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OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS
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1. Opening

The Asia-Pacific Workshop on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Petaling Jaya area of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from Monday, 20 March to Friday, 24 March 2017.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 20 March and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the venue.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Department of Chemistry Malaysia

Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI)

Government of Malaysia

Jalan Sultan

46661 Petaling Jaya, Selangor,

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Tel: +603 7985 3190 or +603 7985 3195

Website: www.kimia.gov.my

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

Pre-session documents will be available, in due course on the Secretariat's website at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CPDIWS-2017-01>. Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meetings as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshops.

5. Lab coats

Participants should bring their own lab coat to be used in the laboratory during the hands-on practical.

6. General information on access to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The region of Petaling Jaya is just outside Kuala Lumpur and is serviced by the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), which is about 60km outside the city centre.

Taxis and limousines are readily available for hire from KLIA terminals to Petaling Jaya city centre. Participants should purchase a pre-paid coupon at the taxi/limousine counter situated in the Arrival Hall before proceeding to the taxi stand. Transportation to the Petaling Jaya city centre costs approximately 115MYR (26USD) and takes about 50 minutes.

The train service, known as KLIA Express, is available from KLIA to Kuala Lumpur Sentral Station. Transportation to the Kuala Lumpur Central Station costs 55MYR (13USD) and takes 28 minutes. Information on the train service can be obtained from the information desk located at the KLIA arrivals terminal or at the following website: <http://www.kliaekspres.com>.

From KL Sentral, taxis are available to the meeting venue and/or hotel at a cost of approximately 30MYR (10USD). Alternatively, participants can also transfer to Rapid Kl (LRT) at KL Sentral and go to the Taman Jaya LRT Station at a cost of MYR2.50 (0.60USD). More information is available at <https://www.myrapid.com.my/traveling-with-us/how-to-travel-with-us/rapid-kl/monorail-and-lrts>.

7. Visa information

Participants from certain countries require a visa for Malaysia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Malaysian diplomatic or consular mission as soon as possible in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa. Information on visa procedures for entry into Malaysia can be found at: <http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country>.

A list of relevant Malaysian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website at <http://www.kln.gov.my>.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue, upon request, invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

8. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers having transited more than 12 hours through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. Additional information for Malaysian requirements for yellow fever vaccination can be found at <http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country>.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

9. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the venue is listed in annex A below.

Further information on hotels, as well as tourist information, is available at the official website of Tourism Malaysia at <http://www.tourism.gov.my/>.

10. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Funded participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the workshop.

11. Official language in Malaysia

The official language of Malaysia is Malay (Bahasa Malaysia), However, English is widely spoken as are a number of Chinese and Indian dialects.

12. Weather and time zone information

In March, temperatures in Kuala Lumpur usually range between a maximum of +33°C and a minimum of +23°C, with a high likelihood of rainfall. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=82>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 8 hours.

13. Electricity

The electrical currents are 240 volts, 50 Hertz as shown in the illustration below.



14. Currency

The currency in Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit (MYR). The current exchange rate as of 24 January 2017 is US \$1 = MYR 4.50 and €1 = MYR 4.75 (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com).

15. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat and the host disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this regard, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

ANNEX A

List of hotels with indicative room rates in the vicinity of the venue (Rates subject to change)

HOTELS	Approximate room rates (other room types available)	Remarks
1. The Armada Petaling Jaya Hotel Lot 6, Lorong Utara C, Section 52 46200 Petaling Jaya Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia Tel : (603) 7954 6888 Fax : (603) 7956 8088 Email: armada@armada.com.my Website: http://www.armada.com.my/ Location: http://www.armada.com.my/location/	• Single: 275MYR • Deluxe: 295MYR	Breakfast included WIFI included
2. Hilton Petaling Jaya Hotel No 2 Jalan barat, Petaling Jaya 46200, Malaysia Tel: + 60 3 7955 9122 Fax: + 60-3 7955 3909 E-mail: PetalingJaya.Info@hilton.com Web site: http://tinyurl.com/jhrx6dl	• Single: 379MYR • Deluxe: 429MYR • Executive: 629MYR	Breakfast included WIFI included
3. Crystal Crown Hotel Petaling Jaya No. 12, Jalan Utara, Pjs 52, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Malaysia Tel: +60 3-7958 4422 Website: www.crystalcrown.com.my/	• Superior: 275MYR • Junior Suite: 415MYR	Breakfast included WIFI included
4. Sunrise Hotel No. 15 Jalan barat, Petaling Jaya 46050, Malaysia Tel: +60 3 7955 5555 Fax: +60 3 79556 655 Email: contact@sunrisehotel.com Website: http://sunrisehotel.com.my/	• Standard: 118MYR • Superior: 148MYR • Deluxe: 138MYR	WIFI included
5. Best Western Petaling Jaya No 1 Jalan 13/1 Section 13, Petaling Jaya 46100, Malaysia Tel: +60 3 7610 2222 Web site: http://tinyurl.com/z42cd7f	• Single: 240MYR • Double: 265MYR	Breakfast included WIFI included
