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**THE FIFTY SEVENTH SESSION
ESCAP/WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE
17 – 20 February 2025**

HILTON MANILA HOTEL
PASAY CITY, METRO MANILA, PHILIPPINES

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Notes by the Typhoon Committee Secretariat (TCS) and Local Organizing Committee (LOC)
(updated 25 November 2024)

Place and Dates

1. The Fifty Seventh Session of the Typhoon Committee (TC57) is scheduled to be held at the Hilton Manila Hotel in Pasay City, Metro Manila Philippines from 17 to 20 February 2025. Further details of the meeting venue and location map are provided below.
2. The official opening ceremony of the event will be held on 17 February 2025, 9:00AM (local time/PhST) at the Ballroom of Hilton Manila Hotel.

Registration

3. In order to facilitate a seamless registration process, participants are **required** to register in advance via online at https://bit.ly/ESCAPWMO_TC57ph (official URL of Registration Page). In case online registration **failed**, please send your registration by filling out our Registration Form provided in **Anne I** and kindly send to us via the contact details provided in this Information note.
4. A **registration** and **information desk** will be located in front of the meeting room (Ballroom of Hilton Manila Hotel). Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges as early as 8:00AM on the opening day, 17 Feb. 2025.
5. Participants who are unable to register on the opening day but have confirmed their attendance prior to the event dates are requested to do so on the subsequent days to ensure that their name will appear on the official list of participants.

Working Language

6. English shall be used as the language of communication for the entirety of the event. Hence, the meeting sessions as well as the documentation shall be solely in English, and interpretation services will not be provided.

Immigration requirements

7. In general, the following requirements apply to foreign nationals entering the Philippines
 - a. Holders of passports valid for at least six (6) months at the time of arrival.
 - b. Have a return or outbound ticket to their country of origin or next country of destination
 - c. Have registered on the Philippine e-Travel portal at least 72 hours prior to arrival in the country (registration via <https://etravel.gov.ph> and is free of charge)
 - d. Holds a valid visa OR other documentary requirements, depending on their nationality. For further information, please visit the webpage by the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (<https://dfa.gov.ph/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa>) or contact the Philippine Embassy or Consulate office in your respective country.

Electricity

8. In the Philippines, power plugs and sockets (outlets) are of type A, and type B (see images below). The standard rating is 220V AC at a frequency of 60 Hz. For your safety, please check the respective ratings of your devices and for added convenience, we highly advise to bring an extra adaptor (preferably universal type) to ensure compatibility of your devices to the power outlets available.

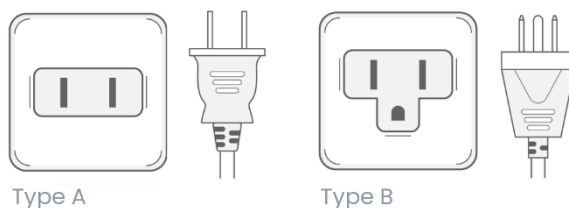


IMAGE: <https://world-power-plugs.com/philippines>

Local Weather

9. The climatological normal from PAGASA Synoptic Stations in Quezon City and the Port of Manila, representing Metro Manila for the month of February are as follows:

WEATHER PARAMETER	RANGE
Mean Daily Maximum Temperature [°C]	30.7 to 31.5
Mean Daily Minimum Temperature [°C]	21.5 to 24.3
Relative Humidity [%]	70 to 73
Ave. number of rainy days for the month	3
Mean Monthly Precipitation [mm]	21.9 to 24.4

Manila, together with the rest of the Philippines, lies entirely in the tropics region and thus experiences tropical climate throughout the year. Ambient temperatures are quite warm especially during daytime but relatively experiences a slightly milder average temperature during the months of December, January and February compared with the other periods of the year. Humidity levels are also usually high all year round, making the air feel hotter than its actual temperature. Meanwhile, Manila has a distinct dry season from late December through early April with generally fair weather during this period.

For more information on the local weather forecasts and other meteorological data in the Philippines, please visit the website of DOST-PAGASA, the state weather bureau, at <https://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph>

Meeting Venue

HILTON MANILA HOTEL



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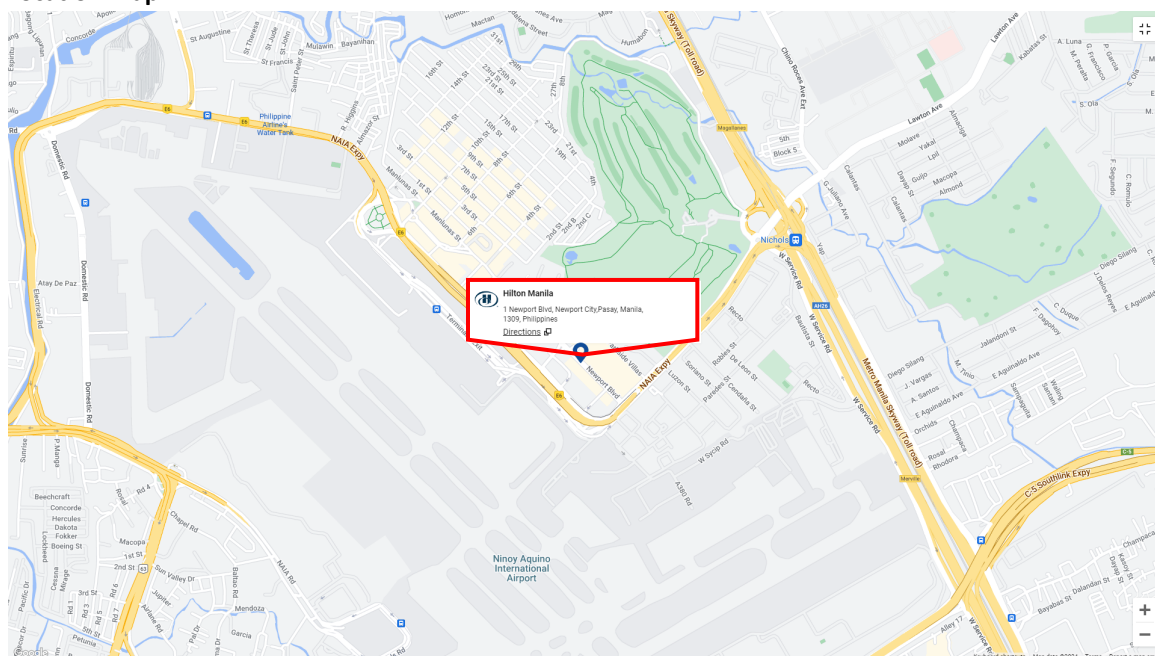
Address: 1 Newport Blvd, Newport City Pasay, Metro Manila, Philippines

Tel No.: +63 2 7239 7788

Email: mnlp_hotel@hilton.com

Website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mnlpphi-hilton-manila/>

Location Map:



<https://bit.ly/3ZhHI2C>

Hotel Reservation

10. A block reservation has been made in the hotel venue (Hilton Manila Hotel & Resorts) at special rates and are presented as follows:

ROOM TYPE	OCCUPANCY	RATE	INCLUSION
King Guest Room	Single / Double / Twin bedded	P11,000++ (approx. US\$ 190) NETT per room per night	- Breakfasts at Kusina Sea Kitchen - Rates are inclusive of 12%VAT, 10% service charge and 0.83% local tax

Participants are kindly requested to make their own reservations directly through the hotels online booking system to secure the special rate offered. A dedicated attendee website will be set up by the hotel-venue where delegates for the event become part of a private group which enables them to book their rooms at the negotiated rate for the event as well as access, download or print itineraries, event details and other information.

The LOC will provide the link for this bespoke webpage once activated by the hotel.

Please be advised that rooms are subject to availability upon receiving confirmation and shall be on a first-come-first-served basis. Hotel rates are also subject to change without prior notice.

Additional details of the hotel venue can also be found in the Appendix A of this Information note. Alternatively, there are other neighboring hotels that the participants can choose from, which are also listed in the Appendix for added reference.

Transport between the Airport and the hotel venue, and vice versa

11. There are several options of traveling between the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA, MNL) and the venue, Hilton Manila Hotel. These are given as follows:

- a. **Pick-up/drop-off services/drop-off by LOC** can be provided by DOST-PAGASA to the participants between NAIA and hotel venue on their arrival and departure dates. Participants are advised to contact any member of the LOC for the arrangement through the contact details provided in the Local Organizing Committee portion of this Information Note.
- b. **Private Pick-up/ drop-off services** can be arranged between the guests and the hotel where they will be staying. For participants wishing to avail this transport service from Hilton Manila Hotel and are booked at the block room reservations for the event may contact directly the hotel or any member of the secretariat / Local Organizing Committee. On the other hand, participants staying at hotels other than the venue may contact directly the concierge or customer services of their respective hotel. Please note that this service comes at a cost depending on hotel rates and shall be charged at the expense of the availing participant.
- c. **Taxicab or ride hailing services** can be availed directly at the arrival area of the NAIA terminals 1, 2 and 3. There are three main types of taxis at the airport, namely: (1) Yellow Taxi, which uses the meter at almost double the regular rates; (2) the Coupon Taxi, a white cab with body markings of number in blue and yellow or white which has a fixed rate depending on the destination; and (3) the white taxicabs that uses meter and charges at regular rates. Those availing either the Metered Yellow Airport Taxi or the Coupon Taxi service must make their way on foot to the dispatch station or kiosks positioned at the curb side of the Arrival Hall Exit and usually marked by a huge sign that reads METERED TAXI and COUPON TAXI respectively. Regular white taxis on the other hand are usually stationed at the farthest end of the arrival area.
Similarly, an alternative popular ride-hailing service in Southeast Asia called **Grab** can also be availed similarly, with their booking kiosks located at the curbsides of

the arrival area of the NAIA Terminals, specifically near Bay 6 and 4 for Terminals 2 and 3 respectively. Fare to the hotel (Hilton Hotel in Newport City Pasay) could be around P150 to P500 (around \$3 - \$10 USD) varying widely depending on the chosen Taxi type, the terminal of your arrival as your point of origin and the traffic condition esp. for metered taxis. As an example, taxi fare between NAIA Terminal 3 and the hotel venue could be at the lower end of the price range, considering its proximity.

To ensure your safety and to avoid being scammed with unreasonably high fare charges, please refrain from transacting with persons offering taxi services as you exit the Terminal building or as you walk around, even if they claim they are accredited by the airport authorities.

- d. **Van services via Runway Manila connecting NAIA Terminal 3.** Newport city offers free van services between hotels within the complex and a walkway or footbridge called 'Runway Manila', which is linked to NAIA Terminal 3. This can be a good option if you are arriving or departing via NAIA Terminal 3 and will be staying in any of the affiliated hotels, e.g. Hilton Manila, Holiday Inn Express Manila, Newport World Resorts and Hotels, Marriott Hotel Manila, Hotel Okura Manila, and Sheraton Manila. Runway Manila is accessible by walking or by riding an electric buggy car, with signage leading to it from the fourth level of NAIA Terminal 3 building. At the end of the bridge way, there is a lift going downstairs leading to an area where the vans with 'Newport City' side markings are stationed waiting for passengers which will take you any of the aforementioned hotels within the Newport complex. Please show your hotel booking for reference before boarding.

Meals during the meeting

12. The LOC will provide lunch and coffee breaks throughout the entire meeting days. A Welcome Dinner will be hosted by PAGASA on the evening of Day 1.

Currency

13. The official currency of the Republic of the Philippines is the Philippine Peso (P, PHP). Foreign currency can be exchanged at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport upon arrival. There are also banks, foreign currency exchange (forex) and money changer stalls in shopping malls around the area. Money exchange is also available at the Hotel.

Cash is still generally widely accepted. Although some establishments are now starting to offer electronic payment systems, e.g. through credit or debit cards, as well as through mobile payment system as alternative options of payment.

Local Organizing Committee

14. For additional information and assistance concerning the registration and local arrangements for the 57th Session of the Typhoon Committee, please contact the members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) by sending an email to tc57loc.manila@pagasa.dost.gov.ph or through the following:




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APPENDIX I

LIST OF RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE HOTELS FOR ACCOMODATION

HOTEL NAME & DISTANCE	DAILY RATES & INCLUSIONS	HOTEL CONTACT DETAILS
 <i>Image c/o https://www.agoda.com/</i> HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS MANILA (approx. 5min. walk to meeting venue)	As low as P 5,500++ NETT (approx. \$95 USD) on standard twin sharing, with buffet breakfast for two	Physical Address: 1 Jasmine Drive, Newport City Complex, Pasay Metro Manila PH Reservations: 1800-1110-2295 Front desk: +632-79088600 Email: info.hiexmanila.nc@newportworldresorts.com Website: https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/pasay/mnlr/hotel/detail
 <i>Image c/o https://www.booking.com/</i> BELMONT HOTEL MANILA (approx. 10min. walk to meeting venue)	As low as P 8,500++ NETT (approx. \$145 USD) on standard twin sharing, with buffet breakfast for two	Physical Address: Newport Boulevard, Newport City Complex, Pasay Metro Manila PH (walking distance from Runway Manila) Tel. No +632 5318 8888 Email: info@belmontmanila.com Website: https://www.belmonthotelmanila.com/
 <i>Image c/o https://gyl-magazine.jp/</i> SAVOY HOTEL MANILA (approx. 30min. walk to meeting venue)	As low as P 4,500++ NETT (approx. \$77 USD) on standard twin sharing, with buffet breakfast for two	Physical Address: 101 Andrews Avenue, Newport City, Pasay MM Room Inquiry: (+632) 5317 2869 Email: stay@savoymanila.com Website: https://www.savoyhotelmanila.com.ph/