



**International Foundation for Production Research  
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Marriott Hotel Manila, Philippines (Aug 2-6, 2015)**



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International Conference on Production Research

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theme: Operational Excellence towards Sustainable Development Goals  
(SDG) through Industry 4.0

Aug 2-6, 2015

Conference Venue: Marriott Hotel Manila

Subject: Conference Program, transport, visa, etc.

Dear authors and participants:

As our ICPR23 Conference at Manila, Philippines (Aug 2-6, 2015) is getting close, ICPR23 would like to give you the relevant information for your preparation in the form of circulars. As Philippine economy is observing promising growth, tens of infrastructure construction are on-going, and this will affect the comfort of travel. Please read very carefully especially on airport terminals and strategic hotel locations to minimize travelling time.

## 1. Conference Programme

The detailed conference programme will be sent to you under separate email, but please check the latest version in ICPR23 website ([www.piie.org/icpr23](http://www.piie.org/icpr23)) from time to time. The summary programme is shown below; it should serve as a good basis for your Manila trip planning:

July 31 - Aug 2, 2015 @ De La Salle University	IFPR Doctoral and Early Career workshops (need a separate application and upon approval by workshop committee Dr. Rob Dekkers <a href="mailto:rob.dekkers@glasgow.ac.uk">rob.dekkers@glasgow.ac.uk</a> )
Aug 2 - 5, 2015 @ Marriott Hotel Manila	ICPR23 Conference Proper
Aug 6, 2015 @ Laguna and Taal Volcano (tentative)	Technical Tour with touristic social lunch (See registration form for optional fee)

There is shuttle service between De La Salle University and Marriott Hotel for the participants, organizer will contact all participants on a latter date if they want to avail of the shuttle service for headcount.

Marriott Hotel is in front of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3. Please note that Terminal 1, 2, and 4 are not far though, but travelling time from these terminals to T3 can range 15 min to 60 min due to new airport freeway construction work and rainy season flooding condition.

## 2. Logistical Information

### Visa

**Participants are responsible** for ensuring that they have made appropriate arrangements for entry to Philippines, where applicable. All ASEAN and some 80 nationals can enter Philippines without visa. If you are not sure, please check with Philippine mission in your country and visit [www.dfa.gov.ph/index.php/site-administrator/visa-information](http://www.dfa.gov.ph/index.php/site-administrator/visa-information).

The Philippines is a country with great hospitality; in the past conferences, participants find it easier to enter the conference country as a tourist instead of applying for a conference visa.

### Weather

The weather in Philippines can be hot (34C), but June to November is rainy season in the entire Pacific region covering Philippines, Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam, and coastal China. **DO BRING extra gears such as umbrella or jacket with you! Check the weather online.** The Meeting room where the conference is to be held is air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 18-22 degrees Celsius. **Please buy travel insurance that covers medical and travel plan change due to weather condition.**

### Conference Venue and Airport Terminal 3

The ICPR23 conference will be held in Marriott Hotel Manila.  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mnlap-manila-marriott-hotel/>

Please note that this facilities is brand new (construction of the conference center will be completed in midyear 2015) and ICPR23 will be one of the first users.

The hotel is selected primarily of its strategic location of fronting the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 (NAIA3).  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ninoy\\_Aquino\\_International\\_Airport#Terminal\\_3](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ninoy_Aquino_International_Airport#Terminal_3)

Please put forth priority to select an airline that flies into this terminal NAIA3. Marriott and Remington Hotel guests have hourly free airport shuttle service. These airlines are:

1. Cathay Pacific
2. Singapore
3. Delta
4. Emirates
5. KLM
6. Low cost airline - Cebu Pacific
7. All Nippon Airways

The national carrier, Philippine Airlines, and other airlines fly into NAIA2 and NAIA1, respectively. The distance between the terminals are not far though, but travelling time by taxi (or free shuttle) ranges from 15 minute to 60 minutes due to new airport freeway construction work and rainy season flooding conditions.

## **Hotel Accommodations**

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel booking at Marriott

For other hotels recommendation, please see attachment for our researched list. You may use various options, either use your other travel services in your home country or internet travel services, such as [www.agoda.com](http://www.agoda.com) to find hotel of your own choice.

Read carefully the remarks in those hotel attachments. Travel time (outside Marriott and Remington Hotels) may range from 20 min - 70 min. There will be shuttle service for workshop participants between De La Salle University workshop and ICPR23 Conference. Participants will be asked on the latter date for exact headcount.

## **Airport Transportation to Marriott Hotel Conference Venue**

Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Manila international airports to their respective hotels. Participants need only to fly into Manila. This international airport - officially called Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) - has four terminals, all located adjacent to each other, but note that the travelling time may range from 15 min to 60 min due to on-going new airport freeway construction and rainy season flooding condition. You are likely to arrive in Terminal 2 (Philippine Airline), Terminal 3 (Cathay Pacific, Delta, Singapore, Emirates, KLM, and Cebu Pacific), or Terminal 1 (others). Terminal 4 is currently exclusively used for domestic flights.

In case you are using other low-cost airline such as AirAsia or Tiger Air, you may arrive at the Clark International Airport. This airport is located 90 km from Manila City. There is a regular shuttle bus that brings you to Manila City from that airport.

**For the NAIA**, one should take the official airport taxi to your hotel. Please use the fixed rate taxi, as Manila on-going construction and rainy season road condition may bring your metered taxi fare to high cost. Marriott and Remington hotel guests have free hourly shuttle service, as they are located right in front of the terminal 3.

**For the Clark Airport**, please use the regular shuttle bus (1.5 hours ride) to arrive in Metro Manila, before you catch a local taxi. Make sure that the taxi uses meter prior to riding.

Check the internet information for the latest development.

## **City Tours**

Finally, for those who want to explore Manila! The conference venue is located beside Resort World Manila, which houses a mall and other functions.

For day trip tours, we attach some information sheets and please contact directly with the travel agent.

Everbright Travel Agency  
Miss Carla  
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The optional technical tour on Aug 6 will include a touristic area for lunch, tentatively set at Tagaytay City overlooking Taal Volcano.

For shopping, Mall of Asia, used to be the second largest shopping mall in the world can be reached by taxi within 45 minutes. If you want to challenge your physical ability, you may well plan and prepare yourself for a one- or two-day walk inside this mall to explore all the shops. For more information of this mall, please visit the website <http://www.smmallofasia.com/>.

There are many other places beside shopping, the city is rich of cultural heritage at the old Spanish town, located in Intramuros. Nature also calls for your visit at the Taal Volcano, the smallest active volcano in the world. This is located in Tagaytay City, about 40 km away from the conference venue, and in early morning you can reach there within 45 minutes via freeway.

## **Currency and others**

As of March 2015, exchange rate is US\$ 1 = Philippine Pesos 44.85. Over the last 12 months, the range is between 44 to 45.

For other information, please feel free to write to the secretariat. We will try our best to answer.

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