



Department of Geological Survey and
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Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes
in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP)



68th CCOP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

7-9 March 2017, Grand Amara Hotel, Naypyitaw

MYANMAR



Final Circular



EVENT SCHEDULE

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Monday, 6 March 2017

14:00 – 16:00	17 th Select Finance Committee Meeting
16:00 – 18:00	Pre-registration
19:00 – 22:00	68 th SC Head of Delegation Dinner

Tuesday, 7 March 2017

08:00 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Ceremony
09:30 – 10:00	Group Photo
10:00 – 17:00	68 th CCOP SC Meeting
19:00 – 22:00	Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, 8 March 2017

08:00 – 12:00	68 th CCOP SC Meeting (continued)
13:00 – 18:00	Field Excursion to Mandalay
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner
20:00 – 22:00	Jade Pagoda

Thursday, 9 March 2017

07:30 – 12:00	Mandalay Hill, Kuthodaw Pagoda, Shwenandaw & A Tu Ma Shi Monastery, Mahamuni Pagoda
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch (Myanmar Food)
12:45 – 18:00	Yega In Sag Pond, Kaung Mu Daw Pagoda, U Bein Bridge
18:30 – 21:30	Farewell Dinner

Friday, 10 March 2017

	Mandalay City Tour
	Departure from Mandalay Airport



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Meeting Venue & Hotel Accommodation: Grand Amara Hotel, Naypyitaw and Hotel Mandalay, Mandalay

Passport and Visa Requirements

Delegates will receive “Official Invitation Letter” issued by CCOP/Myanmar via fax and/or e-mail for obtaining entry visa to Myanmar and/or for the travel approval from their organizations.

Note: Passport must be valid for at least six months upon arrival.

Most foreign nationals require a visa to enter Myanmar

Visa-free travel (for 14 days, or longer in some cases) is permitted for Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei, Cambodia and Laos passport holders.

In addition to getting visas at Embassies and Consulates, Myanmar has an online e-visa system. For e-visa applications, go to the official Ministry of Immigration e-visa website.

On Arrival Visa system has been in force since 1 June 2012. The delegations are required to enter from Naypyitaw International Airport, Yangon International Airport and Mandalay International Airport.

Reception upon Arrival

Delegates will be welcome upon arrival at Naypyitaw International Airport by the DGSE staff and proceed to the Grand Amara Hotel. Delegates should inform the organizer well in advance on their dates and times of arrival, and flight details. CCOP TS will reserve a hotel room for the participants.

Note that you may need to transit in Bangkok to travel to Naypyitaw from your country.

Currency: Myanmar Kyat

Exchange rate is US\$ / approximately = Kyat 1350 (17.1.2017) Exchange of currency may be done at the airport, local banks, money exchanges.

Language

English is the official language of the Meeting. Myanmar is the national language. English is widely used in business, education and many tourist destinations.

Weather & Climate

March is summer in Myanmar. The temperatures range from 27° C to 35° C.

Grand Amara Hotel, Naypyitaw facilities;

- Complimentary Buffet Breakfast
- Coffee and tea making
- Complimentary Wi-Fi internet
- Personal safe
- Swimming pool

Hotel Mandalay, Mandalay Facilities;

- Complimentary Buffet Breakfast
- Business Center, IDD telephone
- Satellite TV Channels, Hot & Cold Shower and Bathtub
- Beauty Saloon, Souvenir Shop, Meeting room
- Doctors on call
- Swimming pool/ Fitness center/Cycling and Jogging

Place	Room Type	Rate
Naypyitaw (Grand Amara Hotel)	Superior Room	Single = US\$35 net/room/night (BF incl.) Twin = US\$40 net/room/night (BF incl.)
	Diplomat Suite	Single = US\$85 net/room/night (BF incl.) Twin = US\$90 net/room/night (BF incl.)
Mandalay (Hotel Mandalay)	Superior Room	Single /Twin = US\$45 net/room/night (BF incl.)
	Deluxe Suite	Single /Twin = US\$55 net/room/night (BF incl.)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT NAYPYITAW AND MANDALAY

Nay Pyi Taw (*Royal Capital*) is the administrative capital of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Centrally located; it is 391 km from the commercial capital, Yangon and 302 km from the cultural capital, Mandalay. The capital's official name was announced on 27 March 2006, Myanmar's Armed Forces Day. It first became the capital of Myanmar in 2006, after the government decided to move the capital from Yangon. Naypyitaw is located between the Bago Yoma and Shan Yoma mountain ranges. The Ministry's offices and apartment building are in the Bago Yoma ranges and valley. The Naypyitaw Union Territory consists of the city proper (downtown) and eight surrounding townships and is under the direct administration of the President. Naypyitaw has a population of about one million according to official figures.

The famous attractions of the Naypyitaw are Pyidoungsu Hluttaw complex (Parliament), the City Hall (Naypyitaw), Upatatanti Pagoda, the Zoological Garden, the Gems Museum, the National Museum, Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) and the water fountain Garden and the Myoma Market.

Mandalay is located in the central part of Myanmar and the Irrawaddy River flows beside of the city. Mandalay is not only the second largest city but also cultural capital city in Myanmar (after Yangon), and a former capital of Myanmar. The city is the economic and religious hub of upper Myanmar and is centered around the Royal Palace. Mandalay was founded by King Min Don in 1857. Therefore it is the historical old capital, a capital of Myanmar culture, Buddhist Sasana and Myanmar traditional arts and crafts, with the life span of one hundred and sixty years, a city with historical sites, cultural memorials and Buddhist edifices. Mandalay has a population of about 1.2 million according to official figures.

Mandalay city is situated mostly in the plain and the Shan Yoma mountain range trends along the eastern part of the Mandalay. But Mandalay was the last capital of Myanmar's kingdom, which in 1886 was finally conquered by British colonial forces.

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