1st Meeting of the ICAPP
Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council
(Terengganu, Malaysia, 13-16 December 2019)

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Concept Paper

Background

In accordance with the approval of the ICAPP Standing Committee on the proposal by Hon. Dato' Seri Dr. Shahidan Kassim, Chairman of Organizing Committee of the 1st TOPIC Council Meeting, Member of ICAPP Standing Committee and Member of Parliament of United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council is to be held in Terengganu, Malaysia on 13-16 December 2019.

The establishment of the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council is preceded by the Standing Committee Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka (April 2019). In order to further develop the agenda and discuss working arrangements of the meetings of the TOPIC, Hon. Park Ro-byug, Secretary General of ICAPP has visited Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May 2019 and developed close consultation with Hon. Dato' Seri Dr. Shahidan Kassim. Further discussion on TOPIC has been made during the 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in Baku, Azerbaijan (September 2019).

Agenda

At the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council, participants are going to discuss about "The Roles of Political Parties for Promoting Close Cooperation for Sustainable and Dynamic Tourism; Cooperation in Tourism Sector to Generate Human Resources, Job Opportunities, and Spill Over Effect in Education and Healthcare; and Supporting Smart Inter-City Technology for Innovative Tourism Community."

It is envisaged that the meetings of the TOPIC Council will serve as an excellent platform to draw political leaders' attention and to contribute to formulating policy programs in order to enhance the roles and objectives of political parties for promoting close cooperation for sustainable and dynamic tourism. This will consolidate friendship among the peoples in the ICAPP Member countries though tourism.

Management of 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council

As was practiced in the previous meeting of the ICAPP, it would be necessary for the acting Member to preside over each session as follows:

- Given the tight schedule of the meetings, the speakers for each session will be decided in advance on a first-come first served basis.
- The draft list of speakers will be circulated to the participants including the names of the delegates who express their willingness to take the floor. For the smooth

management of the meetings, the speakers are kindly requested to present their views in less than five minutes.

- The speakers are requested to deliver their speeches within the above-mentioned agendas.

The sessions will be conducted in the following manner:

Important Schedules

The Malaysian side will arrange the following schedules:

Friday, 13 December 2019

- 19:00 Welcoming Reception hosted by YB Ariffin Deraman, Terengganu State Tourism, Culture and Information Technology Committee Chairman
- 21:00 33rd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee & Meeting on New Bureau of the ICAPP TOPIC Council

Saturday, 14 December 2019

- 08:00 Registration
- 09:00 Opening Session
- 10:30 1st Plenary Session: The Roles of Political Parties for Promoting Close Cooperation for Sustainable and Dynamic Tourism
- 12:30 Lunch hosted by YB Dato' Dr. Mohd Khairuddin Aman Razali, Chairman, Terengganu Strategy and Integrity Institute
- 14:30 2nd Plenary Session: Cooperation in Tourism Sector to Generate Human Resources, Job Opportunities, and Spill Over Effect in Education and Healthcare
- 16:45 3rd Plenary Session: Supporting Smart Inter-City Technology for Innovative Tourism Community
- 17:45 Closing Session (Adoption of the Terengganu Declaration)
- 18:30 Press Conference
- 19:30 Farewell Dinner hosted by YB Dato' Seri Tuan Guru Haji Abdul Hadi bin Awang, President of the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party

Sunday, 15 December 2019

- 9:00 Cultural Program (Cas Ligas Bus Tour)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 18:00 Dinner

Opening and Plenary Session

The speakers may present his/her views on the general direction and key points on the agenda within a limit of five minutes.

Closing Session

The Chairman of Organizing Committee of the 1st TOPIC Council Meeting, Vice Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Secretary General, and other VIPS will deliver closing remarks.

Host Hospitality for Meeting Facilities and Cultural Program

In accordance with ICAPP practices of the previous meetings, the host is going to kindly provide conference rooms, accommodation, and meals in prestigious venues during the period agreed on with the ICAPP Secretariat.

The host will provide local accommodation up to two rooms for three nights during the meetings for up to two (2) representatives of each political party, ICAPP Standing Committee Members, Bureau Members, delegations of observers and special participants, and members of the ICAPP Secretariat.

The host will also make arrangements for cultural programs.

Participants

The 1st Meeting of the ICAPP TOPIC Council is expected to convene members of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the representatives of political parties from ICAPP Member countries.

Following the practices, representatives from the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) and Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPPAL) are invited as Observers and will have the right to speak at sessions.

Output

The "Terengganu Statement" will be adopted at the end of the meetings.

The first draft will be prepared by the ICAPP Secretariat and will be circulated to the Members. After close consultations on the elements included in the statement with participants, it will be circulated to all the Standing Committee Members prior to the meetings for comments. The final text of the statement will be completed before the Closing Session for adoption on Saturday, 14 December 2019.

The Secretariat in coordination with the Malaysian side, is planning to publish a final report that will cover the speeches by the participants. In this regard, all participants are kindly requested to provide the copies of their speeches to the ICAPP Secretariat by e-mail at secretariat@theicapp.org as soon as possible.

Next Meeting

The 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP TOPIC Council will be hosted by one of the ICAPP Members in 2020.