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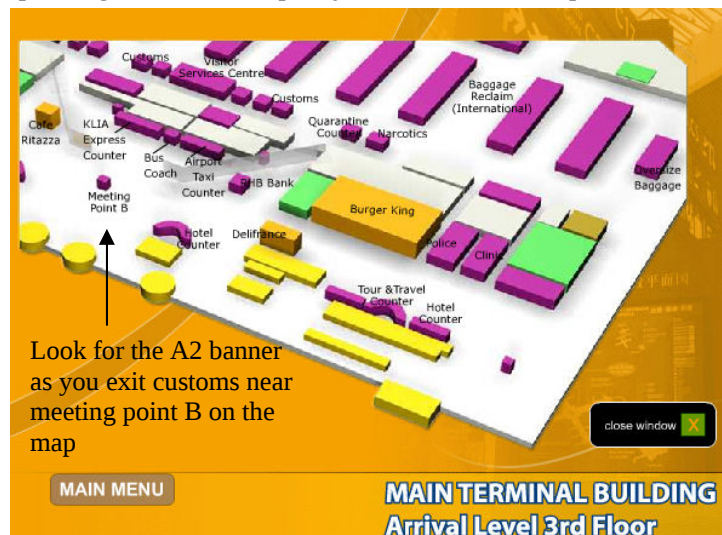
Dear A²|40th Anniversary
Participants:

Today, I am writing to
communicate some essential
information about the Malaysia
gathering to celebrate the 40th
Anniversary of Asian Access.

Please make a note of this and pass it along to others as necessary.

Transportation

We will be using a chartered bus and a 10 passenger van to transport you from the KL airport to the Avillion Hotel in Port Dickson (and back again at the end). It is about a 45 minute drive. Upon exiting customs in the international arrival area there will be a guide waiting for you with an A2|40th anniversary banner. They will let you know when to be ready to board the bus or van. While you are waiting there are lots of shops and places to convert your currency. Convert currency prior to arriving at the Avillion for a better rate (i.e. at the KL airport or in your departure airport). Currently \$1 will get you 3.67 Ringgit. ¥1000 will get you 30.2 Ringgit.



Schedule

Let me give you a little more information about the schedule. You will find along with this letter I'm sending you a tentative look at the week. Of course, details change as we get everything lined up, but this gives you the basic idea for how the time is lined up. Most of you are arriving on Saturday March 24th. Though we officially start on Sunday evening with dinner, we are going to have two special worship services on Sunday morning. One will be an international service geared for adults. Rod Denton will be preaching and many nations will be represented as we worship God together! The other service will be geared towards families with younger children and will be done in conjunction with the children's program team from FBC. This service will allow the children, parents and children's program team a chance to get to know each other in a relaxed family worship setting. You will need to choose which one your family will attend. However we will all start together for the first 20 minutes, and then we will split up into the two services.

We have quite a bit of free time built into the week to relax and spend time with others. Sunday afternoon is free for most of us (although the national leaders and their working teams will have a community time led by Bruce). Tuesday most of the afternoon and evening are free to go into KL or



to hang out at the hotel. Wednesday afternoon is also wide open to enjoy relaxing and visiting with each other. You will also see that the mornings are quite relaxed in terms of pace. This is intentional to give families a chance to get going, hopefully not too rushed. The sun doesn't come up until late (between 7:00 and 7:30 AM), so it is nice to sleep in a bit and then enjoy breakfast prior to our plenary session at 10:00 each day. Sunset is also between 7:00 and 7:30 (that's equatorial living for you!).

Meals

On the day you arrive, the first meal included is dinner. If you arrive early in the day then you will need to pay for lunch on your own. After that, all of your meals are included with the notable exception of Tuesday dinner. Tuesday dinner you are on your own. Those going to KL will end up in an upscale area with several choices from fast food to nice restaurants. Those not going on the tour can purchase off the menu at the Avillion or be shuttled to a nearby seafood restaurant (family friendly environment). The last meal provided is Thursday morning breakfast. If you are staying later in the day, you can purchase lunch on your own at the hotel. Basically you should be able to get meals starting at \$5-7 per person. Most locations will accept credit card, and when you check-in at the hotel you will be able to leave your credit card for incidentals you charge to your room during the week. As a side note, bottled water will be provided in your room free of charge. We don't recommend you drink the tap water.

Weather and Dress Code

The weather is tropical, so quite warm and humid. The average high is 91/33 with an average low of 74/23 (fahrenheit/celsius). It rains for periods each day in typical tropical fashion. Dress code for men for the meetings is pants (not jeans or shorts) and short-sleeve shirt. Women may wear pants, capris, or skirts (just no shorts or jeans to the meetings).



Breakfast is more relaxed (shorts are okay if desired), and free time is free dress as long as it is modest. And don't forget your swimsuit. There are three pools (adult, family, and wading).

Finally, the banquet on Wednesday night will be slightly more formal. No coats or ties necessary, but dress in something nice. Our international friends may wear traditional apparel from their country, and you can do that if you like (e.g. yukata/kimono).

Things to Pack

- ✓ Bug Spray
- ✓ Sunscreen (waterproof is a good idea)
- ✓ Hat (even if you have hair)
- ✓ Medications (good idea to have Imodium A-D or something similar just in case)
- ✓ Adapter and/or converter for the electrical outlets--the voltage is 240 and the frequency is 50 Hz (make sure your electronics/appliance adapt to this or you will need a converter)



Emergency Contact Information and Communications

We will have an A2 office set up on site near the plenary meeting room. This office will have wireless internet access which you are welcome to use if you have your own computer (that is the only place there is internet access). However, keep in mind internet connectivity can be unreliable in

this area. We will also have a U.S. (voip) phone. The phone can be called from anywhere in the world at the same rates as if the person calling was dialing a phone number in the U.S. If we are in the office, we will answer the phone. During non office hours they can leave a voicemail message. This phone will also be available for outgoing calls. Calls to the U.S and Canada are free. Other countries are very economical (Japan is .06cents/minute). The hotel phone number is also listed. It can be called at anytime. They can connect the call to your room or take a message. Of course, there is always the international language barrier, but they do speak some English.

A2 Malaysia Office Number: 1-626-610-3649.

Avillion Hotel Number: 60-6-647-6688

I hope this provides you with some of the essential information you will need. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any additional questions.

In Christ,
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