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29th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia & UNWTO Regional Forum on Crisis Communication



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1. CONFERENCE

1.1 Venue of the Conference

The 29th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for the East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia (CSA) & the UNWTO Regional Forum on Crisis Communication will be held at **Radisson Blu Chittagong Bay View Hotel, Chittagong**, Bangladesh on 15-17 March 2017.



As the first upper upscale international accommodation in Chittagong City, the Radisson Blu Chittagong Bay View offers a modern lodging experience within walking distance of M.A. Aziz Stadium and Chittagong Club Limited. Convenient amenities like free high-speed, wireless Internet, a

Business Class Lounge and Chittagong's largest pillar-less event facility allow the delegates to be productive during the stay.

Stylish design, modern convenience and an ideal city location highlight the benefits of the professional meeting space at the Radisson Blu Chittagong Bay View, the leading MICE hotel in the area. The hotel offers versatile solutions with pillar-less ballrooms and boardrooms for hosting the 29th CAP-CSA Joint Meeting & the UNWTO Regional Forum on Crisis Communication, distinguishing the event with the help of professional amenities and services, which include state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, professional event staff and an award-winning culinary team.



1.2 Onsite Registration and badge

Badges and information kits will be distributed to all registered participants on arrival at the registration desk at **Radisson Blu Chittagong Bay View Hotel from 15:00 to 18:00 on 15 May 2017 and 10:00 to 18:00 on 16 May 2017.**

1.3 Conference Website

Delegates can stay connected with up-to-date information on the conference, through the official

website [here](#). Delegates can access all relevant information including the conference programme, conference venue, accommodation options, transportation, visa arrangements, online registration and technical tour. Delegates can also explore the host country, Bangladesh, through this website which will enable them to be more prepared for their trip to Bangladesh.

1.4 Online registration and deadline

Invited delegates are required to register online through the website [here](#). Delegates will use the online registration platform to provide the necessary information for conference registration, airport pick up, and conference tour.

The deadline for online registration is 28 April 2017.

2. TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS AND AIRPORT MEETING SERVICE

The Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism of Bangladesh will warmly welcome all registered delegates who have provided their flight details at **Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka**, as well as **Hazrat Shah Amanot International Airport, Chittagong**. Transportation will be provided for all participants and delegates from **Hazrat Shah Amanot International Airport, Chittagong** to the respective official hotels. Also transportation will be provided for all participants from the official hotels to the meeting venue. There will be information desks at **Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka, Hazrat Shah Amanot International Airport, Chittagong** and all official hotels for all the participants for any kind of logistic support.

In order to organize this service smoothly, delegates are requested to register online indicating their arrival, departure and accommodation details latest by 28 April 2017.

Participants are requested to mention "29th Joint Commission Meeting of UNWTO CSA-CAP" when contacting the hotel for room reservation through mail.

3. ACCOMODATION

3.1 Radisson Blu Chittagong Bay View Hotel (Venue Hotel)

ADDRESS: S SKhaled Road, Lalkhan Bazar, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

TEL: +88031619800

FAX: +88031639966

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Room Type	Rate Per Night
Superior King	US\$ 105 (approx.US\$ 133)
Superior Twin	US\$ 117 (approx.US\$ 148)
Business Class	US\$ 155 (approx.US\$ 197)
Junior Suite	US\$ 255 (approx.US\$ 323)
Executive Suite	US\$ 355 (approx.US\$ 450)
Royal Suite	US\$ 2000 (approx.US\$ 2530)
Presidential Suite	US\$ 3000 (approx.US\$ 3795)

NOTE: ***The above prices are inclusive of breakfast.

***The price in bracket is with 10% service charge and 15% VAT.

3.2 Parjatan Motel Shaikat

ADDRESS: Station Road, Chittagong

TEL: +880312866011-14

FAX: +880312866015

CONTACT PERSON: Mr. Yusuf Patwary, Executive Officer

MOBILE: +880171200747, +8801991139143

EMAIL: motelshaikatbpc@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.parjatan.gov.bd

Room Type	Rate Per Night
International Suite	US\$ 100
Standard Suite	US\$ 70
Double Room	US\$ 30
Twin Room	US\$ 30

NOTE: Rate per night (inclusive Breakfast, VAT & Service Charge)

3.3 Hotel Agrabad

ADDRESS: Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong

TEL: +880 1766665153

CONTACT PERSON: Mr. Himel, Asst. Manager

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WEBSITE: www.agrabadhotel.com

Room Type	Rate Per Night
Executive Deluxe Single	US\$ 70
Executive Deluxe Twin	US\$ 80
Premier	US\$ 90

NOTE: Rate per night (inclusive Breakfast, VAT & Service Charge)

3.4 Well Park Residence

ADDRESS: Boutique Hotel & Suites, O. R. Nizam Road, GEC Circle, Chittagong

TEL: +88031657035, +88031657261

FAX: +88031657036

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Room Type	Rate Per Night
Premium Deluxe (single)	US\$ 45
Premium Deluxe (Couple)	US\$ 51
Premium Twin Suit	US\$ 57
VIP Deluxe (single/couple)	US\$ 69
VIP Twin (02 person)	US\$ 75
VIP Twin (03 Person)	US\$ 75
Crown Deluxe (single/couple)	US\$ 88
Crown Twin (02/03 person)	US\$ 94

NOTE: Rate per night (inclusive Breakfast, VAT & Service Charge)

3.5 Hotel The Peninsula Chittagong

ADDRESS: Bulbul Centre, 486/B CDA Avenue, Chittagong 4000

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WEBSITE: www.peninsulactg.com

Room Type	Rate Per Night
Deluxe Room for Single Occupancy	US\$ 70
Deluxe Room for Couple Occupancy	US\$ 82
Executive Twin Room for Double Occupancy	US\$ 82

NOTE: Rate per night (inclusive Breakfast, VAT & Service Charge)

4. ENTRY FORMALITIES

4.1 Visa Requirements

Prior visa is required for entry into Bangladesh. The Government is offering Visa on Arrival (VOA) for the citizens of some countries. Please see the list of the countries on the link below: <http://visitbangladesh.gov.bd/travel-essentials/visa-service/>.

The visa application must be submitted selecting the Bangladesh Embassy/High Commission in the country where the applicant is located. In the absence of an Embassy/ High Commission in the country of residence or the countries which are not included in the VOA list, special arrangements for Visa on Arrival (VOA) will be offered at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka to only the registered participants. In that case all the participants who need Visa on Arrival (VOA) are requested to send all the information at least 15 days prior to the event. All participants and delegates must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 06 months validity, or proper travel document and secure an invitation letter from the organizer. VOA fee is chargeable. For more information about VISA, please contact **Mr. Shahjahan Kabir, Executive Officer, Bangladesh Tourism Board (Cell: +8801980407427, +8801712144676)**, EMAIL: btbnto@gmail.com, unasirbcs@gmail.com, bhubonbiswas@gmail.com, bhubonbiswas@yahoo.com

4.2 Customs Regulations

For more information regarding customs regulations and restricted items, please visit the following website: <http://www.dip.gov.bd/> AND <http://customs.gov.bd/index.jsf>



5. TECHNICAL TOUR

A Tour of Chittagong City (Half day sightseeing) will be organized for participants. It will start from 14:30 to 18:00 on 16 May 2017.



one of the oldest buildings of the port city. To the east, across CRB Road, is Railway Hospital at CRB, built in 1994.

Ethnological Museum:

The Ethnological Museum of Chittagong is the only ethnological museum in Bangladesh and is located in Agrabad area, Chittagong. The Museum contains displays featuring the history of Bangladesh's tribal people. The Ethnological Museum was established in 1965 and the museum



opened to the public in 1974.

The following tourist attractions may be visited during the tour:

Central Railway Building (CRB)

This Building is situated in the scenic hilly area of Chittagong, Bangladesh. It is the governing office of the general manager of Bangladesh Railway. The building was completed in 1872; it is



Foy's Lake:

The lake is a man-made lake in Chittagong, Bangladesh. It was created in 1924 by constructing a dam across the stream that came down from the hills in the northern part of Chittagong. The purpose

Patenga Sea Beach

Patenga is a sea beach located 14 Km south of the city of Chittagong, Bangladesh. It is near the mouth of the Karnaphuli River. Patenga is a popular tourist spot. The beach is very close to the Bangladesh Naval Academy of Bangladesh Navy and Shah Amanat International Airport.





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Batali Hill

Batali Hill is the highest hill in the city of Chittagong, Bangladesh. It is located near the Tiger Pass crossing, about 1 kilometer from the center of the city, and falls under Pahartali Thana. The hill is about 280 feet high. Foy's Lake, the largest

man-made lake in Chittagong, is situated next to the hill.

Shrine of Bayazid Bastami

The Shrine of Bayazid Bastami is a shrine in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Bayazid Bostami was a famous Persian Sufi born in Bostam, Iran. Its shrine area as a complex consists of a tomb surrounded by a brick structure along with an old mosque and a large pond. The whole complex is located on a hillock of Nasirabad, considered to be a holy place and attracts a large number of visitors and pilgrims daily.



World War II Cemetery

The Chittagong Commonwealth War Cemetery is a Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in Chittagong, Bangladesh. The cemetery was created by the British Army, and there were originally about 400 burials. It was established in honor of the soldiers and others who died in World War II.

6. ABOUT BANGLADESH

6.1 Country profile

Bangladesh under the great leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman emerged as an independent and sovereign country in 1971 following a nine-month war of liberation. The majority (about 86.6%) of the people are Muslim, and the rest are Hindus, Buddhists and Christians. Over 95% of the people speak Bengali. English however is widely spoken. There is an elected single-house Parliament in Bangladesh, known as Bangladesh Jatiya Sangshad (National Parliament) on which the legislative power of the Republic is vested. The speaker presides over the Parliament. The Prime Minister is the leader of the House, who is also the Head of the Government, while the President is the Head of State. The people of Bangladesh are very simple and friendly. Sound communal harmony among the different religions in this country has ensured a very congenial atmosphere in the country.



6.2 Tourism in Bangladesh

With its impeccable natural beauty, ancient relics and warm hospitality, Bangladesh is blessed with the potential to be an amazing tourist destination. Situated between India and Myanmar with the entire south edged by the Bay of Bengal, this South Asian country is criss-crossed by hundreds of rivers



making it an interesting delta. Sprawling green hills and valleys along with mangrove forest and a long stretch of sea beaches also add value to the spectacular natural beauty of this land. It is no surprise that this land has attracted priests, traders and wanderers from different parts of the world since the ancient period.

Bangladesh is a land of diversity. It has a vast population of 160 million which include Muslims, Hindus, Christians, Buddhists and others who live in absolute communal harmony. The widely varied religions have an impact on the cultural diversity of the country, making it colourful, interesting and lively. There are many spots of tourist interest in Bangladesh. These include nature-driven ones like sea beaches, green valleys, forests, Archaeological and Historical sites, Iconic religious places, cultural events, and man-made wonders. Thus, Bangladesh is a unique tourist destination where one can find the scope for all kinds of tourist interest. Being the world's single largest mangrove forest, the Sundarbans is the pride of the country.

6.3 About Chittagong-the Port City

Chittagong is the 2nd largest city of Bangladesh. As the commercial capital of Bangladesh, it has a busy International seaport and airport. Its green hills, spacious sandy beach and elegant cool climate always attract holiday-makers. Described by the Chinese traveller - poet, Huen Tsang (7th century AD) as "a sleeping beauty emerging from mists and water" and given the title of "Porto Grande" by the 6th century Portuguese seafarers, Chittagong remains true to both descriptions even today. It is the country's staple port and is the main site for the establishment of heavy, medium and light industries. Shah Amanat International Airport, the second largest international airport, has been newly constructed on the exquisite seashore of Patenga.

Chittagong is situated in the southern part of Bangladesh. The panoramic beauty of Chittagong and its surrounding districts is very much enchanting as the area is a little hilly whereas the other part of Bangladesh is a plane land. The city is very rich in ethnic culture, beauty and a few touristic attractions. There is a museum of ethnic culture and heritage in Chittagong. The city is also famous for its 2nd World War cemetery. The Longest Sea beach- Cox's Bazar is only 2.5 hours' journey from Chittagong City by road. Its hill districts are almost 2-3 hours' journey from the City by road. About 10-15 flights are operated daily from Dhaka to Chittagong. The venue hotel- Radisson Blu Chittagong Bay View and other official hotels like Hotel Peninsula, Hotel Well Park, Motel Shaikat and Hotel Agrabad offer all kinds of modern facilities to tourists.



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7. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

7.1 General Information

Official Name: The People's Republic of Bangladesh

Capital: Dhaka

Main Cities: Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Sylhet, Barishal, Cox'sbazar

Population: 160,000,000 (One hundred and sixty million)

Form of Government: Parliamentary form of Democracy

Religion: Islam

Language: Bangla, English is widely spoken and understood

Head of the Government: H E Sheikh Hasina, MP

Minister for Tourism: H E Rashed Khan Menon, MP

7.2 Local currency and Exchange rate

The local currency of Bangladesh is Bangladeshi TAKA. Foreign banknotes and **credit cards** can be exchanged for Bangladeshi Taka at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka, Hazrat Shah Amanot International Airport, Chittagong as well as at Banks and other authorized money changers. As of March 2017, 1 USD is equivalent to approximately 80.50 Bangladeshi TAKA.

7.3 Climate

The average temperature of Chittagong is 25°C. In the month of May the temperature ranges between 25°C-30°C.

7.4 Dress code

Participants are advised to bring tropical wear. Formal attire (business suit) is required at official sessions. Long-sleeved shirts and ties are recommended for men and formal attire for women to attend the evening social events.

7.5 Official Language

Bangla is the official language; however English is widely spoken and understood. The official language of the conference will be English.

7.6 Time Zone

The official time in Bangladesh is 6 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT + 6)

7.7 Electricity

Electricity in Bangladesh is 220-240 AC (Standard flat pin plug)

7.8 Insurance



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Participants may wish to take out adequate travel insurance and health insurance before leaving their respective countries. The host has no insurance coverage for the participants and will not be held responsible for any accident that may occur during the conference.

7.9 Business Hours

Government offices are open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM from Sunday to Thursday. Banks and Financial institutions are open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Banks and Government offices are closed on the weekends and public holidays. (Note: Friday and Saturday are the weekends in Bangladesh). Shops are generally open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 pm.

7.10 Safety and security

No vaccination is required except for participants from yellow fever and HIV infected countries.

The government of Bangladesh will ensure the safety and security of all participants and delegates. All necessary precaution will be taken to ensure that the conference and the meeting proceed efficiently.

7.11 Other Information

For more information, please visit <http://www.tourismboard.gov.bd/>

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