



# **Sixth International Workshop on the Fluvial Sediment Supply to the South China Sea**

*25-29 November 2013, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Selangor, Malaysia*

## **FIRST CIRCULAR (Call for Abstracts, Registration Form)**

### **Description:**

As the largest marginal sea in the western Pacific, the South China Sea receives hundreds million tons of fluvial sediments annually through numerous rivers in adjacent continents and islands, including both world largest rivers (e.g., Pearl, Red, and Mekong) and small mountainous rivers (e.g., rivers in middle Vietnam, southwestern Taiwan, and Luzon). The river-borne terrigenous sediments have recorded detailed climatic and environmental changes occurring in land source regions both naturally and anthropogenically.

To further understand the fluvial sediment discharge to the South China Sea, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) initiated the project on *Fluvial Sediment Supply to the South China Sea: Anthropogenic and Natural Aspects (FluSed)* at its Seventh Session in 2008 (Phase I, May 2008-May 2010; Phase II, May 2010-May 2012). The project then was extended at its Ninth Session in 2012 with an updated title "*South China Sea Fluvial Sediments and Environmental Changes (FluSed)*" (Phase III, May 2012-May 2014). The project has successfully organized a series of international workshops to provide a regional platform for those scientists interested to advance their scientific knowledge and to stimulate new ideas on the study of the topic. Participants have identified many cooperative opportunities through their participation into the workshops.

The first and second workshops were held in Tongji University at Shanghai, 27-28 November 2008 and 26-28 November 2009, respectively. The third workshop was held at University of the Philippines in Quezon City, 17-18 November 2010 and the fourth workshop was held at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, 14-16 December 2011. The fifth and the latest workshop was held at Indonesian Institute of Sciences in Bandung, 13-16 November 2012. This is the call for the sixth workshop that will show scientific/cooperative approaches achieved mainly in the past year.

### **Call for Abstracts**

The focus of the sixth workshop will be on fluvial sediment records both in the South China Sea and on surrounding lands. Subjects related to new results on geological as well oceanographical approaches around the South China Sea are warmly welcomed.

Sessions will be organized on subjects relevant to weathering and erosion in river drainage basins, detrital and chemical fluxes from land to sea, sea level changes and sequence stratigraphy in shelf and slope regions, and deep-water sedimentation. There will also be sessions for sediment source-to-sink linkages and for effects on sediment discharge by human activities.

## **Organizers**

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4. Minerals and Geoscience Department of Malaysia, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia
5. National Oceanography Directorate, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia
6. State Key Laboratory of Marine Geology, Tongji University, China

## **Venue**

Puri Pujangga, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 43600 UKM Bangi, Selangor.

## **Important Dates and Schedule**

15 October 2013: Deadline for travel grant application

20 October 2013: Notification of travel grants

30 October 2013: Deadline for abstract submission and pre-registration (15 October 2013 if applying for a travel grant)

25 November 2013: On-site registration

26-27 November 2013: Scientific program

28 November 2013: Field excursion

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## **Abstract submission**

Abstracts should be e-mailed to the Organizer Prof. Che Abd Rahim Mohamed ([profcar6566@yahoo.com](mailto:profcar6566@yahoo.com)), with a copy to Dr. Zhifei Liu ([lzhifei@tongji.edu.cn](mailto:lzhifei@tongji.edu.cn)) and Mr. Wenxi Zhu ([w.zhu@unesco.org](mailto:w.zhu@unesco.org)) on or before 30 October 2013 (15 October 2013 if applying for a travel grant).

Abstract format: MS Word file; title, authors, affiliation(s), e-mail address of corresponding author, main text (A4, maximum 2 pages including figures). All abstracts will be collated in an abstract volume that will be distributed to all participants.

## **Registration**

For pre-registration, please complete the enclosed Registration Form and send it to the Organizer at [profcar6566@yahoo.com](mailto:profcar6566@yahoo.com) and [lzhifei@tongji.edu.cn](mailto:lzhifei@tongji.edu.cn).

Registration Fee: US\$175. Covered by the organizers (limited to 30 participants only). This includes program & abstracts volume, seminar package, coffee breaks and local logistics.

On-site registration:

November 25, 14:00-20:00 at the Front Desk, Puri Pujangga

November 26, 08:00-12:00 at the Workshop venue (Pujangga 1, Puri Pujangga)

## **Accommodation**

Standard rooms for participants have been reserved at the Puri Pujangga, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (website: <http://www.puripujangga.com.my/>) with rate US\$64-65 per day. See Maps (Attachment 1) for ground transportation details. Reservation will be done along with filling the Registration Form. Rooms will be blocked for each listed participants. Unless the participant is eligible for travel grant, payment of the accommodations will be made directly to the Organizer upon check-in.

## **Travel grants**

The organizers will help participants from WESTPAC countries to attend the Workshop with travel grants to cover the part of their international travel costs to Malaysia: round trip flight tickets, local transportation (KLIA Sepang-Bangi), Registration Fee, and/or accommodations. Those who plan to apply for the grants should submit their Applications along with Registration Form and Abstracts before 15 October 2013. The application materials include: (1) a cover letter containing personal information, detailed travel budget, and the amount you are applying for; (2) an updated CV. The notification of grants will be on 20 October 2013.

## **Field Excursion**

A one day field excursion to a natural limestone structure in Malaysia (November 28) will be organized as part of the program. The visit to Ipoh, used to be the center of tin industry and now capital city of the state of Perak, at a distance of approximately 230 km from UKM to the north of Kuala Lumpur will be reached within 3 hours by bus via the North-South Expressway. The journey is surrounded by majestic spectacle of the limestone hills. The excursion will be organized with a price of US\$82. The fee will cover transportation, meals, entrance fees, and guide book. Participants will have to extend their stay at Puri Pujangga, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia until 29 November 2013 should they participate the excursion.

## **Travel Information**

There are three international airports that can be accessed, in Sepang at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT) and in Subang at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport of commonly referred by locals as Subang Airport (see Maps).

Therefore, pay attention to the airport where you choose to arrive. Many flights connect capitals of South Asian countries as well as China: Malaysia Airlines, Air Asia, Firefly, Berjaya Air, Tiger Airways, China Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Philippine Air, Singapore Airlines, Silk Air, Etihad, Eve Air, Riau Airlines, Cebu Pacific and Lion Air, to Kuala Lumpur or Sepang. From the Airport, chartered taxis will bring you to the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) where the workshop venue is located (Puri Pujangga). As you inform us the precise date of arrival, the organizing committee will see you at the airport and help you towards UKM.

## **Visa**

Foreign nationals who require a Visa to enter Malaysia must apply and obtain a Visa in advance at the Malaysian Representative Office before entering the country. A Visa is an endorsement in a passport or other recognized travel document of a foreigner indicating that the holder has applied for permission to enter Malaysia and that permission has been granted. A Visa that has been granted is not an absolute guarantee that the holder will be allowed to enter Malaysia. The final decision lies with the Immigration Officer at the entry point.

Participants should check by themselves if they need visas to visit Malaysia. Participants are strongly encouraged to check out the website of the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to determine their visa requirements. Further information and details can be obtained from <http://www.kln.gov.my/web/guest/requirement-for-foreigner> or by contacting the Malaysian Embassy or Representative in your country. To view the address of the Embassy of Malaysia in your country, go <http://embassy.goabroad.com>. Depending on your nationality, you may be required to apply for a visa in advance to enter Malaysia at the Malaysian Embassy or representative in your country of origin.

Those who need invitations should contact the Organizer Prof. Che Abd Rahim Mohamed ([profcar6566@yahoo.com](mailto:profcar6566@yahoo.com); [carmohd@ukm.my](mailto:carmohd@ukm.my)) at their earliest convenience in order to apply for visas as soon as possible. Invitation letters are only issued to registered participants of the 6<sup>th</sup> FluSed. However, the conference has the right to deny the issue of an invitation letter.

## **Passport or Travel Document**

Every person entering Malaysia must possess a valid national Passport or internationally recognized Travel Document valid for travel to Malaysia. Any person not in possession of a Passport or Travel Document that is recognized by the Malaysia Government must obtain a Document in lieu of a Passport. Application for the Document in lieu of a Passport can be made at any Malaysian Representative Office abroad. Holders of Travel Documents like a Certificate of Identity, Laissez Passer, Titre de Voyage or a Country's Certificate of Permanent Residence must ensure that their return to the country that issued the document or the country of residence is guaranteed. The documents shall be valid for more than six (6) months from the date of entry into Malaysia.

## **Visiting Kuala Lumpur**

Kuala Lumpur (called simply KL by locals) is the federal capital and the largest city in Malaysia. Literally meaning "muddy river confluence" in Malay, Kuala Lumpur has grown from a small sleepy Chinese tin-mining village to a bustling metropolis of around 6.5 million (city-proper population of 1.8 million) in just 150 years. A cultural melting pot with some of the world's cheapest 5-star hotels, cheap, great shopping, even better food and some of nature's wonders in just an hour away, this dynamic city has much to offer for every visitor.

Founded only in 1857 as a tin mining outpost, Kuala Lumpur is fairly new as far as Malaysian cities go and lacks the rich history of George Town or Malacca. After rough early years marked by gang fighting, Kuala Lumpur started to prosper and was made capital of the Federated Malay States in 1896. Malaysia's independence was declared in 1957 in front of huge crowds at what was later named Stadium Merdeka (Independence Stadium), and Kuala Lumpur continued as the new nation's capital. The economic boom of the 1990s brought KL the standard trappings of a modern city, bristling with skyscrapers and modern transportation systems. Like most of Malaysia's towns and cities, the Chinese, traditionally involved in trade and mining, forms the majority of the population with about 55% of Kuala Lumpur's population of Malaysian Chinese descent. This the Malays, though the majority in the country, populate the rural areas as they were an agrarian society. Indians were either estate workers or traders too, and populated the towns and rural areas equally. However, mass immigration of all races to KL, Malaysia's primary city has made the racial composition of the city more or less balanced.

## **Weather**

Kuala Lumpur's tropical climate is fairly consistent year-round with balmy days that hover steadily around temperatures of 30°C (86°F), dipping to the low 20°C (low 70°C) at night. Frequent downpours briefly punctuate humidity levels of around 90%. Rainfall is highest in March and April, and again in October and November. June and July are the driest months, but you'll be grateful for a breeze or air-conditioning year-round.

## **City transportation**

There are many choices for public transport. It is easy and cheap. Public transport in Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley covers a variety of transport modes such as bus, rail and taxi. There are several bus operators operating in Kuala Lumpur, linking the city centre with the suburbs of the Klang Valley.

### Buses

The Hop On Hop Off Bus is a good way to get an overview of Kuala Lumpur, look at the Hop On Hop Off website for prices and schedules. The Hop On Hop off Bus is very tourist and children friendly. The local RapidKL ALL-DAY ticket which visits all the same places as the HOHO via various bus routes and more, like Batu Caves, although not in a circular route. Expect to pay RM 1 for the the All-Day Local Bus, about about RM 2 on the All-Day Trunk Bus or All-Day City Bus and RM 5 for a All-Day Express Bus. The ALL-DAY ticket will give unlimited rides on the routes in the same service (Local, Trunk, City or Express) for the whole day. Buy the tickets on the bus or visit the Rapid KL Website

### Trains, Monorail and Light Rail Transport LRT

The train system in KL is fairly modern and efficient. Many of the lines do not interconnect and there is limited integration between the lines. The KL train systems are: KL Monorail, Star LRT, Putra LRT, ERL and KTM Komuter. Then there is also the KLIA Express which goes non-stop between KL Sentral and Kuala Lumpur International Airport. Tickets are fairly cheap, and are charged for the distance traveled. Tickets are bought from ticket booths or the machines at the station entrances. Frequent users may purchase cards which can be swiped at the ticket gates. Value can be added to these cards for later use. Platforms are usually clearly marked with the direction the train is heading, as well as the information repeated on panels inside the train carriages. There are no timetables on platforms but trains run frequently. The inside of the carriages are air-conditioned and clean. At busy times, like any public transport system carriages can be busy. KL Sentral is the hub station on the network, but is quite easy to navigate as signs are clearly marked and bi-lingual (English and Bahasa Malaysia). Most of the staff at the various counters speak basic English.

For a complete network chart of the trains, monorail and LRT information can be found on these links <http://www.myrapid.com.my/rail/routes>, <http://www.malaysiaexpat.com/resource...> Travelers who plan on commuting and travelling around the city a lot with the trains and buses can now opt to buy a Touch 'n Go Travel Card. This card is available for purchase at most train stations around the city center including KL Sentral, Masjid Jamek, KLCC, Dang Wangi, Ampang Park and Bangsar RapidKL Sales Counters.

### Taxi

Metered taxis can be hailed throughout the city. However, traffic jams, especially during rush hour are fairly common in KL and it might be difficult to get a taxi during rush hour. There have been many incidents of taxi drivers charging extravagant fares, especially among tourists, therefore, tourists are advised to travel with taxis who charge fare according to meters, or insist on using the meter.

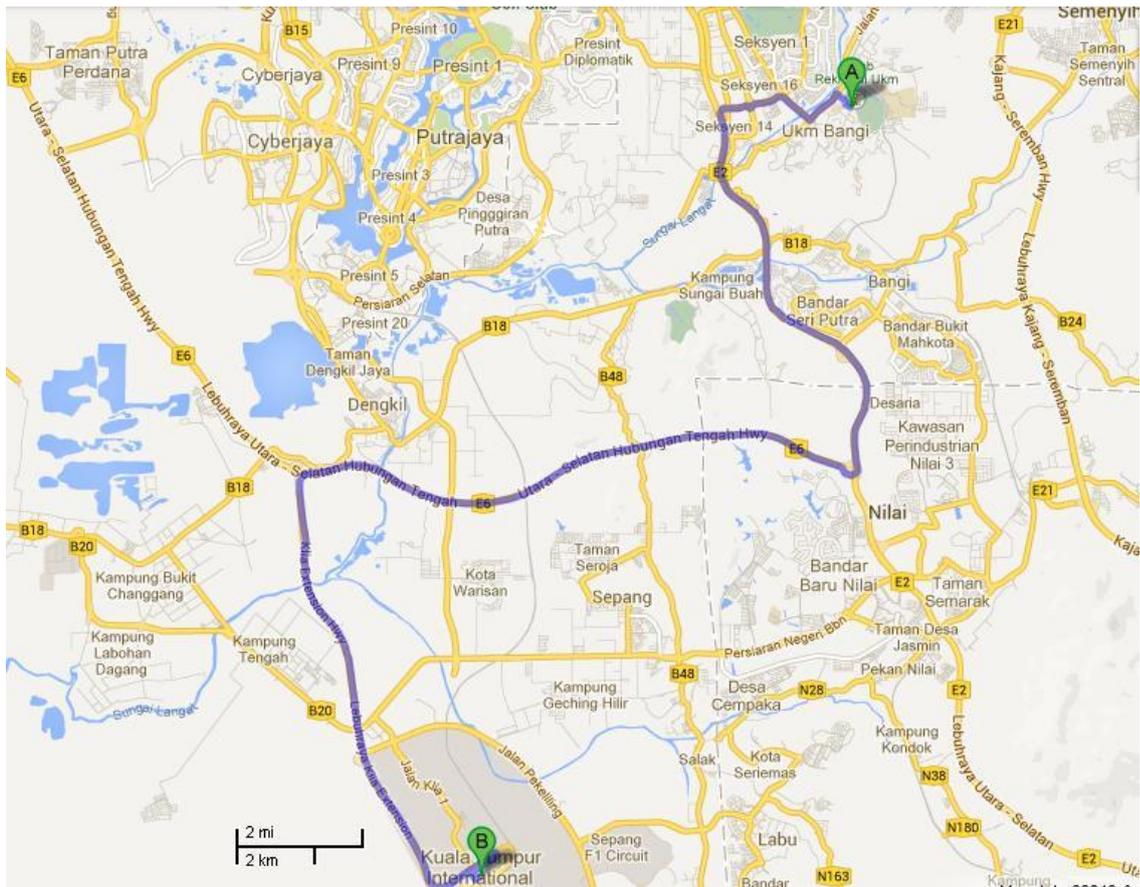
### **Currency**

Indonesian currency is called Ringgit Malaysia (RM). The paper currency includes RM 100, RM 50, RM 20, RM 10, RM 5 and RM 1. Money exchange is available in the Airport upon your arrival and major banks in the city. You will need Malaysian money for transport. ATMs of different banks are easily found for 24-hour service. The current exchange rate is approximately: 1 US\$ = RM 3.28.

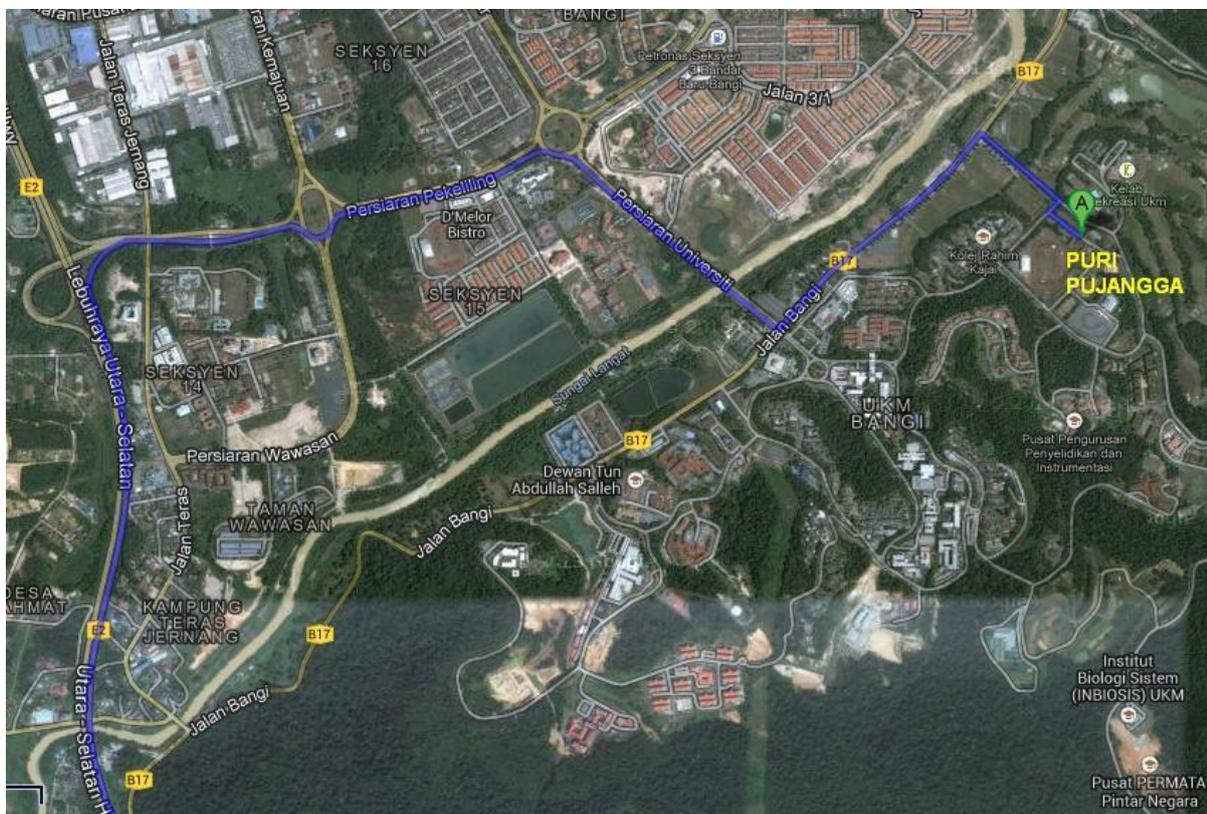
## Attachment 1: Maps



Map 1: West coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Showing the locations of international airports and UKM.



Map 2: The direction from KLIA to UKM.



Map 3: The map showing the direction to the Puri Pujangga in UKM.