

Dear Delegates

As the conference is just round the corner, we thought the following notes might be of use, particularly if this is your first time in Penang, Malaysia.

Arrival

After claiming your luggage, proceed through the Green Lane unless the Customs Officer indicates that he would like to inspect your belongings. The best way to get to your hotel is by taxi. You can purchase a coupon from the taxi booth. The rate is approximately RM50 or more (late evening) depending on the time of arrival.

Pre-registration

All delegates are required to pre-register and a desk has been set up at the hotel foyer for this purpose. You are encouraged to register on the eve of the conference on Sunday, 24 May 2015 between 6.00-8.00pm. Alternatively, you can register on the first day of the conference between 7.30-8.30am at the counters set up just outside the Sri Mas Ballroom, Late-comers can still register as there will be someone manning the Pelita desk at the Ballroom foyer.

You can collect your conference bag upon registration. Inside you will find the programme book, some stationery, identification tag and other bits and bobs. Delegates must wear the identification tag at all times. Most importantly, do check that you have your lunch coupons for the duration of the conference as you may be turned away if you are unable to hand over the relevant coupon to the hotel staff who are on duty.

Conference

You will have been notified of your presentation date and time. The schedule has been uploaded onto our website (<http://eltcon.webs.com/>) for your reference. You will note that the morning of the first day will start with a keynote address followed by the official opening by Datuk Mary Yap Kain Ching, Deputy Minister of Education Malaysia.

Please note that you should bring your own laptop for your presentation. All rooms are equipped with an LCD. If you require any other A/V equipment, do let me know so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

All presenters are requested to bring 30-50 copies of their handouts (if any) for distribution to participants. We will not be publishing proceedings of the conference and if you are submitting a full paper, please make it available in soft copy as this will be uploaded on our website after the conference.

Internet facilities are available at the hotel. House guests have free access in the room and elsewhere in the hotel using a password provided. Non house guests are charged RM20 for 12 hrs. Please arrange directly with the hotel for this service and a password will be given to you.

Heritage Tours

George Town, together with Malacca, was conferred heritage site status by Unesco in 2008. If you would like to experience the living cultural heritage as well as understand the rich history and how George Town developed into what it is today, there are two tours available:

a) **Early Settlements.** A guided walk as well as a self-discovery journey to create awareness of the city's unique urban townscape and historical ethnical settlements in early times as well as the multi-culturalism of George Town. The legacy left behind can be seen through living heritage such as traditional trades & business, food and craft and way of life of the local people.

This 75 min walk basically looks beyond the 'pretty' or 'nostalgic' façade of built heritage and explores deeper into the historical as well as living aspects of heritage buildings and artefacts.

Rate: RM30/pax (min 7 people)

Weekend before conference or after the conference – 25 or 26 May 2015

b) **Early Migration.** The two and half hour walk takes you back in time to the early migration of the various communities (European/Achinese/Chinese/Indian/Indian Muslim) to George Town. They were the pioneers to this 'new' land and brought with them their culture, religion, food and traditional practices forming the colourful multi-cultural community which is still evident in George Town today besides the physical buildings and artefact.

Rate: RM50/pax (min 7 people)

Weekend before conference or after the conference on 27 May 2015

If you are interested, please email your choice of trail before your arrival as we will need to enlist a professional tourist guide. Payment can be made on arrival. However, if we do not have the minimum number of people for either trail, we reserve the right to cancel the activity.

If you need any assistance regarding your stay in Penang, do feel free to email me.

Wishing all a beneficial and enjoyable time at the conference

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