24th Asia Pacific Youth Conference

Date : 2 – 9 December 2018

Venue: Highlands International Boarding School

Address: KM10 Genting Highlands

69000 Bentong, Pahang

Malaysia

Website: <u>www.iofc.org.my</u>

We are very happy to welcome you to be part of the 24th Asia Pacific Youth Conference in Malaysia. As you prepare to come for the conference we thought of sharing some information that you might find useful. Here is some information you may find useful.



Conference Dates

The 24th Asia Pacific Youth Conference:

- Commences with tea at 4 p.m. and Opening Ceremony at 5 p.m. on 2 December 2018.
 Sunday
- Ends with lunch at 2 pm on 9 December 2018
 Sunday

We will be ready to receive you at Highlands International Boarding School (HIBS) at any time before 2 pm on 2 December 2018, Sunday.



Conference Contribution

The conference contribution is RM700 for Malaysian participants and USD250 for overseas participants. You can make this contribution in cash when you arrive for the conference. If you want to make the contribution by bank transfer, do write to us at apyc2018@iofc.org.my and we will let you know how.

Practical information

The Venue: Highlands International Boarding School (HIBS)

Address : KM10 Genting Highlands

69000 Bentong,

Pahang Darul Makmur

Malaysia

Telephone : +603 79569311

Note: Please keep a copy of this address as you will need it to fill out your immigration form at the airport. (This address is required when you fill out the disembarkation forms on arrival at the KLIA airport)

HIBS is nestled in the scenic valley at mid-hill Genting Highlands, adjacent to the Awana Golf and Country Club and set in 30 acres of green surroundings next to the Institute Aminuddin Baki and Genting Permai Avenue Township. It is approximately a 2 hour drive from the KLIA and KLIA2 airports. There are buses that depart directly from both the airports to Awana Skyway which is about 10-15 minutes away from HIBS. Look out for APYC signs when you arrive. We will provide transport for pick up to and from Awana Skyway to the conference venue.



HIBS comprises two main buildings, the Halls of Residence and the Main Administration building, which are about a 5-10 minute walk from each other. The Seminar rooms, Multi Purpose Hall (MPH), Dining Room and Sports Facilities are situated at the Main Administration building.

All participants will be allocated rooms at the Halls of Residence.

The consuming or bringing in of alcohol, as well as smoking, is prohibited at the premises and the entire duration of the conference. Please respect and follow this rule strictly.

Rooms at the Halls of Residence

HIBS provides simple but comfortable rooms for you to stay in. You will be sharing your room with either 2 or 3 other participants. Your room will have bedding and a towel. Do bring your own toiletries and other personal items. The showers/toilets are also located within walking distance from the rooms and come with hot water.

Laundry

There is a coin-operated self-service laundry at the conference venue. You will also be able to iron your clothes, if needed.

Food

All food served at the dining hall is 'halal'. In keeping with religious sensitivities, no pork or beef will be served at the dining hall. Participants have a choice of either vegetarian or non-vegetarian cuisine. Breakfast, two main meals and two tea breaks will be provided throughout the day.

Time zone

Genting Highlands is on the same time zone as Kuala Lumpur, which is +8 hours GMT

Temperature

The temperature at Genting Highlands ranges from about 20°C in the mornings to a high of about 30°C during the day.

Please bring with you

- Warm clothes as it can be quite chilly in the mornings and evenings
- Mosquito repellant
- A pair of good shoes or sneakers to walk to the Permai Township commercial centre which is about 15 minutes away
- Personal toiletries
- At least 1 set of traditional clothes representing your culture/country

Currency exchange

Malaysian currency (RM) can be purchased at both KLIA and KLIA2 upon arrival, after collecting your luggage at the arrival hall. You can also get a reasonable exchange rate in Genting Highlands if you are unable to do so at the airport. An ATM is also available at the nearest petrol station, Petron, located at Genting Permai Avenue.

Contact Information

When calling from abroad: +603 79569311
Email: admin@iofc.org.my

Travel



Visa requirements for entry into Malaysia vary depending on which country you are coming from. We recommend that you find out from the nearest Malaysian Consulate, High Commission or Embassy regarding visa requirements for your country.

From KLIA and KLIA 2 to HIBS

Bus:

There are buses departing from KLIA and KLIA2 to Awana Skyway at the following timings:

- 9.30 a.m.
- 11.30 a.m.
- 1.30 p.m.
- 2.30 p.m.
- 3.30 p.m.
- 5.00 p.m.
- 6.30 p.m.
- 8.30 p.m.

The journey from the airport takes around 2 hours. The bus service starts with the first departure at 9.30 a.m. and ends with the last departure at 8.30 p.m.

Bus tickets can be booked online at https://www.redbus.my. Please book the buses provided by Aerobus.

The ticket costs RM35 per person (one) each way (RM70 for a return ticket). Prices on the website are quoted in Malaysian currency (RM).

The tickets can be booked on the website at least 2 months before the conference dates. It is advised that you book your tickets ahead of time as it will be peak holiday season.

Taxi:

Taxis can be booked from the airport upon purchasing a coupon. The taxi will take you straight to the venue. There is a flat rate costing between RM200 and RM250 each way and it will take about one and a half hours to reach HIBS from the airport. You may also book a Grab car from the airport. We do recommend that you take the bus instead.

Return:

When booking your return ticket, please bear in mind the travel time from HIBS to KLIA or KLIA2 airports. The travel back to the airport may take a little longer due to the weekend traffic on the roads. Please also bear in mind time required for immigration and security processes at the airport. You should plan to be at the airport at least 3 hours before your flight time.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

In case you have any known illnesses or allergies, please bring along appropriate medicines with you. Also proactively let us know of any allergies at the earliest. We also have clinics located 10 minutes within proximity of the venue.

WEATHER

HIBS is about 800 meters above sea level with temperatures ranging from about 20°C in the morning to a high of about 30°C during the day. Your rooms will have blankets to keep you warm at night. But do carry something warm to wear during the day.

CULTURAL

You will be given time to share something about your culture/region/country with the rest of the Asia Pacific Youth Conference participants. Do bring with you something, which is unique to your culture. It can either be souvenirs or any art forms. Do also bring your traditional costume, if you have one.

ADVENTURE/FACILITIES

We may go for a trek, so it would be useful to have appropriate attire and footwear for this. HIBS also has a swimming pool (unheated) which will be at your disposal during designated times. There is also an indoor badminton court, and outdoor tennis and basketball courts for your use outside of conference hours or during the free time periods.

MARKET PLACE

A Market Place will be set up every evening of the conference to enable further exchange between participants. You may use this space for:

- Selling items;
- Gifting items like trinkets or food
- Showcasing the work you have been involved with

We hope you have a safe flight and pleasant journey to HIBS and we look forward to welcoming you.