#### **INFORMATION NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS**





# THE 25th SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS



27 February - 3 March 2017 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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#### 1. DATE & TIME

Date : 27 February – 3 March 2017

Venue : The Royale Chulan

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Website: http://web.theroyalechulan-kualalumpur.com/

Kuala Lumpur or KL is a modern metropolis amidst colourful cultures. As one of the most vibrant cities in Asia, KL possesses a distinct and charming character. Visitors will be greeted by the Petronas Twin Towers, a world-renowned icon of the country. The cityscape is a contrast of the old and new, with Moorish styled buildings standing alongside glittering skyscrapers.

This modern city has world-class accommodation facilities and is the venue for prestigious international events. Enjoy the sights and sounds of KL – fascinating culture, exciting places of interest, well-preserved heritage sites and great themed attractions. Added with year-round events and festivals, irresistible shopping opportunities and delicious food, KL is a destination that is not-to-be-missed!

#### 2. GETTING THERE

The meeting venue is merely 62 minutes drive from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). Please be advised that transportation will not be provided. Participants have to arrange for their own transport to the meeting venue.

Taxis are available to take delegates to and from KLIA and throughout Kuala Lumpur. Delegates can choose from taxi and limo services offered by Airport Limo from KLIA to The Royale Chulan hotel. For more information rate or type of taxi or limo please visit KLIA website at: http://www.klia.com.my

From KLIA delegates also may choices to take a bus or Express Rail Link (ERL) train from KLIA to KL Sentral. For more information about the routes and fares please visit KLIA website at: http://www.klia.com.my.

At KL Sentral, delegates need to take Monorail train. The nearest train station by monorail is Raja Chulan station about a 15 minutes walk to the Royale Chulan hotel. For more information about the routes and fares please visit the MyRapid website at: http://www.myrapid.com.my.

#### 3. REGISTRATION

Registration will be conducted at Foyer Taming Sari Grand Ballroom, The Royale Chulan Hotel as follows:

- Sunday, 26 February 2017 1430 1700 hours
- Monday, 27 February 2017 0745 0830 hours

Participants are kindly requested to wear their name badges given during the registration at all functions during the meeting.

#### 4. INTERPRETATION

Interpretation will be provided in three (3) languages: English, French and Spanish during the opening and plenary sessions. The documents produced during the meeting will be translated and distributed in these three (3) languages.

#### 5. WORKING DOCUMENTS

Working documents will be uploaded into the Codex website:

http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=CCFO&session=25

Participants are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed since the document will not be given away. Conference Room Documents (CRD) will be available on the document desk at the foyer of the meeting hall.

#### 6. RECEPTION

A reception for all delegates and observers is scheduled on 27 February 2017 at 2000 hours.

#### 7. INQUIRY DESK

During the meeting, the Inquiry Desk will be located in front of the meeting room to provide general information on the meeting and assistance to the participants.

#### 8. ACCOMMODATION

#### THE ROYALE CHULAN

The Royale Chulan in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia fuses Malay architecture, traditional hospitality, and contemporary luxuries to provide a truly value-filled holiday. The luxurious 5-star hotel, in fact, won the prestigious 2013 Travellers' Choice Award for the Luxury category on TripAdvisor.com for several reasons. The only traditionally inspired hotel in Kuala Lumpur complete with high-pitched tiled roofs, an expansive courtyard and rich heritage motifs.

The Royale Chulan is centrally located in downtown KL. It is within walking distance from the trendy district of Bukit Bintang and mere minutes from the Petronas Twin Towers. Apart from the perfect location, the luxury experience emanates inside opulent rooms with free Wi-Fi Internet access, in every service provided at the highest contemporary standards, down to numerous fine-dining restaurant options onsite.

Meanwhile, at the Telaga Bunga Spa, soothing treatments are provided, and guests can relax in plush comfort by the large outdoor swimming pool. The organizer has made arrangement with the Hotel The Royale Chulan for CCFO delegates. CCFO Delegates will receive exclusive rate:



#### Superior Single Superior Twin / Double

RM430.00nett per room per night inclusive of daily breakfast for one (1) person

RM450.00nett per room per night inclusive of daily breakfast for two (2) person



### Deluxe Single Deluxe Twin/Double

RM450.00nett per room per night inclusive of daily breakfast for one (1) person

RM490.00nett per room per night inclusive of daily breakfast for two (2) person.



#### Premier Single Premier Twin/Double

RM500.00nett per room per night inclusive of daily breakfast for one (1) person

RM570.00nett per room per night inclusive of daily breakfast for two (2) person.



#### Royale Club

RM610.00nett per room per night inclusive Club Floor benefits for two (2) persons.

#### **Executive suite**

RM1050.00nett per room per night inclusive Club Floor benefits for two (2) persons.



#### **Premier Suite**

RM1150.00nett per room per night inclusive Club Floor benefits for two (2) persons.



To book the room, delegates should complete a room reservation form that can be found at: ccfo.moh.gov.my

### OTHER HOTELS LOCATED NEAR THE MEETING VENUE

No.	Hotel	Website	Contact No.	Walking Distance Time
1	Hotel Pullman Kuala Lumpur City Centre	www.pullmanhotels.com	+603 2170 8888	4 minutes
2	Dorsett Kuala Lumpur	www.dorsetthotels.com.my	+603 2716 1000	10 minutes
3	The Westin Kuala Lumpur	www.thewestinkualalumpur.com	+603 2731 8333	10 minutes
4	JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur	www.marriott.com.my	+603 2715 9000	12 minutes

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

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## 2 GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. CLIMATE

Malaysia has a tropical climate and the weather is warm all year round. Temperatures range from 21°C to 32°C and the annual rainfall varies from 2,000 mm to 2,500 mm.

#### 2. PEOPLE AND CULTURE

Endowed with a diversity of cultures, Malaysia offers a 'truly Asian experience'. Discover the delightful fusion of three of Asia's oldest civilization – Malay, Chinese and Indian. A potpourri enriched with the indigenous traditions of the Kadazan Dusuns, Ibans and other ethnic communities of Sabah and Sarawak. Bahasa Melayu (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken. Malaysians also speak various languages and dialects.

When visiting Malaysia, visitors should observe local customs and practices. Some common courtesies and customs are as follows:

- Although handshakes generally suffice for both men and women, some Muslim ladies may acknowledge an introduction to a gentleman with a nod of her head and smile.
- The traditional Malay greeting or salam resembles a handshakes with both hands but without the grasp. The man offers both hands, lightly touches his friend's outstretched hands, then brings his hands to his chest.
- It is polite to call before visiting a home.
- Shoes must always be removed when entering a home.
- Drinks are generally offered to guests. It would be polite to accept.
- The right hand is always used when eating with one's hand or when giving and receiving objects
- The right forefinger is not used to point at places, objects or persons. Instead, the thumb of the right hands, with the four fingers folded under, is the preferred usage.
- Shoes must be removed when entering places of worship such as mosque and temples. Mosques provide robes and scarves for female visitors. Taking photographs at places of worship is usually permitted but always ask for permission first.
- The country's large Muslim population does not drink alcohol.

## 2 GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 3. TIME

Eight (8) hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and 16 hours ahead of U.S. Pacific Standard Time.

#### 4. ELECTRICITY

Voltage is 220 – 240 volts AC at 50 cycles per second.

#### **5. CURRENCY**

The Malaysian currency system uses Malaysian Ringgit (RM), up-to-date exchange rate can be found at Accountant General's Department of Malaysia:

http://www.anm.gov.my/index.php/pertukaran-mata-wang-asing

Foreign currencies can be converted at banks and money changers. All travellers, both residents and non-residents, are required to complete the Traveller's Declaration Form (TDF). The TDF has a blue section for residents and white section for non-residents.

Non-residents are required to declare the exact amount of foreign currency carried when they enter or leave the country only if the amount exceeds the equivalent of USD 2,500.

Banking Hours: • Mon-Fri: 9.30am - 4.pm • Sat-Sun: Closed

# 2 GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **6. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Visitors must be in possession of a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six (6) months beyond the intended visiting period. Citizens of most countries do not require visas for social or business visits.

#### 7. INSURANCE AND HEALTH

Visitors are advised to obtain adequate insurance cover before travelling to Malaysia. Malaysia is free of most contagious diseases. Cholera vaccination is not required for travelers entering Malaysia. Visitors arriving from Yellow Fever Endemic Zones and other affected areas as in **Appendix 1** are required to present International Health Certificates showing Yellow Fever vaccination. This regulation does not apply to children below the age of one. Do check on health regulations with your nearest Malaysia diplomatic mission.

#### 8. EMERGENCIES

Operator Assisted Calls (Domestic & International)	101
Directory Enquiry Service	103
Emergency	999
Tourist Police (Bukit Aman)	+603 - 2266 2222
General Hospital	+603 - 2615 5555
KPJ Tawakkal Specialist Hospital (Private Hospital)	+603 – 4026 7777

# GENERAL INFORMATION Appendix 1

#### A) AFRICA

Angola

Benin

Burkina Faso

Burundi

Cameroon

Central Africa Republic

Chad

Republic of Congo

Democratic Republic of Congo

Cote d'Ivoire

Ethiopia

Gabon

Gambia

Ghana

Guinea

Guinea Bissau

Equatorial Guinea

Kenya

Liberia

Mali

Mauritania

Niger

Nigeria

Rwanda

Senegal

Sierra Leone

Sudan

Togo

Uganda

#### **B) SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA**

Argentina

Bolivia

Brazil

Colombia

Ecuador

French Guiana

Guyana

Paraguay

Panama

Peru

Suriname

Trinidad & Tobago

Venezuela

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Note: The list of Yellow fever endemic countries will be regularly updated by Ministry of Health Malaysia regularly based on WHO list.

Yellow fever vaccination requirement:

- A Yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all visitors or delegates (Malaysians and Foreigners) coming from or going to/through Yellow fever endemic countries (as stated above in WHO list).
- Travellers or delegates without a valid Yellow fever vaccination certificate shall be quarantined upon arrival in Malaysia for a period not exceeding 6 days.
- The period of validity of an international certificate of vaccination against Yellow fever is 10 years, beginning 10 days after the date of vaccination.
- If a person is revaccinated before the end of this period, the validity is extended for a further 10 years from the date of vaccination.
- If the revaccination is recorded on a new certificate, travellers or delegates are advised to retain the old certificate for 10 days until the new certificate becomes valid.

#### PETRONAS TWIN TOWERS (KLCC)

Soaring to a height of 451.9 metres, the 88-storey twin structure is Kuala Lumpur's crown jewel. Majestic by day and dazzling at night, the PETRONAS Twin Towers is inspired by Tun Mahathir Mohamad's vision for Malaysia to be a global player. Together with master architect Cesar Pelli, the international icon powerfully captures the nation's ambitions and aspirations.

Visit us and experience the PETRONAS Twin Towers first-hand. Begin your tour with interactive displays that showcase the journey, from idea to completion. Scale 170 metres in an elevator with a futuristic edge. The doors will open at the Skybridge, a connecting structure between the towers and the world's highest 2-storey bridge. Ascend even higher to level 86, where the story of Malaysia's vision unfolds amid breathtaking views of Kuala Lumpur. Then wrap up your visit with exquisite souvenirs at the gift shop.



#### **KL TOWER**

Standing majestically atop Bukit Nanas at 421 meters and 94 meters above sea level, KL Tower is a prominent feature of the city's skyline and perhaps one of the most enduring images a visitor to KL will remember. Its architecture reflects the country's Islamic heritage, with the construction detailing Arabic scripts, Islamic tiles, classic Islamic floral and abstract motifs and soothing colour combinations.

Besides the panoramic view, KL Tower has something for city dwellers who love nature. The verdant green surrounding Menara KL is the Bukit Nanas Forest - the only oldest gazetted forest reserve in the country. It covers an area of 10.05 hectares and is considered the green lung of Kuala Lumpur. It is sanctuary to a wonderful array of flora and fauna, unique to the country's tropical climate.



The KL Bird Park is located in the serene and scenic Perdana Botanical Gardens, 10 minutes away from the Kuala Lumpur city centre. Home to more than 3,000 birds of 200 local and foreign bird species, the main feature that distinguishes KL Bird Park from other bird parks is the concept of free-flight. Stroll through the park, and take the opportunity to see Mandarin ducks, hawk eagles, hornbills, ostriches and other birds. Visit the Egg Incubation Room and Nursery and see how chicken eggs are artificially incubated using incubators. Don't forget to take photographs with the different species of birds, and catch the feeding programme and daily bird shows taking place at the semi-open air amphitheater at 12.30pm and 3.30pm daily.

#### **NATIONAL MUSEUM**

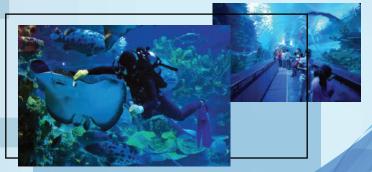


Muzium Negara used to be the site of the Selangor Museum, established in 1898. After the country's independence in 1957, the new federal government built a newer, larger museum on the same spot. Once completed, the reigning King at the time, the Yang di- Pertuan Agong III, Tuanku Syed Putra Al-Haj Ibni Almarhum Syed Hassan Jamalullail officially opened the museum on 31 August 1963. Today, the museum houses various exhibits depicting the historical background of the country. The exhibits are on a rotational basis, so it is best to call the museum ahead to check out what their exhibits are at the time. A walk through the museum grounds will also unveil various national treasures including the istana (palace) of Sultan Zainal Abidin III, Sultan of Terengganu in 1884. The palace, Istana Satu, is built entirely of hardwood, and built in the museum compounds in 1974. Other attractions include the bust of Sir Francis Light, the founder of Penang, as well as the first cable car from Bukit Bendera, Penang.

#### **AQUARIA KLCC**

Nestled in the heart of the bustling Golden Triangle and within walking distance from the iconic Petronas Twin Towers, Aquaria KLCC is a state-of-the-art aquarium showcasing over 5,000 different exhibits of aquatic and land-bound creatures over a sprawling multi-level space in the Concourse Level of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. From the tropical waters of the Asian region to the rainforests of the world, Aquaria KLCC takes you on a journey to discover the fascinating nature of aquatic life as well as the unique behaviour of animals and crawly creatures above water.

Immerse in an absorbing aquatic experience (without getting your feet wet!) from the moment you enter Aquaria KLCC. An educational study charting the course of natural waters flowing from the highlands to the streams and deep sea is devised to help visitors appreciate water as a habitat and ecosystem. Highlights include a 90-metre tunnel tank with a moving travelator where you can marvel at Sand Tiger sharks, stingrays, marine turtles and other sea creatures swimming around unhindered in the vast oceanarium, a spectacular live show of divers feeding these creatures at meal times and a rare opportunity to come into contact with live starfish and bamboo shark at the Touchpool area.

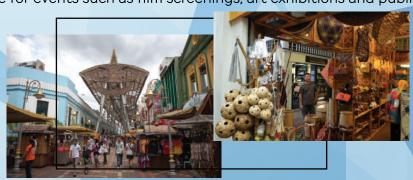


Located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, a few minutes away from Petaling Street, Central Market is a famous landmark for Malaysian culture and heritage. The building was built in 1888 and originally functioned as a wet market. It has since been classified as a Heritage Site. Tourists flock to Central Market for its variety of handicrafts, art, kebaya, songket, batik and authentic Malaysian souvenirs. A Batik Emporium houses well-known designer labels, with the best Malaysian-made batik items ranging from clothes, shoes, bags to home furnishing.

#### **CENTRAL MARKET**



The Central Market Outdoor Stage is where visitors can catch colourful arts and cultural events. During the country's main festivals, the area will be lit up in theme, reflecting the multiracial diversity of Malaysians. For a more contemporary take on the local arts scene, The Annexe Gallery, located at the back of Central Market, is a popular venue for events such as film screenings, art exhibitions and public



#### JALAN TUANKU ABDUL RAHMAN

Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, sometimes referred to as Jalan TAR, was the 'grande dame' of KL shopping in the days before modern shopping complexes took the KL metropolitan city by storm. This stretch of road is flanked by pre-war buildings whose distinctive facades have been preserved and readapted to accommodate modern retailing businesses. Here, you can walk through the archways of shops for an immersion into a shopping and cultural experience that goes back several decades.

Many established shops like G.S. Gill, P. Lal and P.H. Henry chose to remain when others moved out. The shops here offer a wide range of fabrics and textiles, imported leather goods, bags and luggage, carpets, sports goods and winter clothing. Narrow alleys between the shops offer a fantastic range of clothing material at irresistible bargain prices. Other established names offer collections of silver and crystalware. Sogo Shopping Complex and Maju Junction Mall are also located along this stretch.

Every Saturday between 5pm- 10pm, Lorong Tuanku Abdul Rahman is closed to traffic and transformed into a night market ("pasar malam") where petty traders and hawkers sell an assortment of goods in the open air. Walking through it promises to be an interesting experience, and it is also a good place to pick up some casual attire, local products, as well as sample local delicacies.



#### **ISLAMIC ARTS MUSEUM**

Interest in the Islamic arts has grown tremendously in recent years. Reflecting this awareness, in December 1998 Malaysia became home to Southeast Asia's largest museum of Islamic art. The building occupies 30,000 sq.m., situated amid the leafy surroundings of Kuala Lumpur's Perdana Botanical Gardens. The Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia houses more than seven thousand artifacts, as well as an exceptional library of Islamic art books.

The art objects on display range from the tiniest pieces of jewellery to one of the world's largest scale models of the Masjid al-Haram in Mecca. The aim is to create a collection that is truly representative of the Islamic world.

Instead of concentrating on works from the heartlands of Persia and the Middle East, IAMM also puts the emphasis on Asia. China and Southeast Asia are especially well represented. The third component of the Malaysian melting pot is India, which is also given special status. India, China and the Malay world are in an exclusive category.

Other parts of the collection are displayed according to type of artefact rather than geographical origins in the museum's 12 galleries.



#### NATIONAL MOSQUE

The main dome of the National Mosque is designed in the shape of an 18-point star to represent the 13 states of Malaysia and the five central Pillars of Islam, and has the appearance of a partly opened umbrella roof which symbolizes the aspirations of an independent nation.

As one of Southeast Asia's largest mosques, its unique modern design embodies a contemporary expression of traditional Islamic art, calligraphy and ornamentation.



The National Mosque is located right next to the architecturally fabulous old railway station, and just a short walk to the sprawling Lake Gardens and National Monument. If you have the energy, make a walking tour of it by stringing these attractions together.



#### PERDANA BOTANICAL GARDEN

Perdana Botanical Gardens, better known by its old name "Lake Gardens", is the oldest and most popular park in Kuala Lumpur. It lies just on the edge of the city and used to be where the British elite built their fine homes in colonial times.

Today, its landscaped hills and beautiful trails provide an escape for city dwellers out for a jog or some early morning t'ai chi. Its main attraction is the lake surrounded by lush greenery in a 92ha. (227 acres) parkland that provides a refreshing ambience.

Roam through the aviaries at the Bird Park and Butterfly Park. Or take a stroll through the beautiful Deer Park and Orchid Garden, which are all reachable either by foot or by regular shuttle buses. From the gardens, you can also visit other attractions such as the National Monument, the Planetarium and the Islamic Museum.