



Cebu City

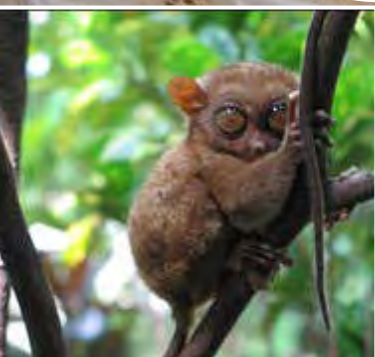


53rd CCOP Annual Session
Cebu City, Philippines
16-19 October 2017

69th CCOP Steering Committee Meeting
Bohol, Philippines
20-21 October 2017

"The Role of Geoscience in Safeguarding Our Environment"

First Circular



Bohol

EVENT SCHEDULE

53 rd Annual Session		53 rd Annual Session	
<i>Sunday, 15 October 2017</i>		<i>Wednesday, 18 October 2017</i>	
0900-1200	CCOP Advisory Group Meeting	0830-1500	Thematic Session (continued) <i>The Role of Geoscience in Safeguarding Our Environment</i>
1500-1700	Select Finance Committee Meeting		
1700-1800	Pre-registration	1530-1700	53 rd Annual Session (continued) • Adoption of the 53 rd Annual Session Report
1900-2100	Heads of Delegation Meeting and Dinner	1700-1730	Closing Ceremony
<i>Monday, 16 October 2017</i>		1830-2130	Farewell Dinner
0800-0900	Registration	<i>Thursday, 19 October 2017</i>	
0900-1000	53 rd Annual Session Opening Ceremony	0700-1930	Field Excursion in Bohol: Uplifted coastal areas and fault scarp due to 2013 Mw7.2 Bohol Earthquake, and other sites of geologic, cultural and historical significance
1000-1030	Group Photo	69th Steering Committee Meeting	
1030-1730	53 rd Annual Session • Presentation of CCOP Progress Report • Presentation of Member Country Reports	<i>Thursday, 19 October 2017</i>	
1830-2130	Welcome Dinner	1830-2130	Heads of Delegation Meeting and Dinner
<i>Tuesday, 17 October 2017</i>		<i>Friday, 20 October 2017</i>	
0830-1200	53 rd Annual Session (continued) • Presentation of Cooperating Country Reports • Presentation of Cooperating Organization Reports • Presentation of CCOP Workplan 2018 • Other Matters	0800-0900	Registration
1330-1700	Thematic Session: <i>The Role of Geoscience in Safeguarding Our Environment</i>	0900-1000	Opening Ceremony
		1000-1030	Group Photo
		1030-1700	69 th Steering Committee Meeting
		1830-2130	Welcome Dinner
		<i>Saturday, 21 October 2017</i>	
		0830-1700	69 th Steering Committee Meeting (continued)
		1830-2130	Farewell Dinner

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

WATERFRONT CEBU CITY HOTEL AND CASINO



Meeting Venue and Accommodation

53rd CCOP Annual Session and Side Meetings/Workshops:

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69th CCOP Steering Committee Meeting:

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Room Rates (in PhP, breakfast included)

Room Type	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Standard	3,700.00	3,900.00
Superior	3,900.00	4,100.00
Deluxe	4,100.00	4,300.00

Room Type	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Superior	5,500.00	
Deluxe	5,800	
Deluxe Oceanview	6,500	

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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Passport and Visa Requirements

Visitors must possess a passport valid for at least 6 months upon arrival. Participants requiring a visa should apply directly to Consulate or Diplomatic Missions of the Philippines in their own country. Participants from Australia, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States of America are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a period of stay not exceeding 21 days provided they hold valid tickets for their return journey to port of origin or next port of destination.

Flight Information, Reception upon Arrival, and Departure

Delegates will be met upon arrival at the Cebu International Airport by the Philippine Secretariat. International direct flights to Cebu are available from Hongkong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and United Arab Emirates. On departure, the delegates can fly out either from Tagbilaran City, Bohol via Manila, or from Cebu, back to their home countries. The Secretariat should be informed well in advance of the flight details of the delegates.

Accompanying Persons' Program

A program for accompanying persons will be arranged by the Philippine Secretariat in coordination with the local tourism office while the Annual Session is on-going. A number of interesting sites in Cebu City and vicinity will be visited.

Currency

The currency in the Philippines is the Philippine Peso (PhP). Exchange rate is approximately US\$1.00 = PhP50.00. Currency exchange may be done at the airport, local banks, hotels or in local money changers around the city. Major credit cards are widely accepted.

Weather

Rainfall in the Philippines is most abundant from July to November. It is coolest from December to February and hottest from March to May.

Time Zone

The Philippine Standard Time is GMT + 8 hours.

Languages

Filipino and English are the official languages in the Philippines. Filipino is the national language. English is widely used in business and education. Cebuano language is spoken in Cebu and Bohol. The native dialect in Cebu is referred to as "Binisaya", while the native dialect in Bohol is called "Binol-anon", a variant of the Cebuano language.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CEBU CITY AND BOHOL PROVINCE

Cebu City, dubbed as the Queen City of the South, is a highly urbanized city and the capital of the province of Cebu. Strategically located in Central Visayas at the center of the Philippine Archipelago, Cebu City and its environs are one of the top business and tourist destinations in the country. The Province of Cebu consists of several islands which are lined with white sandy beaches and clear pristine waters. Cebu City, a bustling metropolis, is situated in the central eastern part of the mainland, while the airport is located in the nearby island of Mactan. As the oldest city in the Philippines, Cebu has preserved some historical remnants of the Spanish conquest which are now popular tourist spots.

Bohol Province, located southeast of Cebu, consists of the mainland and other smaller islands, with Tagbilaran City as its capital and center of trade and commerce. Bohol is considered as a prime tourist destination due to its natural and cultural wonders. Among its famous attractions are the Chocolate Hills which are thousands of dome-shaped limestone hills which turn brown during the hot summer months, the endangered tarsiers (*Tarsius syrichta*), which are one of the world's smallest primates, and the white-sand beaches of Panglao Island. Caves, sinkholes and waterfalls also abound. Bohol is also home to various historical and cultural riches which date back to the Spanish colonial era, including old limestone churches, museums and monuments.

FIELD EXCURSION DESTINATION



A - The Chocolate Hills, one of the Philippines popular tourist destinations located in the Municipality of Carmen in Bohol Province have been disfigured following the magnitude 7.2 earthquake that struck Central Visayas on 15 October 2013. Because of the strong heaving, the haycock configuration of the hills have been disturbed leaving cracks and wrinkles that now look like "Chocolate Crinkles".

B - Aerial view of the uplifted coastal areas in the Municipalities of Loon and Maribojoc in Bohol after the 15 October 2013 earthquake.

