

ISBITM Circular 2014 1216

Welcome to all ISBITM Conference 2015 participants!

While we are getting ready and sending you now programme and plan for the January 24-26, 2015 conference in Bali, Indonesia; we received some inquiries from the participants. We draft the following information that could be useful in your travel preparation.

1. Conference Venue and the Conference Hotel
WEBSITE: <http://www.grandmirage.com/>

GRAND MIRAGE RESORT (BALI) HOTEL
Jl. Pratama No 74, Tanjung Benoa, Bali 80363, Indonesia
Tel.No.: 62 361 771 888
Fax No.: 62 361 773 872; 62 (361) 772148

In our earlier communications, we have provided you the hotel contact for room booking (rate was USD125 per room including breakfast) but the rate was good until Nov 30, 2014. If you wish to stay in the same hotel, you may write them again or use other web engine (e.g. agoda.com; booking.com, etc.) to make your booking. Non-refundable room rate in these engines may sometimes be cheaper than the official conference discount rate. Please also note that there are sometimes hidden costs (e.g. taxes), no-breakfast, and other conditions.

If you wish to use other nearby hotel, please feel free but please allow ample time to travel to the conference venue.

2. Programme

The tentative programme of the conference is attached. Please come to the conference venue on Jan 24 (Sat) at 6 pm for registration and welcome dinner. The restaurant venue will be announced and posted in the hotel lobby.

If you would like to request for a special presentation time period, we can only try our best to swap it with other slot if it is possible. Please send your request on or before Dec 26, 2014. We will reply by Jan 7 if the request can be done after consulting presenter/s involved.

3. Visa to Indonesia

As most ASEAN countries and Asian economies can enter Indonesia without visa, as well as 64 countries can also obtain visa upon arrival; participants are advised to double check with the Indonesian embassy (website) in your country for latest update. In the past years, the participants normally arrived using tourist status. Applying for a conference visa can be much more complicated.

You can also check official and travel advice websites, such as <http://www.bali-expat-business.com/indonesia-visa.php?p=17>.

4. Weather in Bali

December – January period can be rainy season but last week of January may be sunny and good for the beach-goers. As climate change is common now everywhere, please check weather forecast using www.weather.yahoo.com or others.

5. Local tour

There are many local travel agents in Bali; upon arrival in the hotel you will find many brochures. Make sure that you get several quotes before you commit to the offer.

6. Airport to the Hotel / Conference Venue

From airport, the hotel is 25-40 minute drive away. The vicinity map is provided below for your convenience.

a. Taxi cab

When you leave the airport building door, turn to your right, and there is an official airport authority taxi vending office. There is a standard rate listed, and you pay the office. One taxi cab will be assigned to you. This is the safest way to get a taxi from airport although the taxi price is little bit higher than roadside.

b. Airport transfer

You may wish to contact the hotel where you are staying directly, and arrange for a pick-up. This is especially useful if you are arriving in late evening or if you have big luggage. Airport taxi has very limited space for luggage unless you are traveling by yourself or one companion only.



Source: <http://www.grandmirage.com/en/map-facilities>

