

PacNOG 09 - Educational Workshop & Training

Suva, Fiji

Logistics & Participant General Information

The PacNOG 9 is hosted by PITA, facilities provided by USP-JICA Regional ICT Centre and this will be held from June 27 2011 Monday through to Saturday, July 2, 2011.

1. LOGISTICS

ONLINE REGISTRATION, SELECTION & PRE-REQUISITE

All interested participants are required to meet or exceed the pre-requisites. Online application registration forms will be available shortly

FACE TO FACE REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Name badges will be at the Registration Desk during registration. For identification and security reasons, all delegates are requested to wear the meeting badges at all times during the meeting.

1.1 VENUE

The workshop training will be held at **USP-JICA Regional ICT Centre**, Level 4, USP Laucala Campus, Suva, FIJI.

1.2 VISA

All delegates are requested to have a valid passport for at least 3months of the date of arrival. Please check with your travel agents the appropriate visas and documentation necessary for your entry into Fiji.

1.3 DEPARTURE TAX

Departure Tax of F\$20.00 payable at Nadi Airport on departure. Departure taxes are normally included in tickets.

1.4 TRAVEL - Getting to Suva from Nadi International Airport.

a. Domestic Flights:

There are regular domestic flights by light aircraft between Nadi International Airport and Suva, costing from F\$100 to F\$160. The Suva airport at Nausori is about 30 minutes taxi or bus ride into the city itself. Taxi usually costs FJD 25 from Nausori Airport to Suva.

b. **BUS:** 3-4 hrs depending on time of day, time of week

Coral Sun Bus Shuttle. Runs buses from Nadi Airport to the Holiday Inn in Suva. Cost FJD22/ person only two luggage allowed. Only two trips in a day, One leaves airport at 7:30am and the other at 1pm. Boarding is usually preferred ½ an hour before departure and pre booking is encouraged. P: +679 672 3105 E: reservations@csf.com.fj

Sunset Express has AC buses running twice a day between Lautoka and Suva, with stops at Nadi Airport and Sigatoka. These usually leave Nadi Airport daily at 0945 and 1545. The return trips depart Suva at 0845 & 1600, getting back to Nadi Airport at 1230 and 1950. Cost: FJD\$17.00, more to Suva. Sunset Express has an office on the 2nd floor of the Nadi Airport arrivals concourse. Contact: Tel 720266 in Nadi, 322811 in Suva.

c. **TAXI:** Readily Available with costs of FJD 150 one way.

1.5 ACCOMMODATION

a. Suva Motor Inn

Mitchell Street

Suva

Ph: +679 3313973 | website: www.suvmotorinn.com

PITA rate: FJD 95

b. Peninsula International hotel

Cnr. McGregor Road and Pender Street, Suva.

Phone: +679 331 3711/ 331 5744

Email: peninsula@connect.com.fj | Web: www.peninsula.com.fj

Price range: FJD 85 – FJD 140

c. Holiday Inn Suva

Victoria Parade, Suva

Phone: +679 3301 600 | Web : www.holidayinn.com

d. Tanoa Plaza Hotel

Gordon Street, Suva

Phone: +679 3312300 | Web: www.tanoahotels.com

f. USP Lodges:

Upper Lodges - \$66 single, \$75 double. The houses have shared facilities

Marine Lodge - \$73 single, \$85 double. The units are self contained.

Contact: Arthur Buadromo - University Accommodation Officer

Phone: (679) 3232321 | Mobile: (679) 9980002 | Email: buadromo_a@usp.ac.fj

2. WEATHER AND TIMEZONE

Fiji has a tropical warm climate in this period; temperatures ranging between 18-32 degrees Celsius; Cool clothing is recommended and umbrella if staying in alternate hotels.

Local time in Fiji is UTC/GMT + 12 hours

3. GENERAL INFO ABOUT SYDNEY:

If planning for a short holiday, Fiji is known for its natural beauty and tropical climate and more commonly for its cornucopia of adventure with Fijian hospitality. For more information please visit web sites on Fiji: <http://www.fijime.com>

4. CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The local currency is Fijian Dollars (FJD).

International Banks operating FIJI are Westpac and ANZ. Their Buying Exchange rates is approximately F\$1.00: US\$0.51.

Internationally recognized credit cards are accepted by the hotel and department stores (Visa, Master, and American Express) for the purchase of goods and for any other financial transactions.

5. ELECTRICITY

Electricity voltage is 240 volts with pin configuration similar to Australia, NZ and most European countries. You are advised to take along your universal adaptor if you are from the USA, Japan or any other country with dissimilar pin configurations and voltages.

6. DRESS CODE

Dress standard – Island smart casual - Ties discouraged

7. INTERNET ACCESS

Internet access will be available at the workshop venue

8. FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

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