

# The 21<sup>st</sup> SSEAYP International General Assembly 2009

## JOGJA - INDONESIA

April 30 - May 3, 2009

### Dear Participants:

We look forward to having you at the SIGA Jogja 2009, scheduled to be held from April 30<sup>th</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2009. In preparation for your arrival, here are some logistical details that will make your stay a productive one. In that regard, please note the following:

1. **Name of Assembly**

**“SIGA Jogja 2009”**

2. **Theme and Tagline**

**“Experience the Difference”**

Experience the Heritage, Experience the Shopping, Experience The Culture, Experience The Culinary, and Experience The Nature.

3. **Icon, “LORO BLONYO”**

Loro Blonyo (Wedding Couple Puppet), wearing their painting batik sarongs and batik jacket for the man and batik kebaya for the woman, these loving pair is a much beloved icon in the Island of Java. The Wedding Couple's gift is health, prosperity and fertility for the newly married in Java.

"Loro Blonyo" means "two together" and is probably more than 100 years old. The Loro Blonyo (inseparable couple) is Dewi Sri, Hindu goddess of agricultural fertility and her consort, Sadono. The traditional Javanese wedding is considered to be a re-enactment of the birth of the universe.

Figures of this pair are placed in front of the canopied marriage bed and as the ceremony begins, they are replaced by the bride and groom. Happiness, children and prosperity are secured when they are in the home. They may be represented in traditional or contemporary Javanese dress.

4. **Host Organizations and Organizing Committee**

SSEAYP International Indonesia is the centre stage committee featuring the partnership with other supportive parties.

5. **Time of Event**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009**

**6. Expected Participants**

Ex-PYs from 11 countries of ASEAN & Japan, any related programs (SWY, Index Program, etc) as well as Government Officials, Colleagues, Host Families, Families, and Friends.

**7. Accommodation**

The official hotel for accommodation and activities is in 4 star hotels.

**8. Transportation**

- Transportation from and to the Adisutjipto International Airport will be arranged by the committee
- Transportation during the SIGA will be provided
- Participants who will extend their stay after SIGA are kindly requested to make arrangements through appointed travel organizer. Name, address, phone, fax, e-mail of the travel organizer will be confirmed before SIGA begins.

**9. Flights to Jogja**

Below are alternative routes to Jogja as of end November 2008. Please notice that the flight schedules are subjects to change and updates toward these information are strongly recommended. (to be announced later)

**10. Ticket Bookings**

Please book your economy class air tickets to and from Yogyakarta through your own travel agents, as it will be more expensive if we do it from here. Please do send us your detailed itinerary (dates of arrival and departure, flight numbers, time of arrival and departure) latest by **April 27, 2009** so we can make arrangements for your airport pickup and drop.

**11. Visa to Indonesia**

For those who need visa, please approach the Indonesian embassy in your country. Invitation letter will be provided should you need one. We only cater a request from each respective AA.

**12. Arrival and Departure**

You are expected to arrive in Jogja by the April 30<sup>th</sup> noon time. Reception committee will greet all registered participants at the airport. Changes of arrival date should be informed to the committee not less than 72 hours (by email or text).

### **13. Daily Schedule**

SIGA Jogja starts on 30<sup>th</sup> of April and will end on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2009. Program will start at 08.00 every day. Breakfast is served at the hotel restaurant from 06.00-08.00.

### **14. Main Activities**

Main activities during the program are: Council of President Meeting, Welcoming Ceremony, Workshops, Reception Dinner, Heritage-Shopping-Culinary tour, Farewell Ceremony.

### **15. Council of President**

Council of President (COP) will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 20.30 until 22.30 in the hotel. Each AA should prepare and present their country report. Head of delegates of every AA will issue a SIGA Report.

### **16. Workshop**

You will experience a different SIGA workshop in Jogja. There will be exciting interactive workshop that you can choose. However for the following workshop we requested that each AA send 2 (two) representatives, and also open for others participants who have a great interest in the topics:

1. SI Travelling Network (lead by SIM)
2. Communication and Information Technology Network (lead by SIS)
3. Human Resources Network (lead by SIT)
4. Rainbow Love (lead by SIS)

Interactive workshops that participants can choose are:

1. Nature activities, you will experience back to nature activities in traditional village.
2. Traditional culture, you will learn various traditional activities and have the opportunity to perform in front of your friend afterward.

### **17. Certificate of Participant**

Certificate of participation will be signed by the IYEO President and SI Secretary General.

### **18. Attire**

Attire during SIGA will be informal. However please bring a formal dress for the Welcoming Ceremony and Reception Dinner. (The average temperature during SIGA will be around 26-28 degree Celsius).

### **19. Tours**

Individual or group additional tour could be arranged separately after SIGA Jogja.

## **20. Homestay or Optional Extension**

Homestay or any other activities after the end of SIGA Jogja are considered as optional extensions. These extensions are offered and proposed for participation by the organizing committee to optimize the required arrangements.

The organizing committee will keep them updated in a separate manner from the registration process of the main SIGA program itself.

## **21. Fee, Registration, and Cancellation Rules**

### **Fee:**

Early bird (1 December – 28 February 2008): US\$ 200

Regular (from 1 March): US\$ 225

Children (up to 10 years old): US\$ 135

### **Cancellation Fee:**

Until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009: 50% of the paid amount will be deducted.

After 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009: 100% of the paid amount will be deducted.

### **Suggestion:**

Please kindly inform your registration request to the respected Alumni Associations (if available).

## **22. Secretariat Office**

Jakarta & Jogja

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## General Information & Tips

### **Airport:**

Adisutjipto International Airport

### **Geography:**

Jogja or Yogyakarta is situated in the centre of Java Island. Jogja covers a total area of about 40 square kilometers.

### **Transportation:**

The most economic way to go around Jogjakarta is using 'Trans Jogja bus'. It's a medium mass transportation for 40 people. The fare is about Rp 3.000,- and the destinations are strategic places in Jogja. You can read their destination on the wind shield of the green painted bus. The full route information can also be found in the each shelter. Apart from more expensive taxi you can use adong (horse car) as another mean of affordable transportation.

### **Languages:**

Bahasa Indonesia, Bahasa Java, but English is widely spoken.

### **Electricity:**

Cities run on 220 volts, 50 cycles AC system. Rural areas may only be able to provide 110 volts. It's best to double check before plugging anything in. A torch is a useful item to have as power cuts do occur. Plugs are two round pins.

### **Telephone:**

The international dialing code for Indonesia is 62 and the local telephone code for Jogja is 0274. When making international telephone calls from Indonesia, first dial 001 + country code + area code + telephone number.

### **Climate:**

Jan-Dec 78.8°F to 95°F (26°C to 35°C), 75% to 100% Indonesia's climate is definitely tropical. There is no autumn or winter and distinctive "dry" and "wet" seasons share the year. The East Monsoon, from June to September, brings dry weather while the West Monsoon, from December to March rains rather heavily.

The transitional period between these two seasons is interspersed by the occasional heavy rain shower. Heaviest rainfalls are usually recorded in December and January and humidity is generally between 74% and 84%.

### **Water:**

Tap water is not safe to drink. Bottled water is widely available.

### **Etiquette / Dress Code:**

Dress is informal in Indonesia but try to wear unrevealing clothes at all times as a mark of respect to the county's predominantly Muslim values. Beach attire is tolerated around

the resort areas but outside these regions bearing flesh is considered immodest. Public displays of affection are frowned upon and it is considered impolite to point. Avoid patting children on the head and do not use your left hand when giving or receiving.

As with most Asian countries, it is best to try not to lose your temper. Confrontation is not appreciated and will only worsen rather than resolve any situation.

### **Money:**

The Rupiah (Rp) is the unit of currency. Though the US Dollar is the most convertible currency, exchange facilities are rare in remote places. Cash is preferred in transactions though credit cards are accepted at large hotels and restaurants.

Notes issued: Rp.100.000, Rp. 50.000, Rp. 20.000, Rp. 10.000, Rp. 5.000, Rp.1.000.

Coins issued: Rp. 1.000, Rp. 500, Rp. 200, Rp. 100, Rp. 50.

Visitors are advised that currency that has been written on, looks scruffy or is generally older in appearance may not be accepted by establishments.

### **Credit Cards:**

MasterCard, American Express and Visa are widely accepted in Jakarta and Jogjakarta and the main tourist areas. In more remote areas it is best to carry cash in small denominations.

### **Health:**

A visit to a doctor for an update on vaccinations is advisable before going to the country. Medical facilities are available and adequate in major cities or resorts, but are poor elsewhere. All food must be well cooked. Drink only water that has been boiled or bottled mineral water. Bottled drinking water is available in the hotel rooms.

### **Useful Numbers:**

Police 110, Ambulance 118, Fire Brigade 113, Local Information 108

### **Hospitals:**

Jogja International Hospital, Happy Land Hospital, Sardjito Hospital

### **Int'l Airport Departure Tax:**

Rp. 25.000

### **Shopping in Jogja:**

Please check the hotel information brochures for shopping in Jogja