

Assessing Development Strategies to Achieve the MDGs in Asia

**Second Training Workshop**

Dusit Thani Manila  
Manila, 24-27 March, 2009

**Logistics**

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- DESA-sponsored participants of the workshop are expected to arrive in Manila on 23 March and leave on 28 March, 2009.
- Reservations for accommodation and breakfast have been made for all DESA-sponsored participants at the **Dusit Thani hotel in Manila** from 23-28 March, if not otherwise specified. Lunch reservations have been made for all workshop participants (beverages are not included with the lunch and will be charged to each participant's personal account).

The hotel is located at **Ayala Centre, Makati City**, in Metro Manila. As indicated on the hotel's web site, the distance to Ninoy Aquino International Airport is 8 km, and the Metro Rail Transit (Ayala Station) is within walking distance, at around 250 meters from the hotel.



- For airport transfer, participants may choose to take a **taxi**, which can be found in the arrival area, at a rate of around Php 500.00 (US\$ 10.38) to Php 700.00 (US\$ 14.54). Take only official, metered or pre-booked taxis. Do not accept rides from people that approach you in the terminal. Alternatively, you may choose to order **airport pick-up service from the hotel**, at a rate of Php 1,850.00 (US\$ 38.42) per car per way. To order this service, please contact directly Paolo Bautista (paolo.bautista@dusit.com) and/or Lei Lopez (lei.lopez@dusit.com).
- Air tickets and DSA are provided to DESA-sponsored participants through their respective UNDP country offices. Please do not discard your ticket, boarding passes and hotel bills, as you may be asked to provide them upon your return.
- Workshop sessions will be held in a conference room of the Dusit Thani hotel, from 9:00 AM through 5 PM, including two 15 minute coffee breaks and a one-hour lunch break (1:00 PM to 2:00 PM). Please ask for the conference room at the hotel reception desk.
- Participants will be asked to make a 20-minute presentation on their progress in the SAM building/adaptation to MAMS on the first day of the workshop, as indicated in the invitation letters and in the agenda.
- To make the best use of the hands-on training sessions, participants should bring their own computers. The required software (GAMS) will be provided at the workshop.
- The list of participants, the agenda, and technical documentation that is relevant to the workshop, have been posted on the workshop website ([http://www.un.org/esa/policy/manila\\_mdgs.html](http://www.un.org/esa/policy/manila_mdgs.html))
- For any workshop-related questions, please contact Ms. Cornelia Kaldewei ([kaldewei@un.org](mailto:kaldewei@un.org); phone: +1-917-367-3011)