



# ASIA MEDIA SUMMIT 2013

## 29 – 31 May 2013

### Manado, Indonesia

#### INFORMATION ON MANADO

#### VISA

Foreign citizens are required to obtain Indonesian visa from Indonesia Embassy in their country. However, nationals of certain countries do not need a visa or are able to obtain visa on arrival.

##### *Visa free on Arrival*

Under the new rules which are effective *February 1, 2004*:

- Only 11 countries and territories are eligible for a "Visa Free" facility, they are: Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Philippines, Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, Chile, Morocco, Peru and Vietnam.
- Nationals of the aforementioned countries and territories will be issued with a 30 days stay permit without charge upon presentation of a valid passport with 6 months remaining validity.

The Visa Free Facility is not extendable or convertible into another type of visa.

Beginning February 1, 2004, the nationals of 21 countries will be able to obtain a "Visa on Arrival" processed at the gate of entry following the payment of an official fee. The citizens of the 21 countries and territories eligible to purchase visas on arrival are: the United States, Australia, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, United Arab Emirates, Finland, Hungary, United Kingdom, Italy, Japan, Germany, Canada, South Korea, Norway, France, Poland, Switzerland, New Zealand, and Taiwan. The Visa on Arrival fee for citizens of eligible countries is US\$ 25 for a 30 days visa and US\$ 10 for a 3 days visa.

#### AIRPORT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Sam Ratulangi International Airport is located in North Sulawesi, 13 km northeast of Manado. The airport is named after the Minahasan educator and national independence hero, Sam Ratulangi. Traveling from the airport to the hotel downtown by taxi takes approximately 30 minutes depending on the traffic situation. One-way taxi fare is about \$6 to the Asia Media Summit venue, which is Novotel Manado Golf Resort and Convention Center.

#### AMS VENUE

The AMS and some of pre-summit events will be held at the Novotel Manado Golf Resort and Convention Center.



The hotel is conveniently located near to the airport and is easily accessed by bus or taxi. Down town can be reached within 25-30 minutes from the hotel depending on traffic.

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### **BANKS AND CURRENCY**

The currency of Indonesia is Indonesian Rupiah (Rp/IDR). You are advised to exchange your currency at the specialised bureau and local bank which is available at the airport, also money changer at the airport or the Currency Exchange desks of the hotel. Major international credit cards are accepted at the hotels, big shopping malls and restaurants. ATMs can also be found at every corner of town.

The exchange rates for major currencies in March 2013:

1 US Dollar = Rp 9,800.00

1 EURO = Rp 13,000.00

### **CLIMATE**

Indonesia experiences two seasons - a wet season and a dry season - with no extremes of summer or winter. For most of Indonesia, the wet season falls between October and April with the dry season between May and September. Parts of Sulawesi are drier. However, these are exceptions.

The coastal plains averaging 28 °C (82.4 °F), the inland and mountain areas averaging 26 °C (78.8 °F), and the higher mountain regions, 23 °C (73.4 °F). The area's relative humidity ranges between 70 and 90%. Winds are moderate and generally predictable, with monsoons usually blowing in from the south and from the east in June through October and from the northwest in November through March.

### **ELECTRICITY**

Electrical outlets in Manado are charged to 220v, for computer or mobile phone charging or any other device or gadgets. Adapters are also available at the hotel reception desk.

### **LOCAL TIME**

Manado time is GMT +8 hours.

### **TOURIST ATTRACTIONS**

As the host of AMS, Manado is proud to present its famous tourist attractions, many of which can be visited in a one-day excursion.

#### **Bunaken National Marine Park**

This marine park is located in the northern tip of the island of Sulawesi, Indonesia. The park is located near the centre of the Coral Triangle, providing habitat to 390 species of coral as well as many fish, mollusc, reptile and marine mammal species. The Park is representative of Indonesian tropical water ecosystems, consisting of seagrass plain, coral reef, and coastal ecosystems. It was established as a national



park in 1991 and is among the first of Indonesia's growing system of marine parks. It covers a total area of 890.65 km<sup>2</sup>, 97% of which is marine habitat. The remaining 3% of the park is terrestrial, including the five islands of Bunaken, Manado Tua, Mantehage, Nain and Siladen. The southern part of the Park covers part of the Tanjung Kelapa coast.

### **Lembeh for Diving**

Lembeh diving in Manado is the best place to any serious underwater photographer and their eyes come over all misty and distant. Here, visitors will find various chances to see more shy critters.



### **Traditional Housebuilding in Woloan**

Traditional wooden houses are built in the small village of Woloan.



These "knock down" houses can be transported to a site of the purchasers choice and the style is particular to this region.

### **Bukit Doa Kelong Tomohon (Kelong Garden)**

The view from Kelong Garden is absolutely beautiful, from here the delegates can see the mount of Lokon (Volcano) and also the beautiful garden along this area. The breeze is very fresh, because it is located on a hill. Also the Garden has a Chapel, where so many Manadonese people do their wedding ceremony. Delegates can enjoy the beautiful garden in North Sulawesi.

### **Linow Lake**

The colours in this highly sulphurous lake is constantly changing depending on the light and viewing perspective. Colours of the lake water can turn into three different colours. Many species of large and small birds make their home around the lake.



### **Jalan salib Mahawu (Way of the cross Mahawu)**

Located in Tomohon. It is a place of pilgrimage and prayer for anyone who wants to meet God.

### **Nature Reserve - Tangkoko Batuangus**

Located in an open grassland, a home for great variety of flora and fauna. Of special interest is the Tarsius monkey which sneaks out at dawn and dusk. About the size of a child's fist, these tiny monkeys are the smallest in the world and a delight to see.

### **Recommended Websites:**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: kemlu.go.id
- Tourism Authority of North Sulawesi: [www.indonesia.travel/en/discover-indonesia/region-detail/42/north-sulawesi](http://www.indonesia.travel/en/discover-indonesia/region-detail/42/north-sulawesi)
- [www.novotelmanado.com](http://www.novotelmanado.com)