



LOGISTICS NOTE

IADI-SEACEN Conference on Emerging Challenges for Deposit Insurance Systems and Policy Implications 7 November 2024, Sasana Kijang, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ENTRY TO MALAYSIA

All visitors are required to **hold a passport that is valid for at least 6 months** from the time of entry into Malaysia. Please check with the Embassy of Malaysia in your country if a visa is required to enter Malaysia. Please ensure that you have the necessary visa (if applicable) to enter Malaysia before you depart for the event.

For information and the terms and conditions of entry into Malaysia, please refer to: <u>https://www.malaysia.gov.my/portal/content/28905</u>

Please ensure that you have adhered to the necessary health requirements before entering Malaysia, where applicable. To assist you with this, please visit this website: <u>Centres</u> for Disease Control and Prevention in Malaysia

ARRIVAL AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KLIA)

Delegates are to make their own arrangements to travel from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) to the chosen hotel. The following are several transport options available.

Service Provider	Estimated Cost	Details
KLIA Ekspres	RM 55 (Single)	Tickets can be bought online at <u>https://www.kliaekspres.com/</u> or at the counter/ticket machines.
Grab	RM65 – RM180	Requires downloading a Grab mobile app. Cost depends on type of car selected excluding the toll fares
Airport Limo (Taxi Service)	RM95 – RM250	Ticketing counter is located at the International Arrival Hall (Level 3), just after the baggage claims hall and after passing through the immigration and custom check points. Additional 50% surcharge may apply on Midnight (12:00am - 6:00am)

Please take note that there will be illegal taxi drivers at the entrance to the Arrival Hall. They will offer to drive you to Kuala Lumpur for a certain amount of fare. You may choose to board their taxis but, please beware that you will have to pay fares that may be more expensive than the ones offered by the Airport taxi service.

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION

Kindly be advised that delegates are to settle their own expenses directly with the hotel upon checking-in and the rates are applicable via sending the booking to the hotel reservation only.

Each delegate is responsible for the reservation and payment of his/her hotel room and all incidental charges by his/her personal credit card or by cash.

Check-in/out: Check-in time is after 15:00hrs. Check-out time is before 12:00hrs. For any guests who would like immediate guaranteed access to their rooms prior to 15:00hrs check-in time, this will be subject to availability and additional costs.

Option 1: Hilton Kuala Lumpur

3, Jalan Stesen Sentral Kuala Lumpur Sentral 50470 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Tel: +603 2264 2264

A block-booking has been made at Hilton Kuala Lumpur. The deadline for reservation at blockbooking rates is **Friday**, **11 October 2024**. Please find below the room rates:

Room Category	Single Occupancy with One Breakfast	Double Occupancy with Two Breakfast
Deluxe Room	RM490.00++	RM530.00++

Reservation link:

https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/kulhihi-916-fa364517-063c-4852-a62cc0a56a943ee7/

Option 2: Le Meridien Kuala Lumpur 2, Jalan Stesen Sentral, Kuala Lumpur Sentral 50470 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Tel: +603 2263 7888

A block-booking has been made at Le Meridien Kuala Lumpur. The deadline for reservation at block-booking rates is **Friday**, **11 October 2024.** Please find below the room rates:

Room Category	Single Occupancy with One Breakfast	Double Occupancy with Two Breakfast
Deluxe Room	RM500.00++	RM550.00++

Reservation link:

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservationlink.mi?id=1725335128961&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true

PROGRAMME ARRANGEMENT

Conference Venue

Conference Hall 1, Ground Level, Sasana Kijang, Bank Negara Malaysia, Jalan Dato' Onn, 50480 Kuala Lumpur

Meals

Lunch and tea/coffee breaks will be catered for during the event.

Specific food preferences, if any, may be intimated in advance. The organizer would coordinate with the caterer and try to provide the choices wherever, it is feasible.

Ground Transport

Please note that SEACEN will provide transport to and from the official accommodations. Delegates are requested to assemble at Level P3 for daily pick-up to Sasana Kijang. Kindly be aware that the Hilton Kuala Lumpur and Le Meridien Kuala Lumpur share the same portecochere at Level P3. Assistance is available from the guest service assistant in the hotel lobby.

Delegates who stay elsewhere, other than the recommended official accommodation, will need to arrange their own transport to attend the event.

INSURANCE

Delegates are advised to obtain the necessary travel and health insurance before leaving their respective countries.

CONTACT PERSON

If you need further assistance, please contact the following official at the address below:

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON MALAYSIA

Climate

Malaysia's climate is tropical, high both in temperature and humidity, and dominated by monsoons with temperatures in Kuala Lumpur approximately 32-36 degrees Celsius in the daytime while the nights are somewhat cooler at 22-24 degrees Celsius.

In Malaysia, the monsoon period begins in November and tails off around mid-late January each year and affects mainly the states on the East Coast, such as Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan.

Holidays and Public Holidays

With its multi-ethnic population, it is not surprising that almost every month sees a different festival. Some of these are declared as Public Holidays. As festivals vary from year to year, it is best to check the dates with the nearest tourist information centre or Tourism Malaysia Office before you plan your trip to Malaysia.

During Malaysia's official public holidays, expect government offices to be closed, as well as some shops and restaurants, depending on the ethnicity of the shop owner or restaurant owner. During Eid Mubarak and Chinese New Year, you can expect many shop and restaurant closings. However, look out for special sales and celebrations. Also count on public parks, shopping malls, and beaches to be more crowded during public holidays, as locals will be taking advantage of their time off.

Gastronomy

Malaysia has many kinds of restaurants almost everywhere in the cities and towns. There are Malay Restaurants, Chinese Restaurants, Indian Restaurants, Thai Restaurants and more. Eating out in Malaysia is a real gastronomic adventure. Popular Malaysian dishes include satay, nasi lemak, rendang, roti canai, murtabak, laksa, chicken rice, and fried noodles.

Local Time

Malaysia standard time is 7 hours ahead of Greenwich Meridien Time (GMT+7).

Service Charge and Tax

There is a 10% service charge and 8% SST.

Currency

The Malaysian Ringgit is the currency of Malaysia. It is divided into 100sen (cents). The Ringgit is issued by the Bank Negara Malaysia.

Travellers are advised to bring a combination of traveller's cheques, cash and credit cards. Credit cards are widely used in larger shopping establishments and hotels. Smaller establishments accept transactions in cash only. Those embarking on an island trip are advised to make prior financial arrangements on the mainland. Foreign currency can be exchanged in banks and authorised money exchange facilities at the airports and money changers around the country.

ATMs are available in most public areas.

Business and Banking Hours

Banking hours are from 09:15 to 16:30 Mondays to Thursdays and 09:15 - 16:00 on Fridays. The major branches for some banks situated in shopping malls are generally open in the evenings and on Saturdays from 11.00 - 14:00. Banks are closed on Sundays. Visitors are advised to obtain further information on local banking hours upon arriving at their destinations.

Government offices are open from 08:00 until 17:30pm on weekdays. There is a long lunch break on Fridays (12:15 – 14:45) to allow the Muslims to perform their prayers.

Shops are usually open from 10:00 until 22:00 every day, including public holidays.

Electrical Appliances

The voltage used in Malaysia is 230/240 volts-50 hz. If your electrical appliance uses 110/120 volts, you need to use a **transformer/converter** to step down the 230/240 volts Malaysian voltage to your 110/120volt appliances. Failing to do so will damage your electrical appliances.

If your electrical appliances use 230/240 volts, you may just need to use the wall outlet plug **adapters** WA-7 or #5 listed below.

Malaysia uses the British Standard **BS 1363** domestic AC power plugs and sockets. This design is not only in use in the United Kingdom and Ireland, but also in Sri Lanka, Cyprus, Malta, Gibraltar, Botswana, Ghana, Hong Kong, Macau, Brunei, Oman, Singapore, Kenya, Nigeria, Iraq, and Qatar. BS 1363 is also standard in several of the former British Caribbean colonies such as St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenada.