follows (though we may make some exceptions to this rotation, depending on various factors): 2026: Asia / 2027: the Americas / 2028: Europe /2029: Asia, etc.
Yes, in 2026 Summer

Do you have experience hosting major international conferences?
Yes

Are you able to host the annual SACP conference over a 4-day period between late-May and mid-August?
Yes. Late May to early June of 2026 is available. This timing is ideal, as the weather in Nanchang is pleasant and not yet excessively hot.

Expenses for the annual SACP conference can range from $12,000 to $25,000 USD. Would you have access to funds in this range, for putting on the conference?
Yes. The Dean of our Philosophy Department is very enthusiastic about supporting the event. The department is prepared to offer additional funding, with an estimated budget of 100,000 to 200,000 RMB (approximately $14,000 to $28,000 USD), to assist SACP in organizing the conference. The final amount will depend on the specific expenses involved. At the same time, we would like to inform SACP that Nanchang University's official budget for 2026 has not yet been released, and the operating funds for the Philosophy Department in that year will be confirmed by the end of 2025. However, based on past funding patterns, the availability of resources in the proposed range is highly expected and should be considered reliable.

While we will work together with the local host and appreciate their hospitality and hard work to help put on our annual conference, the SACP reserves the right to make final decisions regarding the conference program, such as keynote speakers, the managing of the final program, and so on. In the event that you are selected to host the SACP conference, do you agree to this?
One particular point to bring to your attention is that the Dean is interested in hosting the event on a similar scale to the 2017 SACP conference held at Peking University. To this end, Nanchang University may invite some prominent Chinese philosophers to

speak at the conference, which would also mean the addition of a dedicated Chinese-language sub-forum. However, please rest assured that the Dean has explicitly confirmed that once the conference agenda is finalized, Nanchang University will fully respect it without making any changes to the scheduled program or lineup. Clarification Regarding Program Coordination: We fully respect that the SACP has the final say in determining the conference program, including keynote speakers and the agenda. The Dean of the Philosophy Department at Nanchang University has clearly stated that once the program is finalized and approved by SACP, it will be

fully respected and implemented as scheduled. At the same time, we（Nanchang

University) would like to kindly raise two points for your consideration: (1) Consultation on Program Planning: While we understand and respect SACP's leadership in shaping the conference program, we hope that the agenda can be developed through mutual consultation. For example, if Nanchang University is able

to invite leading Chinese philosophers such as Professor Chen Lai（陈来） or

Professor Yang Guorong （杨国荣), we hope SACP would be open to including them

as keynote speakers. (2) Advance Access to Final Program: To meet basic local requirements, we kindly request that Nanchang University be given advance access to the final version of the program before it is officially released. This is simply to ensure that the content complies with local laws and contains no sensitive or inappropriate material. Once confirmed, the program will not be subject to any further changes. We look forward to working closely with SACP to ensure a successful, respectful, and academically enriching conference.

Are you able to provide rent-free space for our conference (including 3-5 rooms for concurrent panels)?
Yes. Nanchang University is willing to provide free conference space. The Dean also confirmed that the university has both the availability and facilities to host the conference.

Are you able to provide a large space for keynote events for up to 125-175 audience members (depending on the number of conference participants and special guests)?
Yes. Nanchang University is willing to provide free conference space. The Dean also confirmed that the university has both the availability and facilities to host the conference.

Are you able to provide other basic facilities (bathrooms, a room or hall for setting up registration tables, etc.)?
Yes.

Are you able to provide volunteer support (often students) to help run the

conference (e.g., to direct conference participants to the correct locations, to set up and manage tech devices in presentation rooms, etc.)?
Yes.

Are you able to provide print-outs of conference programs, tables for registration activities, and other basic needs?
Yes.

Are you able to provide information for how to properly welcome conference participants (e.g., maps about the local area, advice on accommodations and places to eat, etc.)?
Yes.

Are you able to offer free or affordable housing (e.g., dormitory rooms, local hotels) for conference participants?
Yes. If needed, we can provide free hotel accommodations for conference attendees.

Are you able to provide or pay for 1-2 dinners (such as the Farewell Dinner) for conference participants?
See availability of funds above.

Are you able to provide or pay for 1 opening reception (to include drinks, finger foods, etc.)?
See availability of funds above.

Are you able to organize social events that help conference participants to appreciate and enjoy the local culture, arts, and other distinctive features of the host location and surrounding areas?
See availability of funds above.

Are you able to provide basic advertising to the local area?
See availability of funds above.

Are you able to provide free catering for coffee and snacks (in the early morning, late morning, and the afternoon)?
Yes.

Are you able to provide free catering for lunch on one or more days of the conference?
See availability of funds above.

Are you able to assist with transportation to and from the local airport or train station?
See availability of funds above.

If necessary, are you able to assist with participants who need to obtain a VISA?
Yes.