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**15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting**  
**21 - 28 June 2008**  
**Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC)**

## PAC 2008 MEETING OUTLINE

<b>PERIOD:</b>	21-28 June 2008
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre,</b> Kuala Lumpur City Centre, 50088 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Tel: +603-2333 2888 Fax: +603-2333 2800 Website: <a href="http://www.klccconventioncentre.com">www.klccconventioncentre.com</a>
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**Kuala Lumpur  
Convention Centre**

# SCHEDULE OF PAC 15<sup>th</sup> PLENARY

## MALAYSIA 2008

Day/Date	Time	Event
<b>Saturday 21 June</b>	08:30 – 17:30	MLA Management Committee Meeting <b>(closed)</b>
	14:00 – 18:00	Registration
<b>Sunday 22 June</b>	08:30 – 17:30	Executive Committee Meeting <b>(closed)</b>
	08:30 – 17:30	Experienced PE Workshop
	14:00 – 18:00	Registration
<b>Monday 23 June</b>	09:00 – 13:00	STANDARDS MALAYSIA Seminar
	14:00 – 17:30	Open Forum – PAC Strategic Planning Session
	20:00 – 21:30	Welcome Reception
<b>Tuesday 24 June</b>	08:30 – 17:30	Technical Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday 25 June</b>	08:30 – 13:00	MLA Group Meeting <b>(One representative + one observer of MLA Member + others upon request)</b>
	14:00 – 15:15	Communications and Marketing Committee Meeting
	15:30 – 17:30	Developing Programs Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday 26 June</b>	08:30 – 17:30	Training Course on ISO/IEC 17024
	20:00 – 21:30	Official Dinner
<b>Friday 27 June</b>	08:30 – 13:00	Plenary Meeting
	14:00 – 17:30	Training Course on ISO/IEC 17024
	20:00 – 21:30	Farewell Dinner
<b>Saturday 28 June</b>	08.30 – 12:30	Tour Programme / EC Meeting <b>(closed)</b>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Country

The Federation of Malaysia comprises Peninsular Malaysia and the states of Sabah and Sarawak on the island of Borneo.

### Geographical Location

Located between 2° and 7° north of the Equator, Peninsula Malaysia is separated from the states of Sabah and Sarawak by the South China Sea. To the north of Peninsula Malaysia is Thailand while its southern neighbour is Singapore. Sabah and Sarawak are north of Indonesia in Borneo while Sarawak also shares a border with Brunei.

### Area

329,758 sq km

### Capital

Kuala Lumpur - or K.L. is a modern cosmopolitan city boasting the world's tallest twin towers towering at a height of 452m. Its architecture is the representative of the country's dominant cultures - the Malay, Chinese and Indian. Combined with the colonial legacy of the British and Moorish influences, KL has one of Asia's most dynamic cityscapes.

### People and Culture

Malaysia has a combined population of over 26 million people. Because of its central location, between the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea, Malaysia has traditionally been a meeting point for traders and travelers from both the East and West. As a result, Malaysia has a multicultural and multiracial population consisting of Malays, Chinese, Indians and numerous indigenous peoples. Although Malay is the official language, English is widely spoken, especially in business, and the English language is a compulsory subject in all schools. With such a varying ethnic composition, it is no surprise that a great diversity of religions is prevalent throughout Malaysia. Although the official religion is Islam, freedom of worship is practiced. As a result, it is a common to see temples, mosques and churches within the same area.

### Language

Bahasa Melayu (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken. The ethnic groups also speak various languages and dialects.

### Government

Malaysia is governed by a Parliamentary democracy with a bicameral legislative system. The Head of State is the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, a position that is awarded to a different State Monarch every five years and the Head of Government is the Prime Minister.

## **Climate**

Tropical climate with warm weather all year round. Temperatures in the lowlands range from 21°C (70°F) to 32°C (90°F). The highlands are cooler, where temperatures range between 15°C (59°F) to 25°C (77°F). Annual rainfall varies from 2,000mm to 2,500mm.

## **Economic Profile**

Manufacturing constitutes the largest single component of Malaysia's economy. Tourism and primary commodities such as petroleum, palm oil, natural rubber and timber are other major contributors to the economy.

## **Currency**

The unit of currency is Malaysian Ringgit indicated as MYR. USD1 is roughly equivalent to MYR 3.25 as of March 2008. Foreign currency can be converted at banks and money changers.

## **Banking Hours**

Most states: Mon - Fri: 9.15am to 4.30pm. Sat & Sun: Closed (Selected banks and branches are open on Sat). Kelantan & Terengganu: Sun - Wed: 9.15am to 4.30pm. Thurs: 9.15am to 4.00pm. Friday/Saturday\*/Public Holiday: Closed

## **Time**

8 hours ahead of GMT and 16 hours ahead of U.S. Pacific Standard Time.

## **Electricity**

Voltage is 220 - 240 volts AC at 50 cycles per second. Standard 3-pin square plugs and sockets.

## **Telephones**

Local calls can be made from public phones using coins or pre-paid cards. International calls can be made from public phones with card phone facilities or at any Telekom office.

## **Passport or Travel Document**

Every person entering Malaysia must possess a valid national Passport or internationally recognised Travel Document valid for travel to Malaysia. Any person not in possession of a Passport or Travel Document, which is recognised by the Malaysian Government, must obtain a Document in lieu of Passport. Application for the Document in lieu of Passport can be made at any Malaysian Representative Office abroad. Holders of Travel Documents like a Certificate of Identity, Laisser Passer, Titre de Voyage or a Country's Certificate of Permanent Residence must ensure that their return to the country, which issued the document or the country of residence is guaranteed. The documents shall be valid, for more than six (6) months from the date of entry into Malaysia.

## **Fulfill Visa Requirement**

A visa is an endorsement in a passport or other recognised travel document of foreigner indicating that the holder has applied for permission to enter Malaysia and that permission has been granted. Foreign nationals who require a visa to enter Malaysia must apply and obtain a visa in advance at any Malaysian Representative Office abroad before entering the country. Visa, which has been granted, is not absolute guarantee that the holder will be allowed to enter Malaysia. The final decision lies with the Immigration Officer at the entry point.

## **Airport Transfers**

Malaysia's primary gateway is the state-of-the-art Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). It is located in Sepang, which is about 50km (less than an hour's drive via highway) south of Kuala Lumpur. From KLIA, visitors are able to get to the heart of Kuala Lumpur by bus, limousine taxi, Airport Express Rapid Transit train (KLIA Ekspres) or rent-a-car services available.

## **Airport Tax**

International Airport Departure Tax: MYR 45.00

## **Emergency Numbers**

For emergencies, please dial the toll free numbers: 999

## **Food**

Eating out in Malaysia is a real gastronomic adventure. There is such a great variety; spicy Malay Food, a seemingly endless variety of Chinese food, exotic cuisine from North and South India, as well as Nyonya and Portuguese Food. Popular Malaysian dishes include satay, nasi lemak, rendang, roti canai, murtabak, laksa, chicken rice, and fried noodles. Western cuisine is also easily available.

## **Shopping**

Malaysia is a premier shopping destination in Southeast Asia. Malaysians love shopping, which explains the vast number of luxury malls, stores and street-side stalls in the capital, Kuala Lumpur. For light, casual shopping, there are roadside stalls, bazaars and night markets in towns throughout the country. A major attraction is the colourful, bustling night market or 'pasar malam' - found in most neighbourhoods on certain days of the week - which stocks a bewildering variety of goods, local foods and fruits. Shopping at one is an experience to be enjoyed. Despite the low prices, bargaining at night markets is acceptable.

## **Useful web-sites**

[www.klia.com.my](http://www.klia.com.my)

[www.kliaekspres.com](http://www.kliaekspres.com)

[www.tourism.gov.my](http://www.tourism.gov.my)

## MEETING VENUE

### **THE KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE (KLCC)**

The Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre is located in the Kuala Lumpur City Centre, fondly known as KLCC.

Situated at the centre of Kuala Lumpur's Central Business District, Kuala Lumpur convention Centre is the City's most technologically-advanced, purpose-built facility for international, regional and local conventions, tradeshow, public exhibitions, entertainment and private functions. The Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre's total function space is 20,059 m. Inclusive of support areas and circulation space, the facility's gross built-up area is 120,000 m on a 7.3 acre site.

The Convention Centre represents the latest project within PETRONAS' distinctive Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) development. Designed to be a "city within a city", this 40-hectare (100-acre) site offers a stimulating environment where one can work, live, shop, visit and enjoy life. Other components include a 50-acre park, the signature PETRONAS Twin Towers, the Asy'Syakirin Mosque, six-storey Suria KLCC shopping centre, PETROSAINS interactive science discovery centre, Galeri PETRONAS and the Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS, home of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

There is interconnection with the Traders Hotel at Ground Level and Level 3 together with direct access to car parking below. Useful signage will be available at strategic spots to assist the delegates to the meeting venue. Registration for the meeting will be held at the Secretariat Room in the KLCC.



For more information, kindly visit: [www.klccconventioncentre.com](http://www.klccconventioncentre.com)

## ACCOMMODATION

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**All delegates are responsible to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation.**

Accommodation for participants will be at the Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur. The hotel is conveniently located in the city's central business district and is in easy walking distance to cafes, nightclubs and shopping precincts. Major corporate headquarters and business support providers are also at close hand.

Although a number of rooms have been blocked with the hotels, delegates are urged to make reservation directly with the hotel at the following address:

**The Traders Hotel, Kuala Lumpur (by Shangri-La)**  
Kuala Lumpur City Centre  
50888 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Tel: (+063) 2332 9888 ; Fax: (+063) 2332 2666  
Website: [www.tradershotel.com](http://www.tradershotel.com)



### **INFORMATION ON OTHER NEARBY HOTEL:**

#### **MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL**

Kuala Lumpur City Centre,  
50088 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Tel: (+603) 2380 8888  
Fax: (+603) 2179 8659  
E-mail: [mokul-reservations@mohg.com](mailto:mokul-reservations@mohg.com)  
[www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com)

#### **IMPIANA KLCC HOTEL & SPA**

13, Jalan Pinang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur,  
Malaysia  
Tel: (+603) 2147 1111  
Fax: (+603) 2147 1100  
E-mail: [info.impianaklcc@impiana.com](mailto:info.impianaklcc@impiana.com)  
[www.impiana.com](http://www.impiana.com)

#### **RENAISSANCE HOTEL**

Corner of Jalan Sultan Ismail and Jalan  
Ampang,  
50450 Kuala Lumpur,  
Malaysia.  
Tel: (+603) 2162 2233  
Fax: (+603) 2163 1122  
[www.klrenaissance.com](http://www.klrenaissance.com)

#### **CROWN PRINCESS HOTEL**

City-Square Centre,  
Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur,  
Malaysia.  
Tel: (+603) 2162 5522  
Fax: (+603) 2162 4492  
Email: [reservations@crownprincess.com.my](mailto:reservations@crownprincess.com.my)  
[www.fhihotels.com](http://www.fhihotels.com)

#### **CORUS HOTEL**

Jalan Ampang,  
50450 Kuala Lumpur,  
Malaysia.  
Tel: (+603) 2161 8888  
Fax: (+603) 2161 2393  
Email: [reservations@corushotelkl.com](mailto:reservations@corushotelkl.com)  
[www.corushotelkl.com](http://www.corushotelkl.com)

#### **NOVOTEL HYDRO MAJESTIC HOTEL**

2 Jalan Kia Peng,  
50450 Kuala Lumpur,  
Malaysia  
Tel: (+603) 2147 0888  
Fax: (+603) 2147 0889  
E-mail : [info@novotelhydro.com](mailto:info@novotelhydro.com)  
[www.novotel.com/asia](http://www.novotel.com/asia)

**For more hotels list, kindly visit:**

[http://www.klccconventioncentre.com/sec\\_attending/hotels/html/hotels.php](http://www.klccconventioncentre.com/sec_attending/hotels/html/hotels.php)



## TOUR PROGRAMME

Date	:	28 June 2008 (Saturday)
Time	:	7.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Transportation	:	Bus
No. of participants	:	35 (first-come-first-serve basis)
Location	:	Putrajaya



**Putrajaya** is the Federal Government Administrative Centre for Malaysia and is a city planned and built to meet the challenges of the new millennium. Located at about 35 km from Kuala Lumpur, it is a “City in a Garden” that turns to nature for inspiration, resulting in a landscape dominated by the picturesque Putrajaya Lake.

Putrajaya covers a vast sprawl of 4,931 hectares, which were mostly palm plantations before the federal government purchased the lot from the surrounding state of Selangor. The city's masterplan is designed along an axial tangent which runs from the northeast to southeast, with gently undulating terrain. About 40% of Putrajaya is natural, but the landscape has been extensively reworked by man: lush greenery and botanical gardens are spread across the landscape, crisscrossed by large bodies of water and wetlands. Five confluences meet at the north forming a main waterway, the Putrajaya Lake, which flows across the city area.

### **Cruise Tasik Putrajaya – “cruise into a different world”**

Officially launched in 30 August 2003 by the then Prime Minister Dato’ Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Cruise Tasik Putrajaya (CTP) is an initiative by Perbadanan Putrajaya, the city’s authority and administrator.

As the cruise service provider in Putrajaya, CTP was set up to tap into the recreational potential of the unique 650-hectare man-made lake and wetlands, which spans across the city’s landscape. CTP also serves to complement the city’s tourism appeal, allowing visitors to see and marvel at the many stunning sights and landmarks from a unique perspective.

Cruise services operated by CTP include sightseeing tours by perahu boats or air-conditioned cruise boats, which also offer a dining, cruise experience. Other tours include love boat ride, cocktail cruise, tea cruise, lakeside dinner, party/karaoke cruise and private boat charters for functions or events.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Those interested to join in the tour programme are advised to notify the Secretariat early through delegates registration form to secure their places. Detailed programmed will be informed during the Registration Day at the Counter.

**For more information, kindly visit:**

<http://www.ppi.gov.my>

<http://www.cruisetasikputrajaya.com/>