

ITSU TRAINING PROGRAMME (ITP) 2007 – LOGISTICS

Hotel:

For convenience, the ITIC has arranged for a block of rooms for you at the Ohana Waikiki West. For participants who are funded by the ITIC, this will be the ITP-Hawaii 2007 hotel. For participants who are self-funded, you are free to stay at any hotel of your choosing.

If you would like to stay at the Ohana Waikiki West, please contact the hotel directly, or inform the ITIC (brian.yanagi@noaa.gov) by 31 October 2007 in order to confirm your reservation. A block of 10 rooms is currently being held under ITIC Brian Yanagi's name. Reference the first of ten room confirmation #'s starting with 32180881. These rooms will be released on November 1, 2007.

Ohana Waikiki West

2330 Kuhio Ave.

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815

Reservations Phone: 1-800-688-7444 Fax: 1-808-924-6414

Non-smoking – standard kitchenette (microwave or stove burner) with requested double beds.

Rate: \$122.04 USD per night (tax included)

URL: http://ohanahotels.com/hotels_results.aspx?destination=2

Free internet service (wireless) is available only in the lobby; there is no service in rooms.

For complimentary in-room, internet service, you may select the Ohana East

150 Kaiulani Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96815-3292

Ph: 1-808-922-5353 Fax: 1-808-954-8800

Rate: about \$145 USD per night (tax included) for kitchenette

about \$133 USD per night (tax included) for standard room

You are responsible for paying your hotel room and other miscellaneous programme expenses whether you are ITIC-funded, or self-funded. It is very helpful if you bring a credit card to use when you register at the hotel; otherwise, you may need to pay in advance in cash. There will be a 2-night, 3-day trip to Hawai'i island (Big Island) for which you will have to check out for. The trip will be the last 3 days of the Programme, Nov 14-16. Therefore, you should plan to check out of your hotel on morning of November 14th. The ITP-Hawaii 2007 will close on the Big Island. For the Big Island trip, you are responsible for paying your hotel bill.

Meals:

All meal expenses will be at your own expense.

For ITIC-funded participants, a \$40/day per diem is provided to cover breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Transportation:

You are responsible for your own transportation:

1. To and from Honolulu Airport to your hotel. An Airport-to-Waikiki Hotels shuttle bus is available outside of baggage claim at a cost of about \$8. Alternatively, you may take a taxi (about \$30 one way).
2. To and from your hotel and ITIC every day except for November 5 (Day 1, see below). For this, we suggest that you purchase a Honolulu Bus System Pass (about \$40) that will allow you unlimited use of the bus system on the island of O'ahu. You may purchase a bus pass

from 7-Eleven Stores, or from ABC Stores; we will also stop on Day 1 in case anyone needs to buy one. A Map Guide Book will be included in your packet given to you when you arrive.

The ITIC will provide transportation to/from the Honolulu Airport from Waikiki for the Big Island trip.

Training Location and hours:

Each day, we will meet at the ITIC office at 9:00 am and finish by 4:30 pm each day.

On Day 1 (November 5, 2007), ITIC will pick you up at 8:30 am at the Ohana Waikiki West hotel, and show you the route the city bus will take to our office. On subsequent days, you will be responsible for taking the bus, or other transportation to and from ITIC each morning. The route is very easy, however, and should take less than 30 minutes.

Simple directions are: Take the Number 19 or 20 bus. It will run along Kuhio Avenue and Ala Moana Blvd towards the Aloha Tower/Honolulu Airport. The bus will pass the US Federal Building (300 Ala Moana Blvd) and you should get off the bus immediately after it turns right onto Alakea St. ITIC is located in the Pacific Guardian Center, Mauka tower (mountain-side) on the 22nd floor - the building consists of two the mirrored-glass towers (30 stories high) across the street in front of you when you get off the bus. Bus stops to return to Waikiki are most conveniently caught on Punchbowl Street about two blocks from the ITIC office.

Attire:

The dress code is casual office attire (e.g. coat and tie are not needed). The climate is tropical, usually sunny, and the temperature ranges from 22 during the night to 29 deg Celsius in the day (mid-70s to mid-80s deg F); humidity is usually low compared to that found in southeast Asia and central America.

Hawai'i Island Field Trip:

There will be a 2-night, 3-day field trip to Hawai'i island (Big Island) currently scheduled for November 14-16, 2007. You should plan to check out of the Ohana Waikiki West for the Big Island trip; if you plan to return and stay on O'ahu afterward, you may leave your bag at the hotel and only take a smaller bag. ITIC will arrange ground and air transportation, and Big Island hotel accommodations, but you will have to pay for your hotel and meals. We will visit tsunami memorial sites around Hilo, Hawaii Country Civil Defense Agency, and participate to the quarterly meeting of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Committee (HSEAC). The HSEAC is a technical stakeholder committee which advises the Hawaii State Civil Defense on earthquake hazards and mitigation; the current focus is on building codes, loss estimation, and outreach on seismic hazards and building retrofits to better withstand seismic shaking. On November 17, the HSEAC and Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii will co-sponsor an homeowner's earthquake/hurricane preparedness and damage mitigation seminar for the public which you are welcome to attend; there is no registration cost. More information will be given later.

Telecommunications and Computers:

Computers and Internet access, and printers will be available at the ITIC office for checking email. Please let Laura Kong or Tammy Kaitoku know if you need anything specific. Telephone and FAX services will also be available for your use at the office; emergency calls back to your country for official business are permitted on a limited basis. If you are bringing a

laptop computer, it should be possible to connect your computer to our Internet system through a wireless or wired connection. A requirement for this will be that your computer has current anti-virus software installed.

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IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK!