

9th Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC)

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 9-11 March 2009

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

The 9th meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC) will be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 10 to 11 March 2009. This conference will be preceded by a technical workshop on Monday 9th March. These events are organized by the National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA) of Papua New Guinea. The meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn hotel, located along Islander drive at Waigani suburb in the Nation's capital, Port Moresby city. The city has about 350,000 inhabitants. The hotel is close to Jacksons international airport about a few minutes drive from the main Poreporena freeway and on to the Waigani drive. Port Moresby has a tropical climate; the average temperature should be 29° C degrees in March.

Registration

A registration form was provided in the enclosure to the circular letter CL01/2009. It should be completed and sent back to the following e-mail addresses by 6 February 2009:

- Gwladys THEUILLON, (gwladys.theuillon@shom.fr)
- copy to NMSA (Louisa KARIKO (l.kariko@nmsa.gov.pg) and Rhonda AMOS (ramos@nmsa.gov.pg))
- copy to IHB (info@ihb.mc)

Hotel Information

NMSA has made arrangements with the Holiday Inn hotel, in Port Moresby (see hotel website at www.Holidayinn.com). Negotiated room rates are from 680 PGK to 885 PGK (Garden Double-Premium PGK K680 + 10% GST per room per night, Tower King PGK K710 + 10% GST per room per night). Meal rates are: continental breakfast PGK 33.00, full breakfast K50.00, buffet lunch K40.00, buffet dinner K50.00. The approximate exchange rate is USD 1.00 = PGK 2.65 (January 2009). These rates are available only for reservations made directly with the hotel, by e-mail (reservations@holidayinnportmoresby.com.pg), phone (+675 303 2041) or fax (+675 303 2979), quoting the code "NMSA2009". Each participant is responsible for his/her own hotel reservation. It is advised to make hotel reservation well in advance as our block booking date closes on 29 January 2009. For those who would prefer to stay in another hotel, assistance will be provided by NMSA to find a hotel and to make reservation. NMSA staff will meet SWPHC participants at the international airport (Port Moresby) and conduct them to hotel.

Visa Requirements

Invited members and observers might require a visa. You are kindly invited to check your personal case. Visa applications to enter PNG can be found at www.pngcanberra.org/visas/index.htm. Delegates from countries where PNG consulate or embassy is not available can get a visa from PNG on their arrival. NMSA worked with the Foreign affairs and immigration to provide them with a letter to facilitate the visa requirement. If you need any support please contact NMSA well in advance for guidance and the provision of an invitation letter, if so required.