

NINTH EXECUTIVE FOREST POLICY COURSE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF FORESTS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

24 May – 2 June 2016
Yogyakarta, Indonesia

INFORMATION NOTE

VENUE AND DATES

1. The Ninth Executive Forest Policy Course – “Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change and the Future of Forests in Asia and the Pacific” – will be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from 24 May to 2 June 2016. The opening ceremony will start at 0900 hours on Tuesday, 24 May 2016, and the course is scheduled to close in the afternoon of Thursday, 2 June 2016.

2. The course will be held at the Hotel Santika Premiere Jogja, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The full address is:

Hotel Santika Premiere Jogja
Jl. Jend Sudirman No 19 Yogyakarta 55233
Indonesia
Tel +62 274 563036 Fax +62 274 556924
Email: jogjapremiere@santika.com

REGISTRATION

3. Registration will take place at the venue of the course on Tuesday, 24 May 2016, from 08.30 to 09.00 hours.

LANGUAGE

4. English will be the language of the course.

CLIMATE

5. Indonesia has two seasons, wet and dry, with warm tropical temperatures averaging 28 °C during the day, throughout the year. In most regions, the dry season spans from May to September, with the rains falling from October to April.



CURRENCY

6. Indonesia's national currency, the Indonesian Rupiah (Rp) is divided into the following banknotes: Rp1000, Rp2000, Rp5000, Rp10000, Rp20000, Rp50000, Rp100000, and coins: Rp100, Rp200, Rp500. USD1.00 = Rp13 360.
7. ATMs are very common and not just in or next to banks, but also in shopping malls and many other locations. Moneychangers are also very common, but they typically accept only crisp, clean (and mostly uncreased) bills, and tend to only take the 'new' US dollar bills (with the larger full-frame heads).
8. Any amounts over Rp100 000 000 (USD10,000) per person must be declared upon arrival.
9. Credit cards (Visa and Master) and traveler cheques are widely accepted in Indonesia.

FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO INDONESIA

10. Passports should be valid for at least six months from the time that the visa is to be issued and the time of planned departure from Indonesia.
11. After the latest Presidential Decree on 2nd March 2016 with regards to the revision of list of countries that are granted short-term visit visa-free facility, the only Asia Pacific countries that require visa to enter Indonesia are North Korea and Pakistan.
12. Officials of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry Indonesia could assist in securing Visa-on-Arrival for nationals of countries not covered by this Presidential Decree. Please check with the Organizers if in doubt.

ARRIVAL DETAILS AND TRANSPORTATION

13. Yogyakarta is accessible by air. Adisucipto (or Adisutjipto) International Airport (Indonesian: Bandar Udara Internasional Adisucipto) is the principal airport serving the Yogyakarta area. Thirteen airlines (mostly budget airlines) link this airport to many other Indonesian airports including Jakarta and Bali, and also Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Flights between Kuala Lumpur/Singapore and Yogyakarta are operated by budget airlines.
14. Transportation will be provided to transfer participants between Yogyakarta Adisucipto International Airport and the Hotel Santika Premiere Jogja. Please send the confirmed flight itineraries in advance for transportation arrangements.

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND INCIDENTALS

15. All participants will be staying at the
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16. Most of the meals will be arranged by the organizers, and all supported participants will be provided with a modest lump sum allowance to cover other expenses.

COURSE FORMAT AND ADVANCE PREPARATIONS

17. The course involves a series of lectures by experts in the relevant subjects followed by debates, panel discussions, course work, etc. The participants will be required to make presentations on forest policy issues in their country and prepare briefing notes on topical issues. Preparation of policy briefs through group work will be an integral part of the course and these will be presented at the conclusion of the course. Participants are hence requested to make advance preparations by way of collecting required information on forest policy formulation and implementation in their country.

FIELD TRIPS

18. The course has planned to include two field trips. Participants are advised to come prepared for the field trips (walking shoes, rain gear, etc.).

DRESS CODE

19. The dress code throughout the course shall be informal but no shorts and sandals. For the opening and closing this could be a bit formal as some officials would also be present.

SIGHTSEEING

20. Yogyakarta (often called "Jogja") is a city on the Indonesian island of Java known for its traditional arts and cultural heritage. Its grand 18th-century royal complex, or *kraton*, encompasses the still-inhabited Sultan's Palace. Also within the *kraton* are numerous open-air pavilions that function as a living culture museum, where visitors can take in classical Javanese dance performances and gamelan concerts.

21. A thousand years ago, Yogyakarta was the center of ancient *Mataram Kingdom* which was prosperous and highly civilized. This kingdom built *Borobudur Temple* which was the biggest Buddhist temple in the world, 300 years before *Angkor Wat* in Cambodia. Some other relics are the *Prambanan Temple*, *King Boko Palace*, and dozens of other temples scattered throughout Yogyakarta.

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