



6TH WORLD CHAMBERS CONGRESS

The Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) is the host chamber of the 6th World Chambers Congress in 2009 (WCC 2009). Organized by ICC's World Chambers Federation, World Chambers Congress is the only international forum open to the global community of over 12,000 chambers.

Held for the first time in South East Asia, WCC 2009 in Kuala Lumpur is expected to attract more than 1,200 chamber leaders from approximately 100 countries.

WCC 2009 will provide participants with an opportunity to learn and share ideas, experiences and best practices on grassroots issues that have a direct impact on the chamber of commerce community.

This congress will also provide the platform for networking among chambers, business leaders and members of business delegations to Kuala Lumpur. Not to mention the opportunity to explore the many business opportunities in Malaysia and the ASEAN region.

CONGRESS HISTORY

- 1999 Marseilles, FRANCE
- 2001 Seoul, SOUTH KOREA
- 2003 Quebec City, CANADA
- 2005 Durban, SOUTH AFRICA
- 2007 Istanbul, TURKEY

2009 Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA

WCC 2009 from 3 – 5 June 2009
Mark your calendar **NOW**

The **ONLY** global meeting place for chambers.



MALAYSIA IN BRIEF

Climate

Malaysia enjoys sub-tropical conditions throughout the year with temperatures ranging from 21°C to 32°C (70°F to 90°F).

Population

25 million.

Economic Profile

Manufacturing constitutes the largest single component of Malaysia's economy. Tourism and primary commodities such as petroleum, palm oil, natural rubber and timber are other major contributors to the economy.

Language

Our lingua franca is Bahasa Melayu (Malay) but English is widely spoken. The ethnic groups also speak various languages and dialects.

Local Time

Standard Malaysian time is 8 hours ahead of GMT and 16 hours ahead of US Pacific Standard Time.

Currency

The unit of currency is Ringgit Malaysia (RM). Exchange rate (May '07) USD1 = RM3.40, €1 = RM4.60. Foreign currencies and travellers cheques can be converted at banks, money changers and hotels.

Banking Hours

Monday – Friday: 9.15 am to 4.30 pm.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed.
(Selected banks and branches are open on Saturday).

Entry Requirements

Visitors to Malaysia must hold a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six months beyond the intended visiting period. Most nationalities do not require visas for social or business visits. For a full list of countries that require visas to enter Malaysia, please visit www.imi.gov.my or check with the nearest Tourism Malaysia office in your country.

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KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Your Gateway to Asia



MESSAGE FROM FMM PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Congress Participants,

I am pleased to invite you to the 6th World Chambers Congress (WCC 2009) which will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from June 3 to 5, 2009.

Being at the centre of ASEAN growth and development, Malaysia is strategically positioned as the Gateway to the ASEAN market of 560 million people. Among the advantages that Malaysia offers is its proximity to the two emerging economic powerhouses, India in the West and China in the East, which have a combined population of 2.4 billion.

In anticipation of the many chambers and their business delegations, FMM with the support of the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA) will be planning an extensive business programme, which includes business opportunity seminars.

This gathering of chamber executives and chamber leaders is unique and demonstrates the dynamism of the private sector and the chambers that represent them. I am confident that WCC 2009 will be a rewarding experience for you in every way. And it will be our pleasure to have you here with us in Kuala Lumpur.

To all chamber executives, chamber leaders and captains of the industry, we extend to you our heartiest welcome, or as we say in Malaysia, SELAMAT DATANG.

I encourage your participation in WCC 2009 to make a reality the WCC motto: "The only global meeting place for chambers".

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Kuala Lumpur in June 2009!

Sincerely,

PK YONG, President, FMM



Your 2009 Host Chamber

FMM

Established in 1968, the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) is Malaysia's premier business organisation. Currently, it has a membership of 2,200 companies with some 4,000 subsidiaries of member companies. These companies cover a wide cross-section of industry sectors, which contribute 32% of Malaysia's GDP.

FMM is one of the five constituent members of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia.

FMM also represents Malaysian business at both the regional and international level, among them:

- ASEAN Chambers of Commerce & Industry
- ASEAN Industry Groups: Oleochemicals, Cosmetics, Ceramics, Chemicals, Packaging and Petrochemical
- Secretariat to East Asia Business Council, APEC Business Advisory Council, Malaysia French Business Council and Malaysia-Singapore Business Council
- GS1, the global organisation for standardisation in business processing
- International Chamber of Commerce
- International Trade Centre, World Trade Net
- International Network: 25 MOUs with Chamber Peers
- WTO Ministerial Conference Meetings in Doha, Cancun and Hong Kong

Your Host City

Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur is a bustling metropolitan city of 1.5 million people. This modern capital city is also the hub of Malaysia's commerce, entertainment and international activities. Widely known as KL, this vibrant city is home to a multiethnic society, rich in diverse cultures.

Unique in character, yet cosmopolitan in style, KL is truly a city of contrasts and contradictions. From the old to the new, from the traditional to the modern. KL offers an interesting blend of modern skyscrapers and elegant colonial architecture. It is in essence, a city that rewards exploration.

Kuala Lumpur welcomes you to the 6th World Chambers Congress in 2009.

A GLOBALLY CONNECTED CITY

The Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) is located 75 km (35 miles) from Kuala Lumpur and is well served by an extensive network of expressways and rapid rail systems. As one of the most modern airports in the world, KLIA is capable of handling 25 million passengers per annum. Today, over 45 international airlines fly into KLIA, while the country's national carrier, Malaysia Airlines has a global network that spans six continents.

Malaysia *Truly Asia*

Malaysia is a fascinating tropical paradise located in the heart of Southeast Asia. This tropical paradise is home to some of the world's most beautiful white sandy beaches, crystal clear waters, centuries-old rainforests and exotic national parks.

But what makes Malaysia Truly Asia is its bubbling, melting pot of races, cultures and traditions – where Malays, Chinese, Indians and other ethnic groups live together in peace and harmony.

So come visit Malaysia for a truly Asian experience. And discover a wealth of attractions from world-class shopping and exquisite cuisine to cultural events and breathtaking destinations.

When you are in Kuala Lumpur for WCC 2009, do make the most of your visit by exploring Malaysia!

Your Congress Venue

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

The Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre is the venue of WCC 2009. Located in the heart of the city, the convention centre is nestled between a beautifully landscaped park and the iconic Petronas Twin Towers. This purpose-built convention centre offers superb facilities, high-speed connectivity and stunning views of both the park and the Twin Towers.

Situated in the city centre, the convention centre is within walking distance of many major hotels and hotel apartments. It is also well served by a modern rail transport system, which links all major parts of the city.

