

Dear Fellow GBs,

The main ICGB committee met again on 9 May 2009 in Kuching. The heat is ON...

Just to update you, the conference venue is now called THE RIVERSIDE MAJESTIC HOTEL. It used to be the Crowne Plaza Hotel but the management has changed and the new name brings with it more local flavours. Check it out at this website:

<http://www.sarawak-hotels.com/riverside-majestic/index.htm>

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|  <p>The Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak</p> |  <p>Hotel Lobby</p> |
|  <p>Small Meeting Room</p> |  <p>Twin Bed Room</p> |
|  <p>Swimming Pool</p> |  <p>Banquet Hall</p> |

For our meeting, Evelyn managed to get some privileges from the hotel : so the four of us who had flown in for the meeting could have the first taste of the twin bed rooms for the night. Sally and Piang took one room, and Kathryn and I took the other. We were also given a Japanese buffet dinner for free. Breakfast the next morning came with the room. We wanted to try out the buffet lunch at the Cafe Majestic but this was full and there was no room for us, so we went to the adjacent shopping complex and had fast food there.

The hotel is right in the middle of the city, a really Happening place! Our fear is that we will lose delegates to the nearby shopping areas, if we cannot keep them in our own program!

After stuffing ourselves with the Japanese food (which was not so terrific, I thought) it was time to

meet up with the others and get down to business.



Evelyn, as the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee called the meeting to order. The hotel had been kind enough to let us use

one of the suites for a meeting room. They had provided bottled water and stationery and things went along smoothly until the lights suddenly went out. The power outage did not last long and we could carry on our discussion.

The main concern is the registrations. The closing date for registration and payment of deposit has come and gone and only a fraction of the provisional numbers had sent in their forms and deposits. A few countries had asked for an extension for various reasons. We hope that people will be able to make a commitment to come for this once-in-4-years meeting and probably for many, a once-in-a-lifetime trip to enjoy Malaysian hospitality.

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|  | <p>Room with a view The bedrooms were very nice and the view was wonderful (we had the 12th floor). The facilities in the room were more than satisfactory.</p> |
|  | <p>This is Violet, assistant secretary to the local working committee. She is working very hard and just waiting to especially welcome the emerging leaders</p> |
|  | <p>The local working committee and GB Malaysia are excitedly awaiting this milestone in our history. Selamat Datang ke Malaysia We truly welcome you to our beautiful land!</p> |

We are trying to encourage our own officers and girls to block off a time to come and attend at least a part of the ICGB next year in Kuching. We are also keeping an eye out for low budget airfares for July 2010.

Yours truly, Rosalind Tay, 25.5.09