

GENERAL LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR YMC 2019 WORKSHOP



Workshop Venue

The 4th YMC Workshop will be held from February 26 to 28, 2019 at the Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology (IESM), University of the Philippines , Diliman, Quezon City.

University of the Philippines –Diliman (UP Diliman)

UP Diliman or UPD is the flagship campus of the University of the Philippines—Philippines’ National University. It is located in Quezon City at the National Capital Region and covers over 490 hectares of land . Open air public utility vehicles called "IKOT" jeeps roam around the campus should you be interested in experiencing Manila transportation while sight-seeing around the university. Fare is only PhP9.00



Image source: <https://www.tinigngplaridel.net/news/2018/sakay-na-iskolar-ang-kalbaryong-dinarnas-ng-toki-at-ikot-jeeps/>

Venue Address (IESM): P. Velasquez Street, U.P Campus Diliman, Quezon City, 1101 Metro Manila



UP Diliman Map (see attached pdf file)



Nearby Hotels:

Sulo Riviera, Quezon City

The Sulo Riviera Hotel can be found along Matalino St., Diliman Quezon City— located near the city’s business, commercial, and government hubs and offices. The hotel is a two-storey building with a floor area of 6,711 square meters. Several in-house dining places can be found in the hotel as well as numerous restaurants, bars, and KTVs nearby.

For more information, kindly check: <http://www.thesuloriviera.com>

Address: Matalino St, Diliman, Quezon City, 1100 Metro Manila

Microtel by Wyndham - UP Technohub, Quezon City

Microtel is located along Commonwealth Avenue, parallel to UP Diliman. It has 120 guestrooms housed in a 6-storey block and is located in the big UP-leased area called AYALA Technohub where many other restaurants and businesses can be found. Construction of an MRT along Commonwealth is currently ongoing and traffic rerouting may mean long distances to roundabouts so please give sufficient allowance for travel time.

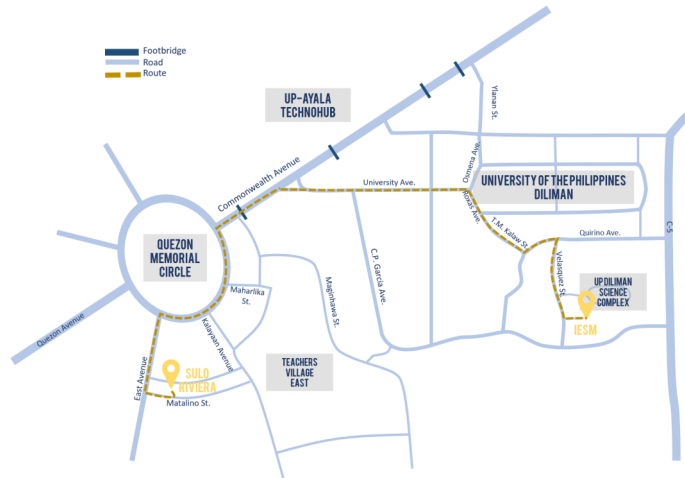
For more information, kindly check: <https://www.microtel-uptechnohub.com/>

Address: Commonwealth Avenue UP Ayala Land Technohub, 1121 Metro Manila



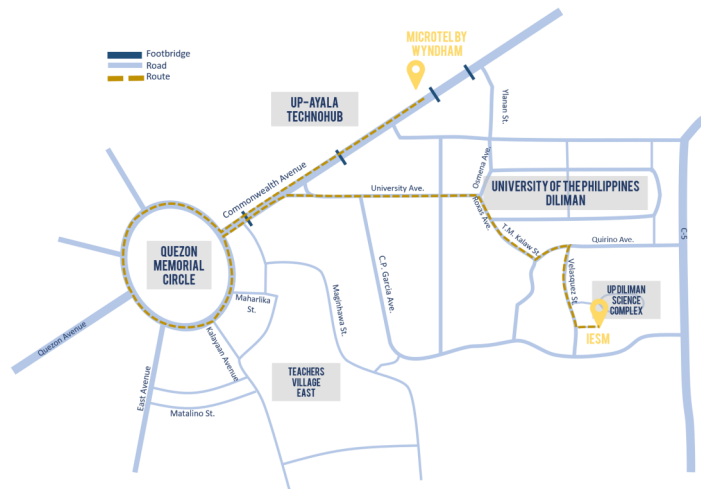
From Sulo Riviera to UPD

UP Diliman Campus is a 10 minute drive from Sulo Riviera. The venue can also be reached from the hotel via public transportation through tricycle and jeepneys/buses.



From Microtel to UPD

UP Diliman Campus is 14 minutes away from Microtel via taxi/car. The venue may also be reached from the hotel via jeepneys.



Participants coming from Cocoon Boutique could traverse Timog Ave or Quezon Avenue then on to UP while those from Richmonde Libis could traverse C5-Katipunan and on to UP. Ongoing Metro Rail Transit (MRT) construction along Quezon and Commonwealth Avenues may result to atrocious traffic as well as big vehicular volume along Katipunan due to UP and Ateneo students. Please plan accordingly.



Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)

Terminals

NAIA has currently four (4) terminals. International flights are assigned to terminals 1, 2, and 3 depending on the airline. **Terminal 1** holds most of the international flights. **Terminal 2** serves both domestic and international flights of Philippine Airlines, PAL Express, and other airlines. **Terminal 3** mostly accommodates Cebu Pacific flights as well as some international carriers.

Transportation

Connection between terminals is via shuttle bus system. The airport can also be accessed by bus, rail (Light Rail Transit), taxi (24/7 availability), and car rentals. GRAB app (not UBER) may also be used for airport transfers and Metro transportation. There is free wifi at the airport and hotels. LRT and MRT hours are from 5 am to 10pm but please do not attempt to use during rush hours (6 to 9 am/pm).

Banks and Currency Exchange

Several Banks are available at Terminals 1, 2, and 3. Money changers are available at terminals 2 and 3.

For more information, check: <https://www.manila-airport.net/>



Advised Workshop Attire

The University of the Philippines imposes no dress code and instead allows clothing as a platform for self-expression for both students and professors alike. We suggest you dress as comfortably as you can, allowing freedom of movement and adaptability to temperatures outside (consult favorite forecast) as well as inside the venue with ACs

PHILIPPINE BASIC INFORMATION

Language

Filipino and English are the official languages of the Philippines. Indigenous languages are also recognized as auxiliary official languages by most regions. English is the medium of instruction in higher education.

Time

The Philippine time has an 8 hour GMT offset (GMT/UTC + 8h during Standard Time).

Climate

The average temperature in Manila ranges from 25° to 30° C. The coldest months are from November to February. For the duration of the workshop, expect a relatively lower temperature.

Currency and Credit Cards

Philippine Peso (PhP) and Centavo are the currencies in the Philippines. Coin denominations are 1, 5, 10, and 25 centavos (100 centavos = P1) and 1, 5, and 10 pesos. Bill denominations are 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1,000 pesos.

Currency exchange can be done through major department stores, banks, and authorized money changers. USD to PhP exchange rate is around 50-55PhP.

Credit cards such as American Express, Visas, and MasterCard are accepted in major stores, restaurants, and hotels. However, personal checks from foreign banks are generally not accepted.

Business Hours

Businesses and government offices are open mostly from 8/9 AM to 5PM on weekdays and 8:00 AM till 12NN on Saturdays (standard lunch hour is from 12NN to 1PM). Most banks are open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Monday to Friday). Note that bank transactions may require your passport for identification purposes.

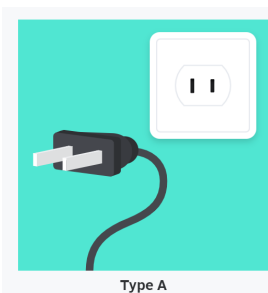
Telecommunication

The country code for the Philippines is +63 while the exit code is 00. Metro Manila's area code is (0) 2. IDD is also available.

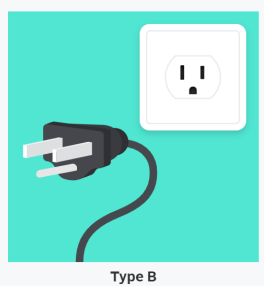
Major mobile service providers are Globe Telecom and Smart Communications. Both offer prepaid, postpaid, internet, and mobile data services, 3G and 4G signals.

Electricity

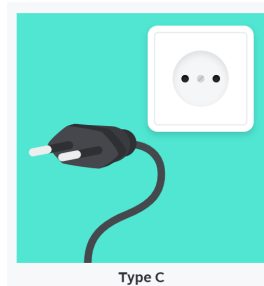
The common standard for voltage is 220 volts a/c with a frequency of 60hz Major hotels also use 110 volts a/c. Three (3) types of plugs/sockets are commonly available. Type A however, is the most widely used.



Type A



Type B



Type C

Image source: <https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/guidance/advice-for-you/when-travelling/travel-adaptor-for-the-philippines/>

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