

4th SYMPOSIUM OF THE ICTM STUDY GROUP ON PERFORMING ARTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (PASEA)

31 July – 6 August 2016

Local Arrangements — First Notice



About Penang

Located on the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Penang is a popular island resort. It is known for its beautiful beaches and rich multicultural heritage. Inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site together with Malacca, Penang is home to many colourful festivals, performing and visual arts, and exquisite cuisine.

[See

<http://www.tourismpenang.net.my/>]

The 4th Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Performing Arts of Southeast Asia (PASEA 2016) will be held at **CITITEL Hotel** that is situated in the heart of George Town, the capital city of Penang. Participants will be able to experience the vibrant street life, history, performances and food that are easily available in the city, they can participate in the programs and performances of the George Town Festival that also will take place during the first week of August [see <http://www.cititelpenang.com/default-en.html> for location of hotel].

Conference Registration Fee (including 2 coffee breaks and buffet lunch for 6 days)

	Early bird fee (before 1 st April 2016)	Regular Fee (by 30 th June 2016)
Students (Local/ International) with valid identification	RM 280.00	RM 320.00
Non-students (Local/ Southeast Asia)	RM 550.00	RM 600.00
Non-students (International)	USD 170.00	USD 200.00

Note: USD 170 is approximately equivalent to RM 731; USD 200 is approximately equivalent to RM 860 (exchange rate might change in 2016)

Information about registration and payments will be made in January 2016.

Presenters are requested to register as a **member of ICTM** prior to the symposium. ICTM membership may be paid directly to the ICTM Secretariat at <http://www.ictmusic.org/membership>

Currency (as of October 2015, the rate may change in 2016)

1USD = 4.3 Ringgit

1 Euro = 4.8 Ringgit

Excursions

One day will be set aside for excursions. There are 2 options:

1. Guided tour of George Town and introduction to its multicultural history by trained guides from George Town World Heritage Institute (GTWHI)

[see <http://www.timeout.com/penang/things-to-do/gtwhi-lacala-discovery-walk>]. This tour should take half a day only.

Payment for guided tour: RM 20 each person (to be paid during the conference registration)

2. For those who wish to explore the beautiful island, we recommend the Hop-on Hop off Bus tour. Please buy your own tickets as you get on the bus. Cost RM 45 for a full day.

See <http://www.myhoponhopoff.com/pg/index.php?pageid=2> for the route map and other information.

Transportation

Penang has an international airport that is connected directly to some cities in the region such as Hong Kong and Bangkok. Most participants will have to fly into Kuala Lumpur and take a connecting flight to Penang (flight time 50 minutes). Besides the national carrier Malaysia Airlines, budget airlines such as Air Asia, Firefly or Malindo Air also fly from Kuala Lumpur to Penang.

Each participant will be responsible for his/her own transportation from the airport to the hotel and to the conference location. Official taxis from the airport to the city will cost about RM 40. There are also public buses (RM2-3) from the airport to the city. You can catch the bus outside of the terminal. Information about buses and taxis from the airport to the city can be obtained at: <http://www.penangairport.com/getting-to-penang-airport/penang-airport-buses.htm>.

There are also buses (4-5 hours) or electric trains (3-4 hours) connecting Kuala Lumpur to Penang. For information about the electric train to Penang, see <http://www.travel-penang-malaysia.com/ets-train-kl-to-penang.html>. Travel time for the electric train is about 3-4 hours. The train stops in Butterworth (mainland), there is ferry service from the train station to the island.

For a reliable bus service from Kuala Lumpur to Penang see:

https://www.aeroline.com.my/time_promo.html?gclid=CjwKEAjwnf2wBRCf3sOp6oTtnjYSJAANOfhecb3LXH22ywTk0W2UWID_oEzlsSGqG6GgZI5phamM2hoCcvLw_wcB.

Tickets for both can be bought online.

Visa Requirements

Please check the website to see if a visa to enter Malaysia is required:

<http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country>

Stay connected

The Conference hotel will provide free wireless Internet during the conference and in the rooms. Local SIM cards for mobile phones can be purchased in most shops.

Where to Stay

There are many hotels of different categories in the city of George Town that are close to the conference hotel. Participants are required to make their own bookings directly with the hotel that they wish to stay in (including the conference hotel). We encourage participants to book early; you might be able to get better rates through booking.com or agoda.com. Also the first week of August coincides with the George Town Heritage Festival and hotels tend to be fully booked at that time. Some suggestions include:

Conference Hotel [4 Star]:

Name: CITITEL PENANG

Address: 66 Jalan Penang, 10000 Penang

Phone: +604-291 1188

Fax: + 604-370 1185

For the special conference rates, email directly to En Sufi Omar:

noorsufi.mktg@cititelpenang.com

or telephone: 604-291 1024 ext 8324

[Special conference rates]

Standard Room (with 1 breakfast)	RM 228.00 + RM 3.00 nett
Standard Room (with 2 breakfasts)	RM 246.00 + RM 3.00 nett
Superior Room (with 1 breakfast)	RM 257.00 + RM 3.00 nett
Superior Room (with 2 breakfasts)	RM 275.00 + RM 3.00 nett
Deluxe Room (with 1 breakfast)	RM 286.00 + RM 3.00 nett
Deluxe Room (with 2 breakfasts)	RM 404.00 + RM 3.00 nett

Other Hotels in the Vicinity

Rates might change next year.

Name : Bayview Georgetown Hotel (4 star)
Address : 25-A Lebuhr Farquhar, 10200 Penang
Phone : +604-2633161
Fax : +604-2634124
Email : bayviewgeorgetown@bayviewhotels.com
Rate : Standard room : RM236.20 nett (without breakfast)

Name : Yeng Keng Hotel (boutique hotel, 4 star)
Address : 362, Chulia Street, Georgetown 10200 Penang
Phone : +604-2622177
Fax : +604-2623177
Email : reservations@yengkenghotel.com
Rate : Standard room : RM286.00 nett (with breakfast)

Name : Banana Boutique Hotel (4 star)
Address : No 422, Chulia Street, 10200 Georgetown Penang
Phone : +604-2610718
Fax : +604-2610771
Email : info@bananaboutiquepenang.com
Rate : Standard room : RM174.90 nett (with breakfast)

Name : Hotel Continental Penang (3 star)
Address : 5, Penang Road, 10000 Pulau Pinang
Phone : +604-2636388
Fax : +604-2638718
Email : hotelconti@po.jaring.my
Rate : Standard Room : RM140.00 nett (with breakfast)

Name : Hotel Malaysia Penang (3 star)
Address : 7 Penang Road, 10000 Pulau Pinang
Phone : +604-2633311
Fax : +604-2631621
Email : info@hotelmalaysia.com.my
Rate : Standard Room : RM140.00 nett (with breakfast)

Budget Hotels

Name: Ryokan Chic Hostel (2 Star)
Address: 62, Jalan Muntri, George Town, Malaysia
Website: http://hotels.tourismpenang.net.my/Hotel/Ryokan_Chic_Hostels.htm
Standard room: RM 102 per night with breakfast

Name : Syok at Chulia Street
Address : 458, Chulia Street, 10200 Georgetown Penang
Website: <http://www.staysyok.com>
Rate : Standard Room: RM50.00 nett (include breakfast)

Name: Red Inn Heritage Guesthouse
Address: 15, Love Lane, 10200 George Town, Penang. Phone : +(604) 261 3931
Website : www.redinnpenang.com
Standard room: from RM 50.00 per night.

For other budget hotels see:

<http://www.tourismpenang.net.my/index.php/George-Town/budget-hotels-inns-in-george-town>