

# Second Circular

May 8, 2019

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to thank you for the earnest interest in the 13th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2019). We have received the preliminary registrations from 39 countries with about 300 anticipating attendees. I appreciate you for all your cooperation to upcoming IESO 2019 again.

I am writing to you about the preparation of IESO 2019 and update information for the attendees as below:

#### **Early Registration**

Online registration will be open on May 1 at the website, <a href="http://www.ieso2019.com/index.php?gt=regi/regi01">http://www.ieso2019.com/index.php?gt=regi/regi01</a>. A representative of each country is requested to fill out personal information of all participants; students, mentors, guest students, and observers. The registration information requires birth of date, passport no, flight itinerary, hotel accommodations, preferred food, request for VISA issuance, size of hat and t-shirt. According to your registration information, we will make local arrangements, including registration package, charter bus, hotel accommodations, and foods. Please read the required information carefully before completing the online registration on the web page of registration.

#### **Hotel Accommodations**

IESO 2019 accommodation places are Hotel Inter-Burgo EXCO for mentors and Hotel Azalea for students. All participants will share rooms with colleagues. There are many Korean traditional rooms, "Ondol" at Hotel Azalea. Students will have the experience to sleep on the floor or the attic. If a mentor wishes to take a single room, he/ she can pay for an extra room rate (USD 130 per night) in the online registration. Hotel Azalea is located 37 km (23 mile) far away from the mentor hotel. Please note that mentors and students should not meet together or contact online or offline until all the tests are over.

### **Social Program**

All participants will take a culture tour to Gyeongju, a geological tour to Cheongsong, and Daegu city tour. Daegu Science Festival will take place during the event. As a social networking program, there will be a welcome reception, invited banquet, student talent show, award, and closing ceremonies during the event. Please visit the web page of social program, <a href="http://www.ieso2019.com/index.php?gt=soci/soci01">http://www.ieso2019.com/index.php?gt=soci/soci01</a>.

# **Entry VISA Issuance**

For those who require an invitation letter for visa issuance, please click the field of the invitation letter via online registration. The secretariat will send you an electronic letter or an original letter upon your request. If you need VISA issuance, please refer to the website, <a href="http://www.ieso2019.com/index.php?gt=regi/regi03">http://www.ieso2019.com/index.php?gt=regi/regi03</a>.

## **Travel Arrangement**

We will arrange multiple pick-up services on August 26 (Mon) between international airport to IESO 2019 venue in Daegu. (Pick-up provided airport: Incheon Int'l Airport (ICN), Gimpo Int'l Airport (GMP), Taegu Int'l airport (TAE) and Pusan Int'l Airport (PUS).

## **Travelers Insurance**

All participants must be responsible for other travel expenses and travelers & health insurance. For any case, you are strongly advised to apply for travelers insurance before leaving. The organizing committee will provide insurance covering only accidents for all participants during the IESO 2019 period.

## **Important Dates**

I would like you to make early registration, if possible, so that you can apply for the reduced registration rate. Please keep in mind the deadlines of registration below.

- Early Registration: May 8 June 8, 2019
- Regular Registration: June 9 July 25, 2019
- Official Arrival Day: August 26, 2019
- Official Departure Day: September 2-3, 2019

Our organizing committee makes every effort to provide an educative and informative program to attendees. I hope all participants will obtain lots of geographical knowledge and experience in Korea. I will keep informing you of any updates. For any inquiry, please feel free to contact the secretariat, info.ieso2019@gmail.com. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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