



18-19 September 2023 | International Youth International Youth Centre, Jalan Yaacob Latif, Bandar Tun Razak, 56000, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Asia Pacific Futures Network (APFN) is honoured to welcome you to the 9th APFN Conference on 'Futures Thinking in Practice: Bridging Academia, Industry, and Society towards Sustainability and Wellbeing' in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia from 18 to 19 September 2023.

It will be hosted in Malaysia for the first time this year, reckoning local wisdom and regional approaches in promoting academia-industry-government-society cooperation to inspire innovative breakthroughs towards positive futures of sustainability and wellbeing. Catering researchers, practitioners, and policymakers all together, the conference intends to highlight futures-oriented work in the region while focusing on inter-sectoral activities in research, science, and technology for societal betterment and civilisational preservation to comprehend the changing trajectory of Asia, the emerging issues and disruptors in a decade, and the alternative futures.

Please review the following information intended to facilitate your stay in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Travel Arrangements and Visa

Kindly ensure the passport is sufficiently valid for the travel. An entry visa to Malaysia may be obtained via [MYVisa](#) where the Frequently Asked Questions are also available on the same page. Please contact us if you need Visa support such as an official document.

All participants are expected to plan their own travel arrangements and cover all expenses incurred (e.g.: visa fee, transportation costs, accommodations).

In case of flight delay or cancellations due to inevitable reasons and flight rearrangement is necessary, please directly contact the airline service provider via their respective websites, helplines, or counters at the airport and inform of your situations to the APFN9 organising committee officer-in-charge (rfarizah@iium.edu.my).

Transportation

- **From Kuala Lumpur International Airports (KLIA & KLIA2) to KL Sentral**

Upon arrival at the Kuala Lumpur International Airports (KLIA & KLIA2), you can find the KLIA Ekspres service which directly links the airports to KL Sentral (Kuala Lumpur City Centre). It runs every 20 minutes during weekday peak hours and every 30 minutes during weekday off-peak hours, on weekends and national public holidays. You can purchase a train ticket in cash or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) at the KLIA Ekspres counters. The journey time between KL Sentral and KLIA T1 is 28 minutes, and 3 minutes between

KLIA T1 and KLIA T2. Please visit the official website for the latest updates on the fares, etc. [here](#). It is advisable to check the latest schedule before your travel.

- **From KL Sentral to the International Youth Centre (IYC), Kuala Lumpur**

Taxi and e-hailing services are available at KL Sentral at your convenience. While taxis can easily be found at the main entrance of KL Sentral, you are alternatively recommended to use [Grab e-hailing mobile app](#) for reputedly safe rides with verified drivers, upfront pricing, and a wide range of vehicles to choose from depending on the size of your group. The following [steps can be followed to create an account on Grab](#):

To start using Grab services, you can create a Grab account:

1. Download and install Grab app from Play Store (Android) / App Store (iOS)
2. Choose one account creation (Google, Facebook, or Phone Number)
3. Complete all required data with an active email/Facebook account and phone number
4. You will receive an SMS OTP containing a 4-digit code (IMPORTANT! Please do not disclose this code to anyone, including persons acting on behalf of Grab)

Congrats! Now you can use all services in the Grab app

When you make the first booking, Grab will ask you to verify by choosing one of the following 3 ways below:

[Verify with Selfie](#)

[Add Credit / Debit Card](#)

[Verify with Facebook](#)

Please complete one of the 3 verification methods to avoid account abuse in the future.

On the other hand, public transportation in Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley can be traced via the [Myrapid PULSE app](#). Currently, the app covers the MRT, LRT, KL Monorail, Sunway BRT, and buses under the Rapid KL, including the MRT feeder buses.

Conference Venue

International Youth Centre (IYC), Jalan Yaacob Latif, Bandar Tun Razak, 56000 Cheras Kuala Lumpur

Language

The official language throughout the conference will be English.

Services

Meals: The following meals will be provided for all participants while special restrictions or diets can be accommodated upon request.

- 18 September: Lunch, dinner, and free-flow coffee and tea
- 19 September: Lunch and free-flow coffee and tea

Accommodation Recommendations

Please note that booking and covering the expenses of accommodations will be the direct responsibility of the participants. For more details on each recommendation, please refer to the provided link.

[IYC Residence @ IYCKL](#)

Distance: Located at the conference venue

Phone: +603-9171 9204/5

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Email: admin@iyckul.org.my

Address: International Youth Centre, Jalan Yaacob Latif, Bandar Tun Razak Cheras, 56000 Kuala Lumpur

[Komune Living & Wellness Hotel](#)

Distance: ~3 km to the conference venue (~10-minute travel by car)

Phone: +603-2106 6666

Email: hello@komunewellness.com

Address: Komune Living & Wellness Hotel, 21, Jalan Tasik Permaisuri 2, Bandar Tun Razak, 56000 Kuala Lumpur

[Maple Inn](#) (2-Star)

Distance: ~7 km to the conference venue (~7-minute travel by car)

Phone: +603-9174 3338

Address: Maple Inn, 29, Jalan Dwitasik 1, Dataran Dwitasik, 56000 Kuala Lumpur

[Le Quadri Hotel](#) (3-Star)

Distance: ~3.9 km to the conference venue (~10-minute travel by car)

Phone: +603-9134 9889

Email: infokl@ucsihotels.com

Address: Le Quadri Hotel, No 1, Jalan Mandarina Damai 1, Cheras, 56000 Kuala Lumpur

[Sunway Velocity Hotel](#) (4-Star)

Distance: ~6 km to the conference venue (~15-minute travel by car)

Phone: +603-2726 3988

Email: svkl.reservations@sunwayhotels.com

Address: Sunway Velocity Hotel, Lingkaran SV, Sunway Velocity, 55100 Kuala Lumpur

[Hilton Kuala Lumpur Hotel](#) (5-Star)

Distance: ~10 km to the conference venue (~20 minute travel by car)

Contact: +60 3-2264 2264

Email Address: kuala-lumpur@hilton.com

Address: Hilton Kuala Lumpur, 3 Jalan Stesen Sentral Kuala Lumpur, 50470, Malaysia

Dress code

The dress code for all sessions is formal or smart casual.

Weather

Malaysia is generally hot and humid year round, interspersed with tropical rain showers, with a mean annual temperature is 25.4°C. It is advisable to wear light and breathable clothing for comfort in such weather.

Currency

1 United States Dollar (USD) equals 4.51 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) (as of August 2023)

Time

Malaysia Time (MYT) is consistent with UTC +8.

Contact

Should you have any inquiries or concerns, please contact us at:

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