



International Young Catholic Students/International Movement of Catholic Students  
**GLOBAL TRAINING SESSION and WORLD COUNCIL/WORLD ASSEMBLY**  
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## INTRODUCTION

Dear friend,

If you are reading this, then it means you have been chosen as a participant for the Global Training Session 2015 of IYCS and IMCS “**Salt of the Earth, Light of the World – Students Building the Kingdom of God**” as well as the World Council of IYCS or the World Assembly of IMCS.

This is your guide, and, from this moment on, your best friend in your upcoming voyage to the Philippines. Here you will find all the information you need to not only participate in this International meeting of students, but as well, to have a very good time while you do. There are 8 parts to this pack:

### Introduction

- ◆ **Presentation of the Promoters** (IYCS and IMCS)
- ◆ **Summary of the Global Training Session**
- ◆ **Summary of the IMCS World Assembly**
- ◆ **Summary of the IYCS World Council**
- ◆ **Program** (from the 24<sup>th</sup> of July to the 7<sup>th</sup> of August)
- ◆ **Practical Information** (Venue, Transport, Country, what to bring, etc.)
- ◆ **Prayer**

In the event this pack still doesn't answer all of your answers, please feel free to contact us through the electronic address [mail@iycs-jeci.org](mailto:mail@iycs-jeci.org), phone number +33 1 45481472 or IYCS-JECI Facebook page. We will be happy to be in contact with you and clarify everything that is unclear.

You will find a whole list of requirements in the chapter below but, in this introductory part we would just like to say that an open mind and a curious spirit are the two most essential things to bring with you for this meeting. You will find people from all walks of life and from places spread throughout the globe and you can be sure you will leave the event with plenty of new good friends and many interesting experiences.

For now we bid you farewell or, better said, see you soon.

Wishing you the best trip possible and good luck with the preparations!

Yours Sincerely,

**For The International Secretariat of IYCS,**

**For the International Team of IMCS,**

**Nuno Wemans**

**Camila Jara Aparicio**



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## PROMOTERS OF PROJECT

The project developers is the International Secretariat of IYCS (International Young Catholic Student) and the International Team of IMCS-*Pax Romana* (International Movement of Catholic Students). Based in Paris, the mission of both the international secretariat and the International team is to harmonize the work done at the regional and local level of each respective Movement at the global level.



### Presentation of IYCS

The International Young Catholic Student (IYCS) is a Catholic action movement of the apostolate of Laity. It is traditionally an evangelization agent in schools and student milieu (secondary and higher education). It has a status of private juridical personality according to canons 298-311 and 321-329 of the Code of Canon law. IYCS is recognized by the Holy See as an International Catholic Organization and the Pontifical Council for the laity is its dicastery. It maintains close links with the Vatican Secretariat of State, in particular the section in charge of relations with the States. In international institutions, IYCS is committed to the United Nations with a consultative status to the Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC) and operational status at UNESCO. Mainly composed of pupils and students, IYCS is present in 87 countries.

Inspired by the spirituality of Cardinal Joseph Cardijn (the founder of the Young Christian Workers), IYCS has a spirituality of reflection and action that helps young people to the internalization of faith and to match their life to the Gospel. It is through the methodology of the Review of Life, of See-judge-Act, that YCS provides formation and raises youth engagement in their realities. It is an engagement that translates in mobilization and action against poverty, exclusion and injustice in the World and a commitment to be in service of the poorest of the poor.

In the apostolate work of IYCS, there are topics that are important in our agenda. It comes to topics which have direct consequence in the life of pupils and students. This is the case of the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). That is why, in the image of the international community, we have opted to support the promotion and realization of the MDGs in our action. The Global Campaign 2011-2015: **'Fight poverty - Build peace.'** comes from this commitment. We also actively participate in the process of reflection and decision of the Post 2015 Agenda for Development. The global campaign has mobilized our national movements in different thematic areas such as the promotion of education, the promotion of peace and conflict resolution in school and academic milieus, the preservation of environment, good governance, solidarity actions, and fraternity.



### Presentation of IMCS-Pax Romana

IMCS-*Pax Romana* brings together over 80 diverse national federations of Catholic university students from six continental regions (Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and North America). Since 1921, when it was founded under the name of *Pax Romana*, IMCS has been helping in the holistic formation of students around the globe. In 1947 graduates and friends of IMCS founded the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (ICMICA) which is, currently, the professional's branch of *Pax Romana*.

As a Catholic student movement, IMCS's main mission is the evangelization of the student milieu by helping students get involved as social actors in the university, the Church and in the world, here and now, for promoting among students a spirituality of action.

IMCS represents Catholic students within the Church as an International Catholic Organization with a special relationship to the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Secretariat of State of the Holy See. Since 1949, IMCS has been advocating on behalf of its members as an NGO with consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Department of Public Information and UNESCO. IMCS is also active with regional inter-governmental bodies, the International Labour Organization and the World Bank, and presently takes a leadership role in many global networks and civil society forums, including the Conference of International Catholic Originations, the Group of Eight International Catholic Action Movements, the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status with the United Nations, the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations, Vatican Sponsored World Youth Days and International Youth Forums and the World Social Forum. As a key member in these many global networks, as well as in broader networks at the campus, national and regional levels, IMCS has a strong multiplier effect, allowing it to have an impact well beyond its members. Representation is undertaken by students; it is students, not others 'speaking in their name'.



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## GLOBAL TRAINING SESSION

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Mathew, 5, 13-16)

By choosing this biblical quotation for the theme of our project, we opt to show to the World that there is hope that youth and students alike aren't giving up in building a global society that lives in harmony and serves the common good of all and Creation itself. That leadership is more than having a position of power of others, it is an example of justice and peace one gives, without wanting recognition or compensation, simply because they are the values one defends and upholds. Even more so, Leadership can only be attained when respecting and cooperating with others, because without thinking of the neighbour, it becomes self-centred and destructive. To be an example of Light, in a World full of darkness is an aim that Christians should always prioritize and base their faith on.

To be the way Jesus Christ told us we should be is within our reach as Catholic Students. Like salt, students have the ability to preserve their propriety of savouriness while being integrated in a group, community, society. This flavour we give is their energy, innovation and creativity that is of use to the World today, and not only tomorrow. As Catholics we personify the nature of purification and preservation of salt through our ability to go against what is wrong, unjust and leads to poverty and to favour that which leads to a more just, peaceful and understanding society. To live our faith in our actions towards the ones who suffer and in building a more inclusive community we become the Light that shines for all humans to be able to better understand each other and develop unity.

The objective of this meeting is therefore to train the delegates of national movements or organizations in order to develop their ability to become "Salt of the Earth, Light of the World" in their own communities but also in the larger international reality. At the same time that experiences and realities throughout the World are shared between them, specially the negative and positive examples, their empowerment is made not only through the program but also bilaterally through each other. This in turn leads to being a starting point for a brighter future, best exemplified by an excerpt of *Evangelii Gaudium*: "It is the convergence of peoples who, within the universal order, maintain their own individuality; it is the sum total of persons within a society which pursues the common good, which truly has a place for everyone. To Christians, this principle also evokes the totality or integrity of the Gospel which the Church passes down to us and sends us forth to proclaim. (...)The Gospel is the leaven which causes the dough to rise and the city on the hill whose light illumines all peoples."

### Targets:

- The participants of the meeting in terms of training of their leadership qualities and their theological formation;
- The national movements represented through their respective delegates, which will be affected through the follow-up of the program.
- Alongside these, there are also indirect targets, such as:



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- The International Institutions, especially what concerns the sustainable development topic and the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- Each country represented by the delegates of the national movements present by the actions and projects that will be a result of the meeting itself and will be reproduced in each own reality;
- Our partners, the Vatican and the Church in general, in terms of the receivers of our conclusions and our actions during the Global Training Session.

### **Objectives:**

- To empower Students for the promotion of a society of Justice and Peace.
- To reflect on the current context of our Mission as students, catholic and youth in the World;
- To reach a common vision on the *City* we aim to construct;
- To develop leadership skills in order to build a society having honesty and truth as its foundation;
- To strengthen the comprehension and application of our Methodology for the building of a society in the image of the Kingdom of God;
- To promote the communion and sharing of the Movements in order to improve our capacity as spaces of integral dialogue;

### **Expected Results:**

- 85% of participants develop their understanding of the concepts of Service, Leadership and Kingdom of God;
- 90% of participants have the necessary leadership skills enabling the building of a Society of Justice and Peace;
- 70% of the participants have a better comprehension of our Methodology;
- 50% more regular and effective communication within each International Movement and between them;
- Document of Conclusions;
- Testimonies of Participants;
- Minutes and Agenda;
- Plan of Action of IYCS;
- Plan of Action of IMCS-Pax Romana;
- Common Campaign Directives;
- Internet platform for the use of participants.



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## IMCS WORLD ASSEMBLY

*The World Assembly of IMCS is considered the most representative expression of the IMCS's life and the higher decision body. Here below, you will find the articles 11 to 17 from our international statutes, to do easier your understanding about what is the function and how it's works this body.*

### Article 11 – Functions of the World Assembly

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- a. to evaluate and establish:
  - i. the situation of the member movements of the regions;
  - ii. the work of the International Team
  - iii. the work of the Regional Teams and coordinations
  - iv. the Movement's overall situation;
- b. to study the hopes, problems and aspirations of the member movements and regions, to determine the goals and priorities of the movement's programme, the policy to be pursued for the following period, in accordance with the challenges coming from the milieu, society and the Church, while fully recognizing both the diversity of the movements making up the IMCS and of the world situation;
- c. to elect the President and the General Secretary;
- d. to choose the General Ecclesiastical Assistant. The appointment requires having previously obtained the consensus of the Ordinary upon whom the priest depends (cfr. CIC, can. 324 § 2);
- e. to study and vote on any proposed modifications to the Statutes;
- f. to decide on the admission or exclusion of Full Members and to ratify the admission of Correspondent Members
- g. to approve the accounts and vote on the Movement's budget.

### Article 12 – Composition of the World Assembly

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- a. The World Assembly is composed of:
  - i. official delegations of the movements from each continent according to the region's relative weight;
  - ii. the Regional Teams;
  - iii. the members of the outgoing International Team;
  - iv. the candidates to the new International Team, as observers.
- b. One year before the World Assembly, the IMCS International Council should define the number of delegates per region in the World Assembly based on the number of national member movements in each region who have fulfilled their financial obligations.
- c. The delegation of national movements participating in the World Assembly are designated by their respective regional assemblies and committees. For regions where no such structures exist, the International Team will directly invite the movement(s) after consultation with the members present in the region. A fair representation of sub-regions and of the different types of experiences and national structures should be aimed at.



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- c. Each movement participating in the World Assembly is represented by one student delegate (less than 30 years old).
- d. The International Team, in consultation with the International Council can invite other people as observers.

### Article 13 – Convening the World Assembly

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On statutory grounds, the World Assembly must convene every four years. The International Council will decide on the date and venue of the meeting.

### Article 14 – Quorum

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A quorum is attained when half plus one of the official delegates (who have the voting rights) are present or represented by proxy.

### Article 15 – Standing Orders

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At the beginning of each meeting, the World Assembly will adopt, by at least a 2/3 majority of the votes, the Standing Orders for the Statutory sessions. These cannot be changed during the meeting.

### Article 16 - Voting Rights

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- a. Each official national member movement delegate in the World Assembly has a voting right.
- b. Before the start of the meeting each Regional Secretariat will ensure that all the movements in its region have fulfilled their financial obligations, whilst the International Team does likewise for those movements from regions without a regional coordination and participating in the World Assembly. Only the number of national member movements who have paid will determine the number of votes granted to each region according to the formula for the number of delegates determined by the International Council.
- c. Decisions are taken by a majority of the votes cast, except in cases where the Statutes call for a qualified majority. In case of a tie, a second round of voting will be held. In the case whereby the second round again resulted in a tie, the IMCS President will cast the decisive vote.
- d. If a national movement member among those chosen to take part in the World Assembly is unable to attend, the regional assembly or committee can elect a replacement. Alternatively, the chosen movement which is unable to attend can delegate its vote to another member movement of the Assembly. No movement can hold more than one proxy. Those movements wishing to delegate their vote to another movement must inform the International Team in writing.

### Article 17 – Decisions of the World Assembly

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- a. IMCS, its regional structures and its national movements are bound by the World Assembly's decisions.
- b. If an urgent decision must be made during the intermediate period between World Assembly and the Assembly cannot be convened, the International Team can request the Assembly to vote by correspondence. In such a situation, the members of the World Assembly are considered to be those national movements who served as delegates in the previous meeting of the World Assembly. Such decisions require the response from 2/3 of the national movement delegates.
- c. In some specific circumstances, the World Assembly may empower the IMCS Council to take certain provisional statutory decisions in the period between the World Assemblies.



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## **IYCS WORLD COUNCIL**

*(as taken from article 5 of the IYCS Statutes)*

***The World Council is the supreme decision-making body of International YCS. It meets in ordinary session every four (4) years at a date and location determined by the International Team.***

### 5.1 Functions of the World Council:

- a. Decides on the affiliation or disaffiliation of members movements put forward by the International Team;
- b. Amends and votes the statutes and rules of procedure and the current International YCS declaration of Identity;
- c. Elects the Secretary General and Program Coordinator;
- d. Ratifies the election by each Regional Committee/Council of one national movement per region as a member of the International Committee;
- e. Discusses and approves the activity and audited financial reports of the International Team since the last World Council;
- f. Adopts a strategic framework and plan of action for the following four years, developed by the working groups at the World Council, which take into account the financial reality of the movement;
- g. Fixes the level of membership fees;
- h. Examines problems concerning the activities of International YCS and in particular, those which are submitted to it by Member Movements;
- i. Undertakes all the other functions assigned to it by the Statutes or the Rules of Procedure.

### 5.2: Composition of the World Council:

- a. Student Representatives from national movements, the number and nature of which is determined by the International Team responding to the reality;
- b. All members of the International Team;
- c. Collaborator and Contact movements of the International Team, as observes;
- d. Representatives of IMCS(Pax Romana), as observes.

### 5.3 Quorum:

- a. For a session to be valid there must be 51% of member movements with the right to vote either present or represented.
- b. If the required quorum is not achieved an extraordinary World Council will be convened with the members present, which will require all decisions made to be ratified by a simple majority of member movements through postal vote, a non response will be interpreted as approval

### 5.4 Voting Rights:

- a. Each member movement of the International YCS shall have one vote. Collaborator and Contact movements have no right to vote.
- b. The International Team makes public, before every ordinary meeting of the World Council, the list of movements not having paid their dues since the previous ordinary meeting and thus not having the right to vote.





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- c. The delegation of votes is admissible either before the Council or during its progress.
- d. A movement can delegate its voting right to another member of the World Council through any form of communication (official e-mails or in formal letterhead).
- e. If, during a session, voting members have to leave the room, they are asked to delegate their own or delegated votes to a Member movement, and to inform the Presidium of their leaving and returning.
- f. A member can receive a vote delegation from only one other member.

### 5.5: Presidium:

- a. The Presidium is chosen at the start of the World Council sessions in order to ensure the practical organizations of all the meetings. The Presidium proposes the agenda for the meetings.
- b. The World Council is chaired by the Presidium composed of the Secretary General and two delegates from the national movements (member or collaborator movements). The meetings are chaired in turn by the different members of the Presidium.
- c. The Secretary General can delegate the responsibility of the role of the presidium to any lay member of the International Team when needed.
- d. The International Team may also invite an external professional moderator to assist the Presidium.



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**P R O G R A M S C H E D U L E**

Date Hour	Friday, July 24	Saturday, July 25	Sunday, July 26	Monday, July 27	
<b>SEE</b>					
07:15AM	<b>ARRIVALS</b>	<b>B R E A K F A S T</b>			
08:15 AM		<b>P R A Y E R</b>			
08:30 AM		OPENING MASS	“THE WORLD WE SEE”	<b>UTOPIA</b> (Panel Discussion)	
10:00 AM		<b>B R E A K</b>			
10:30 AM		OPENING SESSION	“THE WORLD WE SEE”	Continuation of Plenary discussion/activity	
12:30 PM		<b>L U N C H</b>			
03:00 PM		<b>GLOBAL VILLAGE</b>	<b>Service and the Common Good</b> (Panel Discussion)	<b>What is our Perfect Society</b> (Simulation)	
04:00 PM		<b>B R E A K</b>			
04:15 PM		GLOBAL VILLAGE	Panel Discussion (Continuation)	DEBRIEFING OF SIMULATION	
05:45 PM		<b>B R E A K</b>			
06:00 PM		<b>H O L Y M A S S</b>			
07:00 PM		<b>D I N N E R</b>			
08:30 PM	PRESENTATION-GAMES	HOST MOVEMENT EVENT	ASIAN THEMATIC EVENING	AFRICAN THEMATIC EVENING	

Date Hour	Tuesday, July 28	Wednesday, July 29	Thursday, July 30	
<b>JUDGE</b>				
07:15 AM	<b>B R E A K F A S T</b>			
08:15 AM	<b>P R A Y E R</b>			
08:30 AM	Kingdom of God (Intervention)	R.O.L. as a form of service?	Preparation of Action	
10:00 AM	<b>B R E A K</b>			
10:30 AM	CHURCH'S TEACHINGS ON SERVICE (Group Reflection)	SEE SUMMARY Film: “Paradise of Oblivion”	Action	
12:30 PM	<b>L U N C H</b>			
03:00 PM	SALT OF THE EARTH, LIGHT OF THE WORLD (Intervention)	Follow Up discussions	Action	
04:00 PM	<b>B R E A K</b>			
04:15 PM	SALT OF THE EARTH, LIGHT OF THE WORLD (Group Reflection)	Continuation	Visit	
05:45 PM	<b>B R E A K</b>			
06:00 PM	<b>H O L Y M A S S</b>			
07:00 PM	<b>D I N N E R</b>			
08:30 PM	EUROPEAN THEMATIC EVENING	LATIN AMERICAN THEMATIC EVENING	INFORMAL EVENING	

<b>Date Hour</b>	<b>Friday, July 31</b>	<b>Saturday, August 1</b>	<b>Sunday, August 2</b>	<b>Monday, August 3</b>
	<b>ACT</b>			
07:15 AM	B R E A K F A S T			
08:15 AM	P R A Y E R			
08:30 AM	Introductory Formalities Minutes and Report of WC 2011 and IC 2014	Reflection on the Interna- tional (YCS and IMCS separately)	ELECTIONS (YCS and IMCS sepa- rately)	Asian Council?
10:00 AM	B R E A K			D E P A R T U R E S
10:30 AM	Reports	Continuation	ELECTIONS (YCS and IMCS sepa- rately)	
12:30 PM	L U N C H			
03:00 PM	Regional Discussions	Discussion and Adoption Of Plan of Action 2015-2019 (YCS and IMCS separately)	Closing Ceremony	
04:00 PM	B R E A K			
04:15 PM	Regional discussions	Discussion and Adoption of Global Campaign (YCS and IMCS separately)	CLOSING MASS	
5:45 PM	BREAK -		RECEPTION	
06:00 PM	H O L Y M A S S			
07:00 PM	D I N N E R			
08:30 PM	MIDDLE EASTERN THEMATIC EVENING	NORTH AMERICAN AND PA- CIFIC THEMATIC EVENING	FAREWELL PARTY	



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## SOME PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### LANGUAGE

The working language of the Global Training Session are **English, French and Spanish**. We will be working with simultaneous translation but if you are unfamiliar with any one of the three above be sure to equip yourself with necessary support such as dictionaries or digital translators, in case you feel that you will need them.

### WHAT TO BRING

- An **alarm clock**,
- Comfortable and appropriate clothes and shoes** (see page 14)
- Typical food FROM YOUR COUNTRY and drinks for the Evenings and the Coffee Breaks,
  - Information as mentioned above concerning your organisation and all material mentioned in the preparing for the contents of the Training Session
- We highly **recommend you to bring a laptop/notebook** or the relevant **statutory documents** printed because we cannot provide print-outs for all delegates,
- A **Bible** and **songbook** for the prayers and celebrations
- Typical and/or traditional clothes from your country**,
- If you are taking some **medication**, please, remember to take them with you.
- Material to present your National Organization** (preferable in either English, Spanish or French)

**The registration fee is 50€ for each participant, if you could please pay it in cash either in Euros or Pesos, that would be great!**



## MABUHAY! WELCOME TO THE PHILIPPINES!

The Student Catholic Action of the Philippines (SCA Philippines) is glad to host and to welcome the delegates around the world for the IYCS-IMCS Global Training Session and World Council.

To make the experience of the participants more exciting and fruitful in our beloved country, we offer you this basic information kit which we find helpful as you prepare for your travel and stay in the Philippines.

### THE PHILIPPINES QUICK FACTS

- Officially known as **REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**
- Comprises **7,107 ISLANDS**
- Capital City is **MANILA**
- A sovereign island country in Southeast Asia
- Time Zone is PST (UTC +8)
- Currency is PHILIPPINE PESO (Php) ; *Conversion as of May 7, 2015: USD 1.00 = PHP 44.67*
- Calling Code is **+63**
- Official Languages are **FILIPINO** and **ENGLISH** and there are 19 Regional Languages around the country

The Philippines is the third largest English speaking country in the world. It has a rich history combining Asian, European, and American influences. Prior to Spanish colonization in 1521, the Filipinos had a rich culture and were trading with the Chinese and the Japanese. Spain's colonization brought about the construction of Intramuros in 1571, a "Walled City" comprised of European buildings and churches, replicated in different parts of the archipelago. In 1898, after 350 years and 300 rebellions, the Filipinos, with leaders like Jose Rizal and Emilio Aguinaldo, succeeded in winning their independence.







## BUSINESS AND CURRENCY

Foreign currency may be exchanged at hotels, and in most of the large department stores, banks and authorized money changing shops. Exchanging money anywhere else is illegal and the laws are strictly enforced.

Most large stores, restaurants, hotels and resorts accept major credit cards including American Express, Visas and MasterCard. Traveller's checks preferably American Express are accepted at hotels and large department stores. Personal checks drawn on foreign banks are generally not accepted.

Most businesses are open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays and 8:00 AM till noon Saturdays. Banks are open from 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Mondays through Fridays. When banking in the Philippines, it is advisable to have your passport with you for identification.



## CLIMATE IN TAGAYTAY CITY

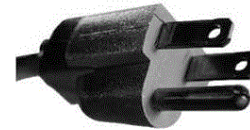
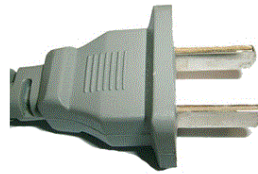
Tagaytay City has relatively milder temperatures compared to Manila, lower humidity and abundant rainfall. The City has an average temperature of 24 °C (75 °F). With its high elevation, the city could be misty at times and is relatively cooler during the months of December, January and February. Like most areas in the province of Cavite, the city has two pronounced seasons: dry from November to April and wet during the rest of the year. The climate has made the city ideal for sports, picnics, conferences, honeymoons, country homes, and spiritual retreats.



People in the Philippines dress for the weather. Casual attire during the day for women are light blouses and shorts. For men collared T- shirts worn over slacks. **It is best to prepare umbrella or coat since it will be a rainy season.**



## ELECTRICITY



In the Philippines, we use the following types of power sockets for **TYPE A & TYPE B PLUGS**. **Type A** plug has two flat parallel blades of slightly differing heights while **Type B** includes an additional round grounding.

**220** Volts a/c is the common standard of electric output .



## COMMUNICATION

Mobile phone sites are all over the country. We have 2 major mobile connectivity providers (Globe and Smart), plus three to four secondary ones. It's fairly easy to pick up a new pre-paid SIM card and start texting or calling away. Top-ups are widely available from most anywhere, usually in places with signs saying "LOAD DITO" (top-up here). "Load" is the common term for mobile connectivity credit.

Internet & email services are widely available through most establishments, with more and more offering them for free. Free Wireless Fidelity (WIFI), in particular, is gaining popularity in commercial

establishments, especially in Tagaytay City Center and other cities. Just look for the Free WiFi sign.

With a 3G+ and LTE/4G networks available, your own mobile phone can hook you into the web. Or you could do as most locals do and duck into an internet café. These are to be found in all shapes and sizes all over the country.

Majority of national dailies are in English. You'll find foreign publications at major hotels, malls and bookstores.

## TRAVELING TO/WITHIN TAGAYTAY CITY

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will schedule a pick-up for the delegates during the arrival date on July 24. Please make sure to submit your itinerary to the organizers.

Trip to Mariapolis Center, Tagaytay City from Manila will take 1.5 hours to 2.5 hours depending on the traffic.

To get around Tagaytay City, enjoy riding the local public transportation called **JEEPNEY** for a minimum fare of Php 8.00 (0.18 USD) or **TRICYCLE** at Php 30.00-50.00 (0.67-1.12 USD)



Tagaytay City is considered as the country's second summer capital (next to Baguio City) because of its cool climate and elevated location. It is a treasure box of pleasure points in by itself. At nightfall, one sees the lake sparkle with the pinpoint lights of fishing boats. The most iconic tourist site is the View of Taal Lake and Volcano which spread throughout the city. The city has a number of café's, malls, parks and supermarkets .



Picnic Grove Park in Tagaytay City overlooking Taal Volcano and Lake

## GETTING AROUND

### BY AIR:

Aside from international airlines, there are local airlines that fly from key cities outside the country. Here are the list of airlines with their flight schedules, destinations, booking, and on-line ticketing information:

Philippine Airlines— [www.philippineairlines.com](http://www.philippineairlines.com)

Cebu Pacific— [www.cebupacificair.com](http://www.cebupacificair.com)

Air Asia Zest— [www.airasia.com/ph](http://www.airasia.com/ph)

**TIP:** *To get affordable flights, take any budget airline such as Cebu Pacific, Air Asia, Tiger Airways or Jetstar. If you plan for connecting flights, Singapore, Hongkong, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok are best stops to choose budget carriers towards entering Philippines.*

### NEAREST AIRPORTS

The nearest airport in Tagaytay City is **NINYO AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NAIA)** in **Manila**. However, some budget carriers arrive at **CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** which is 2-3 hours away from the capital. Kindly review your itinerary carefully and advise the organizers to be assisted.



## HOST VENUE



The Mariapolis Peace of Tagaytay is the official venue of the IYCS-IMCS Global Training Session and World Council. It is ready to welcome and accommodate up to a hundred delegates. Equipped with dormitories and function halls, Mariapolis will be truly prepared to house the needs of this international event.

Mariapolis is managed by the Focolare Movement, a community founded by Chiara Lubich that aims to work cooperatively among different races, religion, conviction and culture following the inspiration of Jesus.



## VISA & ENTRY INFORMATION

Nationals from 151 countries may enter the Philippines without a visa and stay for a maximum of thirty (30) days, provided they are holders of a passport valid at least six (6) months beyond the period of stay in the Philippines, and present a return or outward bound ticket to their country of origin or to a next country of destination.

*Pursuant to the Bureau of Immigration's Memorandum Circular No. RADJR-2013-006.*

For the list of 151 countries, please click [here](#).

*\*Chinese Nationals, including citizens from Hong Kong and Taiwan, will need a special permit.*

### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATIONS**

It is illegal for any incoming or outgoing passenger to bring in or take out Philippine Pesos in excess of P10,000.00 without prior authority from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Any violation of this rule may lead to the money's seizure and civil penalties and/or criminal prosecution. (BSP Circular 98-1995)

### **HEALTH REGULATIONS**

The Philippines is fortunate to be free from epidemics. The country remains safe from bird flu and foot-and-mouth diseases.

If you're coming from an area where yellow fever has been reported, you'll need a certificate of vaccination.

***TIP: If you have current medications, it would be best to bring your own kit of medicines.***

### **UPDATE ON ENTRY RESTRICTIONS DUE TO EBOLA**

There is an enforced 21-day quarantine to all people coming directly from West Africa— whether symptomatic or asymptomatic. If asymptomatic, they will be quarantined in the Bureau of Quarantine (BoQ). If symptomatic, they will be transferred and quarantined in the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine.

### **CUSTOMS**

Before leaving the plane, you will be asked to fill out the Baggage Declaration Form.

The following items are allowed duty-free:

- A reasonable quantity of personal clothes, jewelry, and toiletries
- Two cartons of cigarettes or two tins of pipe tobacco
- Up to two (2) liters of alcohol

The following items are prohibited:

*Firearms, Dangerous drugs, Narcotics, Pornographic materials*

The following items are regulated:

*Transceivers, DVDs and VCDs, Controlled chemicals/ substances/precursors*





## LEARN BASIC FILIPINO

Here are some basic Filipino words you might be interested to know. Most of these words are commonly used conversationally:

### MEETING PEOPLE:

- Hello/How are you? (informal) = **Kumusta?** (informal)
- I am fine = **Mabuti** [ma-boo-te]
- Goodbye = **Paalam** [pah-ahl-ahm]

### CIVILITIES:

- Please = **Paki** [pah-kee]
- Thank you = **Salamat** [sah-LAH-maht]
- Your welcome = **Walang anuman** [wah-LAHNG-ah-noo-MAHN]

### DIRECTIONS:

- Where is the...? = **Saan ang...?** [Sah-AHN ahng...?]
- Left = **Kaliwa** [kah-lee-WAH]
- Right = **Kanan** [KAH-nahn]
- Up = **Taas** [tah-AHS]
- Down = **Baba** [bah-BAH]

### MONEY/AMOUNT/SIZE:

- Money = **Pera** [PEHR-rah]
- How much? (money) = **Magkano?** [mahg-KAH-noh?]
- Expensive = **Mahal** [mah-HAHL]
- Cheap = **Mura** [MOO-rah]
- How many? = **Ilan?** [ee-LAHN?]
- Big = **Malaki** [mah-lah-KEE]
- Small = **Maliit** [mah-lee-EET]

### OTHERS:

- I love you = **Mahal Kita** [Mah-HAL kee-TAH]
- Wait a minute = **Sandali lang** [sahn-dah-LEE lahng]
- What ?= **Ano?** [ah-NOH?]
- When ?= **Kailan?** [Kah-ee-LAHN?]
- Where ?= **Saan?** [sah-AHN?]
- Who? = **Sino?** [see'-NOH?]

## IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

### Host Movement (SCA Philippines):

+63-918-967-0331 [Office Mobile]

+63-925-551-9998 [Frence]

+63-930-561-9639 [Jonel]

+63-920-916-7623 [Elirie]

### Tagaytay City Emergency :

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

(046) 413-1282

TAGAYTAY PUBLIC HOSPITAL

(046) 483-2160

TAGAYTAY CITY RESCUE

(046) 483-0446

FIRE RESPONSE STATION

(046) 483-1193



### DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

#### Address:

2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Philippines

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(632) 834-4000

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Website: [www.dfa.gov.ph](http://www.dfa.gov.ph)

#### Sources:

Department of Tourism, PHILIPPINES

[www.tourism.gov.ph](http://www.tourism.gov.ph),

[www.itsmorefuninthephilippines.com](http://www.itsmorefuninthephilippines.com)

City Government of Tagaytay

[www.tagaytay.gov.ph](http://www.tagaytay.gov.ph)

Others:

[www.hillmanwonders.com](http://www.hillmanwonders.com)