WHO-ILEP Joint Drug Resistance Surveillance (DRS) Meeting
5-6 February 2014, Cebu, Philippines

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Cebu

Cebu is located in Central Philippines. It has a land area of 5,000 km² with a population of 4 million. Its capital is Cebu City which is located in the mid-eastern part of the island. Majority of Cebuanos are Roman Catholics.

2. Hotel / Meeting Venue

Cebu Parklane International Hotel
Archbishop Reyes Avenue corner Escario Street
Cebu City, Philippines
Phone: (6332) 234.7000
Fax: (6332) 412.2510

Parklane is strategically located in Cebu’s uptown commercial and business district. It is just a 5-minute walk from a shopping mall where you can do your banking, shopping and dine-outs.

3. Room Accommodation:

Check-in time: 2:00 pm
Check-out time: 12:00nn

For this event, rooms have been reserved at the Parklane Hotel with the following discounted rates:

1. Php 2,300 net /night - single occupancy
2. Php 2,500 net /night - double occupancy
3. Php 3,200 net /night - triple occupancy

Above room rates are inclusive of the following:

- Breakfast buffet at Manuel’s Restaurant (ground floor)
- 24 Hour- Internet Connection
- Access to swimming pool and Gym
- 10% Discount on Laundry Services
- 15% Discount on Business Center Services
- Complementary Bottled Water
- Room rates are already inclusive of 10% service charge and applicable government tax
Participants are requested to confirm booking dates and preferred room accommodation to Dr. Marivic Balagon (csc_epi@yahoo.com) cc: Ms Grace Bordon (mgrace_bordon@yahoo.com) who would be coordinating directly with the hotel for room accommodations. Kindly email your arrival details (TIME and DATE) no later than January 27, 2014.

Kindly mark a copy of your emails to Ms Indu Arya Gulhar (aryai@who.int) and Dr Ranganadha Rao (pemmarajuv@who.int) for proper coordination.

Participants are responsible in settling their hotel bills directly to the hotel upon check-out.

4. Passport and visa

Passports should have at least 6 months validity. Your country may or may not require a visa for a short visit to the Philippines. Kindly check with your travel agency or electronic references. For visa applicants, a “Letter of Invitation” could be requested through the WHO Office.

Please note that visa application fee will not be reimbursed by WHO.

5. Expected Time of Arrival/Expected Time of Departure (ETA/ETD)

All participants are requested to email their ETA/ETD in advance to Ms Indu Arya Gulhar with cc to the following:

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6. Airport

Mactan Cebu International Airport is 45 minutes away from the hotel.

7. Airport transfers

On arrival, a desk for transport services is located at the right side of the main exit area:
• AIRPORT “YELLOW TAXI” (metered). This is operated by airport authorities and is generally safe. Yellow taxis are normally visible right across the exit door, otherwise, you may ask for assistance from airport personnel nearby. Rate: 8-10 US D

• RENT-A –CAR. This is operated by local transport agencies and is generally safe but costly. A representative would normally approach and guide you through the driver-on-duty. Rate: 18 -20 USD.

You may direct the driver by giving the name of your hotel (instead of the hotel address), and he will bring you right to its doorstep.

8. Local SIM cards for mobile phones

At $ 1, Local SIM cards are available at a mall nearby.

9. Language

Cebuanos speak English, Tagalog, native dialect.

10. Currency

Philippine currency is in PESO (Php). Current conversion rate is Php 44 to 45 to the USD. Currency exchange booths are available at the airport, or at any bank and mall near the hotel.

11. Banks

Nearest banks are 5-10 minutes away, right within the business district across the hotel.

12. Climate & weather

Philippines is a tropical country. February is a rainy month with temperatures between 19-28 degrees Celcius.

13. Electricity

The electrical power supply is 220V; a type A or USA type outlet (2-flat prong plug type) is most common. A universal adapter is also available at the mall at less than 5 USD.

14. Government/Business hours

Banking hours: 9 am - 3 pm, Monday to Friday.
Government office hours: 9 am - 5 pm, Monday to Friday
Mall hours: 10 am – 9 pm daily
15. Culture

Cebuanos are generally warm, hospitable and fun-loving.

16. Safety Precautions

Uptown Cebu is generally safe. However, as a precautionary measure, you are advised not to leave your valuables unattended at all times.

17. Contact persons in Cebu and in WHO Office

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