INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Accessibility
Airport to Hotel:
Participants are suggested to use Taxi (Yellow) from Airport to hotels. It is estimated around 1 to 2 hours to reach hotels and it cost around P 750.00 to P 1000.00.

Hotel to Venue:
There are 4 hotels located near the venue, Microtel by Wyndham - UP Technohub in Diliman, Sequoia Hotel, Meranti Hotel and B Hotel all in Quezon City. The participants can use Taxi that cost around P 100.00 to P 200.00. If you wish to avail special rates or discount please contact the person listed below the hotel information.

Passport and Visa
A valid passport (and visa if applicable) is necessary for all persons entering Philippines. Visa can be obtained from the Philippine Embassy/Consulate in your respective countries or at the nearby country. Latest entry and health requirements information can also be obtained from the Embassy/Consulate.

A number of nationalities are eligible to get Visa Upon Arrival (VUA) which can be obtained at the Bureau of Immigration in Magallanes Dr, Intramuros Manila. Requirements for Visa Upon Arrival (VUA) are can be viewed at http://www.immigration.gov.ph/visa-requirements/special-visa/applications-for-visa-upon-arrival

1. Passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 (six) months from the date of entry in the Philippines.
2. Onward or return tickets are compulsory
3. Visa fee on arrival US$ 25.00 for 30 (thirty) days;

Nationals from countries shown in the link, are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a period of stay of thirty (30) days or less: http://www.dfa.gov.ph/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa

Airport Transfer
Transportation from the NAIA airport to the hotel will be arranged by the local organizers. To make sure that this will be well arranged, please inform your flight details (flight number, date and time of arrival) and hotel by email to neelymc1924@yahoo.com. The local organizer staff (wearing PHIVOLCS ID will be
waiting outside the International arrival gate at the airport with your name on a sign board. She/he will take you by RP car to the hotel;

In case you did not meet the organizer staff, please go to a Airport Taxi counter and ask for a taxi to take you to the hotel. You will need to pay for the taxi which will be reimbursed later by the organizers, after providing an official receipt.

**The Meeting Venue**
The meeting will be held at the PHIVOLCS Auditorium, PHIVOLCS Bldg., Carlos P Garcia Ave., University of the Campus, Diliman, Quezon City
http:www.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph

**Registration and Reception**
Registration for the meeting is on Wednesday, 02 March from 8:00 to 8:30 AM at the PHIVOLCS Auditorium, PHIVOLCS Bldg., Carlos P Garcia Ave., University of the Campus, Diliman, Quezon City

**Accommodation of Participants**
Participants are kindly requested to make arrangements for their own accommodation. Information of some hotels near PHIVOLCS is available below for reference.

**Microtel by Wyndham - UP Technohub in Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines**
UP-Ayala Land Technohub,
Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman
Quezon City, Philippines 1121
Phone Number: +63 (02) 804 6888
Email: cnsocorro@microtel.ph
www.microtelphilippines.com
Contact person: Ms. Chanise Nicole N. Socorro

**B Hotel**
Quezon City
14 Scout Rallos St., Laging Handa
Quezon City
Phone Number: +632 990 5000
Fax Number: +632 990 6000
http://thebellevue.com/b-hotel-qc/contact-us/
Contact person: Ms. Iya M. Boto

**Meranti Hotel**
82 Scout Castor, Brgy. Handa, Quezon City Philippines
Phone number: +632 376 6340 to 42
Email: reservation@merantihotel.com
http://www.hotels.com/Meranti-Hotel
Sequoia Hotel in Quezon City, Philippines
91-93 Mother Ignacia Avenue,,
corner Timog Avenue, Quezon City
Philippines 1103
Phone Number:+632 921-7469 to 71
Fax Number: +632 351-0590
Email:reservations@sequoiahotel.net
http://www.sequoiahotel.net/
Contact person: Mr. Edward S. Magnaye

Climate
The capital city of the Philippines Manila experiences two distinctive climatic seasons. The best time to visit is during the drier season around November to April with warm and generally dry days. It gets cooler in the months of December to February - down to around 21°C (70°F) - and warmer during March to May - up to around 34°C (93°F). Christmas and Easter time coincides with numerous colorful pageants and processions. May to October sees heavy rain and high humidity and is typhoon season.

Time Zone
The Philippine Standard Time is UTC + 08:00.

Currency and Credit Card
The currency used in the Philippines is Peso (P); One US Dollar is approximately P 47.86 (as per 15 January 2016). Foreign currency can be exchanged at the NAIA International Airport upon arrival and in hotels, money changers and banks located in Manila.

Credit card
Most of major credit cards such as VISA, MASTERCARD are widely accepted in hotels, big restaurants and shopping malls.

Language
Filipino and English are the languages of official communication. Most Filipinos speak at least two languages or more, Filipino and their local language, of which the Philippines counts more than 120-175 regional languages.

Electricity
Philippines standard electricity supply is usually 220 volts AC with a frequency of 60 Hz. For other equipment a transformer or adaptor is required unless the appliance has a multi-voltage option.
Public Transportation
In Quezon City, taxis, buses, jeepneys and light railway transit are common kind of public transportation. Most drivers speak English. Bring a map with you and know where you are going.

Telecommunication
You will be able to use your mobile phone in Manila and most urban areas of the Philippines, although some of the islands or more remote areas may not have network coverage. Ensure you have global roaming activated with your mobile carrier before you leave home if you wish to use your mobile while in the Philippines.

Business Hours
Hours of business in Quezon City are Monday to Friday, 08:30 till 17:00 (local time). Shopping Malls are open until 10:00PM. Some banks are open during Saturdays (e.g. Banco de Oro).

Discover Philippines
The Philippines lies off the southeast coast of Asia between Taiwan and Borneo in the Pacific Ocean and South China Sea. They are composed of 7,107 islands and islets (7,108 at low tide), 2,773 of which are named. The two largest islands, Luzon in the north and Mindanao in the south, account for 65% of the total land area and contain 60% of the country’s population. Between the two lie the Visayas Islands. Indonesia has a total population of more than 92.34 million people.

Contacts
If you need special documents (Letters of Invitation) for your travel documents (Visa), please contact us as soon as possible by email neelymc1924@yahoo.com and provide the following:

- Full name (as stated in your passport)
- Professional affiliation
- Copy of passport

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