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Mapping, Nippon Foundation/GEBCO Project Management Committee, GEBCO
Scientific Advisers, Corresponding Members, Nippon Foundation Scholars, IBC
Chairmen/Editors and others

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Dear Colleague

Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, October 5 - 9, 2015

The GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC), Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM), and Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM) will meet in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The GEBCO Bathymetric Science Day will also be take place during this time. The meeting will be hosted by the Royal Malaysian Navy.

The venue for the GEBCO technical and administrative meetings is The Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur at Conlay Rd, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Tel +603 2688 9688, Fax +603 2688 9788. Email: info@theroyalechulan.com.my The GEBCO Bathymetric Science Day will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), Jalan Pinang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Phone: +60 3-2333 2888. The contact for local arrangements is Cdr Norhizam Hassan RMN, Email gebco2015@navy.mil.my and please copy any correspondance to ramli4550@gmail.com

1. Program

The program planned is for five days from October 5 to 9, 2015 and is listed below, The Joint TSCOM-SCRUM meeting is open to all who are interested in ocean mapping. If you plan on attending, please inform the Chairman of your interest (TSCOM - Dr. Karen Marks, email: Karen.Marks@noaa.gov and SCRUM - Dr. Martin Jakobsson, email: Martin.Jakobsson@geo.se). Also please inform the GEBCO Secretary, David Clark (David.M.Clark@noaa.gov) of your interest in attending. The GEBCO Guiding

Committee will not meet in open session although some key non-GGC members and official observers will be invited to attend.

The GEBCO Science Day is open to all but pre-registration is necessary because the maximum attendance for the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre is 100 participants + speakers. A call for papers will be issued shortly.

The program details are as follows:

5 Oct 15: (Monday)	Opening Ceremony and GEBCO Bathymetric Science Day 2015 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC)
6 Oct 15: (Tuesday)	Joint meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM) and the Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM) at The Royale Chulan Hotel.
7 Oct 15: (Wednesday)	Joint meeting TSCOM and SCRUM.
8 Oct 15: (Thursday)	1st Day Meeting of the 32 nd of GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) at The Royale Chulan Hotel.
9 Oct 15: (Friday)	2nd Day Meeting of the 32 nd of GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC).

Note: The venue for all Joint Meetings and GGC is The Royale Chulan Hotel except for the GEBCO Bathymetric Science Day which will be held at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC).

2. Passports and visas

All foreigners intending to enter Malaysia must provide the documentation required to justify the reasons and duration of their stay as well as, in some prescribed cases, the availability of adequate economic means and lodging. Visa applications are to be made at the Malaysian Embassy in their place of residence or any other signatory country. Please visit this website to find if you require a visa:

<http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/apply-for-visa>

Visa is not required for a stay of less than one (1) month for ASEAN nationals except Myanmar. Visas are required if the duration of stay exceeds (1) month except for Brunei and Singapore nationals.

All GEBCO participants should check, well before they travel, whether or not they will need a visa to enter Malaysia. It is strongly recommended that you apply well in advance for your visa. If you need a **letter of invitation** to support your visa application please contact David Clark, GEBCO Permanent Secretary, at the address above or Cdr Norhizam Hassan RMN.

3. Hotel accommodation

Participants are encouraged to stay at the Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur because most of the GEBCO meeting program will take place at this venue. A block booking with special rates has been negotiated. Please email the hotel directly if you wish to stay there by using the special form that is attached. **Booking deadline for Royale Chulan Hotel is August 31, 2015.** Besides the Royale Chulan Hotel, there are other nearby hotels which are within 0.5 to 1 km walking distance from the meeting venue as shown on the following map. The location of hotels:



List of hotels in alphabetical order:

Alphabet	Hotel	Rate per night (Estimated)	Link
A	Ascott Kuala Lumpur No 9 Jalan Pinang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2718 6868	MYR 522	http://www.the-ascott.com/en/malaysia/kuala_lumpur/ascott_kuala_lumpur.html
B	Fraser Place Kuala Lumpur Lot 163 No 10 Jalan Perak, KLCC, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Phone: +603 2118 6288	MYR 350	http://www.fraserplacekualalumpur.com/
C	Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur 12 Jalan Pinang Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Phone: +603 2182 1234	MYR 725	http://kualalumpur.grand.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html
D	Traders Kuala Lumpur Kuala Lumpur City Centre, 50088 Phone: +603 2332 9888	MYR 476	http://www.shangri-la.com/kualalumpur/traders/
E	Impiana KLCC 13, Jalan Pinang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2147 1111	MYR 380	http://kualalumpurhotels.impiana.com.my
F	Novotel Kuala Lumpur 2 Jalan Kia Peng 50450 Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2147 0888	MYR 335	http://www.novotelklcitycentre.com/
G	Prince Hotel & Residence No.4 Jalan Conlay, 50450 Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2170 8888	MYR 371	http://www.princehotelkl.com/
H	Istana Kuala Lumpur 73 Jalan Raja Chulan, Kuala Lumpur, 50200 Phone: +603 2141 9988	MYR 338	http://web.hotelistana-kl.com/
I	Kuala Lumpur Pavilion Apartment Pavilion Residences 2, 77 Jalan Raja Chulan, 50200 Kuala Lumpur Phone: +6012 328 3355	MYR 750	http://www.pavilionsuite.com.my/
J	Westin Kuala Lumpur 199, Jalan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, 55100 Phone: +603 2731 8333	MYR 464	http://www.thewestinkualalumpur.com/
K	Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur 160 Jalan Bukit Bintang Kuala Lumpur, 55100 Phone: +60 3 2117 4888	MYR 367	http://www.millenniumhotels.com/grandmillenniumkualalumpur/
L	JW Marriott 183 Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur	MYR 495	http://www.jw-marriott-kualalumpur.directotels.com/index.html
M	Dorsett Regency Kuala Lumpur 172 Jalan Imbi, 55100 Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2716 1000	MYR 334	http://www.dorsettregency.com/kualalumpur/

N	Piccolo Kuala Lumpur 101, Jalan Bukit Bintang 55100 Kuala Lumpur Phone: + 603 2146 5000	MYR 240	http://www.piccolohotel.com.my/Home.html
O	Ritz-Carlton Kuala Lumpur 168, Jalan Imbi, Kuala Lumpur 55100 Phone: +60 3 2142 8000	MYR 551	http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/KualaLumpur/Information/Default.htm
P	Parkroyal Kuala Lumpur Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2147 0088	MYR 335	http://www.parkroyalhotels.com/en/hotels-resorts/malaysia/kuala-lumpur.html
Q	Scholar's Inn @ UTMKL Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur, Semarak Rd, 54100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Phone: +603 2180 6000	MYR 200	http://www.scholarsinn.com.my/ * For Student

Other hotels are available through the various online hotel booking web sites, **but it is highly recommended to book well in advance.**

4. Meeting Registration

It is very important that you register your attendance to the meeting with the GEBCO Permanent Secretary, David Clark, at the above address as soon as possible. Please send in your name, institution, email address, date of your attendance and name of hotel you will be staying. This information is important for us to plan the agenda and logistics for the meeting.

5. General Information

Overview of Malaysia

Welcome to Malaysia. Malaysia lies at the heart of Southeast Asia. The southernmost projection of mainland Asia, this crescent-shaped country is just north of the equator. Spanning 1 to 7 degrees North and 100 and 119 degrees East, Malaysia is made up of two regions, which are separated by about 750 km of the South China Sea. In the west is Peninsular Malaysia, and in the east are Sabah and Sarawak, which span the north and north-western coast of the island of Borneo.

Peninsular Malaysia shares a land frontier with Thailand to the north and a maritime boundary with Singapore to the south, while Sabah and Sarawak border Kalimantan. In the northeast, Sabah also shares maritime borders with the Philippines. Sarawak also shares a land border with Brunei.

The country covers an area of 329,733 square km. Peninsular Malaysia has an area of 131, 573 square km, while Sabah and Sarawak 73,711 and 124,449. Its coastline extends for nearly 6,675 km from the Indian Ocean to the South China Sea.

States of Malaysia

Malaysia is a federation comprising the 13 states of Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Malacca, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Perlis, Pulau Pinang, Sabah, Sarawak, Selangor,

Terengganu, and the 3 federal territories of Kuala Lumpur (capital), Labuan and Putrajaya.

Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur, also known as KL is the capital city of Malaysia. The words Kuala Lumpur literally mean 'Muddy Confluence'. The metropolis got this nickname because it was founded near the place where the rivers Klang and Gombak intersect (which you can still see just behind Merdeka Square). Over the years Kuala Lumpur grew into an important Asian city. Within Malaysia Kuala Lumpur is seen as the center of the country; "it happens all in KL." Tourists love the city as it has numerous great sights and attractions. Besides that, there are simply too many choices when it comes to dining options. You can go shopping in one of the many modern shopping malls within the city center. Kuala Lumpur is the perfect destination for a short visit or stopover, but many tourists are drawn back to the great city during their travels through Malaysia.

Language

Bahasa Melayu (Malay) is the national and official language. Malaysians also speak native language and dialects. Other than Bahasa Melayu, English is also widely spoken.

Climate

Malaysia has a tropical climate and is hot and humid throughout the year. Temperature ranges from 23°C to 33°C. During October, rainfall generally reaches a maximum, the latter being the wettest period. Heavy showers and thunderstorms are responsible for most of the rain. The thundery showers are usually of short duration but often torrential. Maximum rainfall frequently occurs in the late afternoon or early evening. Please bring your umbrella along with you.

Currency

Malaysia Ringgit (MYR) is the unit of Malaysia's currency. It comes in notes of MYR1, MYR5, MYR10, MYR50 and MYR100 with coins in denominations of 5 cent, 10 cent, 20 cent, and 50 cent. Credit cards such as Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. ATMs machines are available throughout major cities. Any card connected to be international network is usable – Citibank, HSBC, CIMB bank, Hong Leong Bank and Maybank. Foreign currencies or cash can be readily exchanged at any bank or exchange bureau.

Business Hours

Government offices are open from 0800-1730 hours, Monday to Friday, with lunch break from 1300 – 1400 hours. On Friday, there is a longer break from 1245 – 1445 hours, to enable Muslims to perform Friday prayers. Most private companies work a five-day week though there are some that operate a half day on each alternate Saturday.

Time zone

Malaysia operates on standard time zone of GMT +8 hours.

Electricity

The Malaysian supply is 240 volt (50 hertz) and uses the British Standard, BS 1363 domestic AC power plugs and sockets as in the following figure.



Prohibited Items

Visitors are strictly prohibited from bringing into Malaysia the following items:

- The punishment for drug smuggling is the death penalty. Dangerous drugs can only be imported into country/exported from the country with a license issued by the Ministry of Health, Malaysia.
- Those wishing to bring in any kind of firearms including for sports, must seek a license. The punishment for possession of firearms without a license issued by the relevant Malaysian authority is the death penalty.

6. Arrival in Malaysia

The Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA or KUL airport code) is an international port of call. All international flights arrive at the Satellite Building. Possible connections are easy from KLIA to Kuala Lumpur, by taxi or train (KLIA Express). See a detailed discussion on arriving and departing KL at: <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g298570-s301/Kuala-Lumpur:Malaysia:Arriving.And.Departing.html>

By Taxi

For your convenience, you are advised to take a taxi or limo to Kuala Lumpur. The cost is around MYR 120. There are 3 Airport Limo/Taxi Counters at KLIA:

- International Arrival Hall (just after Customs, before the public arrival area)
- Domestic Arrival Hall (public area after Domestic Baggage Clearance)
- Domestic Baggage Reclaim, Arrival Level

Coupons for taxis and limos can be obtained at the above Airport Limo counters. With light traffic, the ride to the hotel at city centre is about 45 to 55 minutes.

By KLIA Express

A premium non-stop high-speed train service to the city, a 28 minute non-stop journey

Operating Hours : 5.00am to 1.00am

One Way - MYR 35, Return - MYR 70

For more information, please visit this website

http://www.klia.com.my/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=15

Upon arrival at KL Sentral Station, the best option is to take a taxi to the hotel. The entire journey should not take more than 45 minutes (depending upon traffic conditions).

If you need an assistant to arrange someone to pick you up at the airport, please contact Lt Cdr Ramli Mohd RMN, Phone: +6019 665 9382, Email: ramli4550@gmail.com

7. Other Activities

There will be a special guided tour for spouses and guests during the meeting in Kuala Lumpur which will include a visit to PETRONAS Twin Towers, Karyaneka etc. Please indicate in your registration if you are coming with a spouse or guest.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in Kuala Lumpur!

Best regards,



David Clark
GEBCO Permanent Secretary

Attachment - Royale Chulan Hotel registration form



HOTEL RESERVATION FORM "GEBCO 2015"

05 OCTOBER – 09 OCTOBER 2015

Superior Single Room	: <input type="checkbox"/>	RM 360.00 + per room per night, inclusive of daily breakfast for 1
Superior Twin / Double Room	: <input type="checkbox"/>	RM 400.00 + per room per night, inclusive of daily breakfast for 2
Deluxe Single Room	: <input type="checkbox"/>	RM 400.00 + per room per night, inclusive of daily breakfast for 1
Deluxe Twin / Double Room	: <input type="checkbox"/>	RM 440.00 + per room per night, inclusive of daily breakfast for 2
Premier Single Room	: <input type="checkbox"/>	RM 440.00 + per room per night, inclusive of daily breakfast for 1
Premier Twin / Double Room	: <input type="checkbox"/>	RM 480.00 + per room per night, inclusive of daily breakfast for 2
<i>Extra Bed chargeable at RM180.00 + per bed per night Additional breakfast at RM40.00 + per person Daily Buffet Breakfast at Warisan Cafe</i>		
Room Preference	: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking	
<i>*While every effort is made to accommodate your bedding preference, it will be subject to availability upon check-in.</i>		

Registrant's name _____ Surname _____ First Name _____

Business address _____ Street address or P O Box # _____

City/Town _____ State _____

Telephone # _____ Facsimile # _____

To guarantee your reservations, a one- night accommodation charge plus taxes will be required:

Arrival date _____ Limousine Pick-Up at RM290nett per car (Y / N) FLT # / Time _____

Departure date _____ Limousine Transfer at RM290nett per car (Y / N) FLT # Time _____

I hereby authorize The Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur to charge _____ to my credit card details as follows:

Credit Card Type: Visa Master Amex JCB Diners (please tick)

For Amex, please provide 4 digits I/D No _____

For VISA / MASTERCARD, please provide 3 digits (behind credit card) I/D No _____

Credit Card No: _____ Expiry Date _____

I agree to the following terms & conditions:

- Rates are inclusive of 6% government tax.
- Rates quoted in Ringgit Malaysia.
- Limited numbers of rooms are available per category. Once a category has been sold, the next available category will be offered. Confirmation is subject to room availability.
- Cancellation received within 4 days prior to arrival, cancellation fee equivalent to the value of the entire stay will be levied upon.
- In the event of 'no-show' a cancellation fee equivalent to the value of the entire stay will be levied upon.
- This form is based on the individual room booking and is not applicable for group booking more than 10 rooms. For group booking, please contact our Sales and Marketing Department
- Check-in time is after 3PM and check-out at 12PM. Early check-in or late check-out arrangements can be made at applicable charges and subjected to availability.

EMAIL HOTEL RESERVATION FORM TO
Reservation Department
THE ROYALE CHULAN KUALA LUMPUR

Group Booking : reservations@theroyalechulan.com.my
 Office Phone : 03 2688 9688