

The 17th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (2019)

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A. Event Programmes

Participants could find itinerary of the Competition on the event website (<http://web.redcross.org.hk/moot17/>). Non-local participants should refer to the latest version of the itinerary which can be found in the welcoming kits upon arrival.

Registered participants are required to attend all scheduled programmes punctually and follow the arrangements of the organizers. Absence from any activities will require prior approval from the Assistant Secretary(ies).

For non-local participants staying at the hotel arranged by the organizer, transportation will be provided from the hotel to venues of the competitions/activities, transit to the next activities (if any) and the return trip back to the hotel.

B. Activities on March 7-8, 2018

To inspire students viewing humanity issues from different perspectives and allow exchange among students, there will be 3 activities for participants on March 7-8, 2018:

Exploration Activities for Humanity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To allow participants to further understand IHL.• To experience practical situations involving IHL and action.
Seminar on IHL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prominent experts and practitioners from academic, judiciary and diplomacy circles will share insights on international humanitarian law and international criminal law.• All participants, students, team coaches and observers alike, are strongly recommended to attend.
Career Talk
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICRC legal professionals and staff members will introduce the career development in the humanitarian sector.

Students (mooters and researcher) of participating teams are required to join all of the above activities. **Absentees will not be issued the certificate from the organizers.**

C. Filming / Photo Taking

Photo-taking is not allowed during the oral hearings to avoid disturbance to competing teams. Photo-taking during the oral hearings and at the ceremony, as well as video-taping of the final round will be arranged by the organizer.

On the other hand, in accordance to the rules of the High Court, NO filming or photo-taking is allowed in its premises. Special permission has been obtained with consent from the High Court to allow filming and photo-taking by the organizer for internal record and future academic use only. Accordingly, prior permission by the organizer will be required for publishing any photos taken in the High Court. Universities, which were found in any circumstance fail to comply with the foresaid rules, will be disqualified for participating in the next moot competition. Please strictly respect such rules imposed by the High Court.

D. Appendix I – Notification to Organizers

All Participating Teams please complete and return Appendix I by **January 25, 2019 (Friday)**, to notify us the followings:

All teams: Participation in Activities on March 7-8, 2019

Non-local teams only:

- Visa application status and flight information (*refer to Section F, G & K*)
- Notification of additional members (*refer to Section J*)
- Request for early check-in or late check-out (*refer to Section H*)
- Request for extended stay in Hong Kong beyond covering period (*refer to Section H*)

E. Locations

Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters	Address: 19 Hoi Ting Road, West Kowloon, Hong Kong Website: http://www.redcross.org.hk (Map) Tel: (852) 2802-0021
High Court Building	Address: 38 Queensway, Hong Kong (<i>Courtroom number to be confirmed</i>)
The University of Hong Kong	Address: Pok Fu Lam Road, Hong Kong (Cheng Yu Tung Tower) Website: http://www.hku.hk (Map)

Note to Non-local Participants Only

F. VISA to Hong Kong

All team members of non-local participating institutions are responsible for ensuring their own visa's validity. Details on HKSAR visa requirements can be referred to the website of HKSAR Immigration Department (<http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html>).

Please check well in advance to confirm if the requirement applies to your country, and ensure sufficient time for the application process. If assistance for applying visa to HK is required, please write to the Secretary of the Regional Mooting Competition at the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC) (email: ihl@redcross.org.hk) for issuance of letter as supporting document for visa application.

G. Airfare (sponsored by the ICRC)

The **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** will sponsor the airfares of three members for each participating team, subject to prior approval from the ICRC. All requests for financial assistance will be considered on the basis of financial capacity of the participating teams and their institutions.

For the purpose of financial assistance, teams may comprise two (2) counsels and one (1) coach or researcher. Please contact the following ICRC Delegations for inquiry of financial assistance and travel arrangements:

Cambodia		
<i>ICRC Phnom Penh</i> <i>Ms Ratana Chhim</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+855 (0) 23997081</i>	<i>rchhim@icrc.org</i>
China, Mongolia and Taiwan (China)		
<i>ICRC Beijing</i> <i>Ms Liu Xinyan</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+86 10 8532 3290</i>	<i>xliu@icrc.org</i>
Republic of Korea		

<i>ICRC Seoul</i> <i>Mr Jun-Ki Lee</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+82 2 779 5377</i>	<i>jlee@icrc.org</i>
India		
<i>ICRC New Delhi</i> <i>Dr Anuradha Saibaba</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+91 9711 3095 63</i>	<i>asaibaba@icrc.org</i>
Indonesia		
<i>ICRC Jakarta</i> <i>Mr Christian Donny Putranto</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+62 21 739 6756</i>	<i>DJA_IHL@icrc.org</i> <i>chputranto@icrc.org</i>
Iran		
<i>ICRC Tehran</i> <i>Mr Mohammad Dibaji</i> <i>Ms Maryam Aghaei</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+98 21 22645821/4</i>	<i>TEH_IHL@ICRC.org</i>
Japan		
<i>ICRC Tokyo</i> <i>Ms Mamiko Tomita</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+81(0)3 6628 5458</i>	<i>mtomita@icrc.org</i>
Lao PDR		
<i>ICRC Vientiane</i> <i>Heuangphachanh Panpadith</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+(856)21 241491</i>	<i>hpanpadith@icrc.org</i>
Malaysia and Singapore		
<i>ICRC Kuala Lumpur</i> <i>Ms Amirah Rushaliha</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+60 3 2084 1800</i>	<i>ahamidon@icrc.org</i>
Myanmar		
<i>ICRC Yangon</i> <i>Mr Moe Myint Aung</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+95 9 254 205 987</i>	<i>moaung@icrc.org</i>
Philippines		
<i>ICRC Manila</i> <i>Mr Jeffrey Michael Sison</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+63 2 892 89 01</i> <i>+63 947 831 0075</i>	<i>jesison@icrc.org</i>
Sri Lanka		
<i>ICRC Colombo</i> <i>Sylvester Worthington</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+94 11 25 03 346</i>	<i>syworthington@icrc.org</i>
Thailand		
<i>ICRC Bangkok</i> <i>Mr Paisit Pusittrakul</i> <i>Ms. Kanyarad Pinseethong</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+66 (0) 2262 1680</i>	<i>BAN_IHL@icrc.org</i> <i>ppusittrakul@icrc.org</i> <i>kpinseethong@icrc.org</i>

Vietnam		
<i>ICRC Hanoi</i> <i>Chau-Xuan HOANG</i>	<i>Tel:</i> <i>+84 944143517</i>	<i>choang@icrc.org</i>

Teams from **Australia** and **New Zealand** are advised to contact the organizers of their respective national competitions to discuss financial support for travel arrangements. In case of doubt, please contact Ms Georgia Jessica Hinds (Regional Legal Adviser, ICRC Regional Delegation in the Pacific): *ghinds@icrc.org* or +61 26273 2968.

Reimbursement procedure

Financial assistance from the ICRC takes the form of *post-competition* reimbursement. The reimbursement may not exceed travel expenses under the ICRC's standards, which may include economy class round-trip airfare, visa fees, airport tax, and local transport to and from airports (place of departure and arrival). For further information, please consult with the ICRC Delegation in charge of your reimbursement.

With ICRC's prior approval, teams' members may purchase their own flight tickets in economy class (Y-class). Reimbursement by the ICRC will be done through bank transfer after receiving and processing all the following required documents:

- ◆ The original round-trip air tickets or print out of e-tickets;
- ◆ The original receipts/bills/itinerary from the travel agent/airline indicating exactly the amount of the fare; and
- ◆ Receipts for visas, airport tax, and local transport bills/tickets, etc.

For the purpose of reimbursement, teams coming from outside Hong Kong are expected to present all relevant documents, together with bank account details in writing and signed by their coach. Please note that for every item of reimbursement, documentary proof has to be provided in **original copy**.

The reimbursement will be transferred to only ONE bank account per team to be indicated by the team’s coaches. Please provide the following details:

Name of Account holder (exact name)	
Address of Account holder (as registered with the bank)	
Phone number of account holder	
Bank Account Number	
Bank SWIFT Code Number	
Bank Name and Address (including branch, office information, etc. when applicable)	

Any further enquiry should be addressed directly to **respective ICRC Delegation** (not Hong Kong Red Cross).

Each participant is responsible for re-confirming seats with their respective airlines before departure to and from Hong Kong, if necessary.

H. Accommodation (provided by the HKRC)

Panda Hotel



Address: 3 Tsuen Wah Street, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong (Appendix II)

(Transportation to venues of the mooted competition and other official activities will be provided.)

Telephone: (852) 2409 1111 Fax: (852) 2409 1818

Free accommodation (6 days/5 nights) will be provided to non-local participants (3 members only: 2 mooters of the competing teams plus 1 team coach or researcher) while individual delegations will be responsible for the accommodation cost for additional members coming along, regardless of their role or capacity. Any teams planning to stay beyond the period covered by the HKRC should be responsible for their own accommodation.

i) Check In/Out Time

Check in: March 5, 2019 14:00

Check out: March 10, 2019 12:00

(Special request beyond the specified covering period will be subject to the availability and discretion of the hotel).

Extra fee for extra night(s):

- 1 room with two single beds for 2 persons for 1 night--- HK\$1,140 (including breakfast for 2 persons)
- 1 single room for 1 night--- HK\$1060 (including breakfast for 1 person)

The above mentioned price is for reference only. The actual charge will be subject to the final decision of the hotel.

ii) Rooms Allocation

- 2 team members of the same gender from each delegation will share a twin-bed room.
- If any member of a delegation is single out, he/she will share the twin-bed room with the same gender from another delegation of the same case.

iii) Airport Shuttle Bus to Panda Hotel (*No pick-up service will be arranged*)

- Airport shuttle bus service is available at the Airport Shuttle Counter at B01, Arrival Hall of the Hong Kong International Airport. A single trip ticket costs HK\$150 per person, with 2 luggages free of charge.
- For location of airport shuttle counter, bus schedule, different alternatives to get to the Hotel from the Airport please visit the Hotel website for details (<http://www.pandahotel.com.hk/en/location/map>).

Non-local teams are strongly recommended to check in the hotel first upon arrival. If your team have any special arrangement, please kindly notify Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC) by email beforehand.

iv) Reception (set up by HKRC)

A reception counter will be set up by the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC) at the lobby of the hotel to welcome participants on March 5, from 14:00-20:00. All non-local teams should get the welcoming kits from the counter upon their arrival.

I. Self-financed Accommodation

Any teams that plan to arrange their own accommodation should inform the HKRC to cancel their accommodation at the Panda Hotel. In such case, please arrange the accommodation and transportation by yourself and share the accommodation address to the HKRC for reference.

J. Additional Members

Additional members (not covered by the HKRC as stated under Section H) coming along with the delegation have to pay for their airfares, accommodation and meals during their stay in Hong Kong. Each delegation is not expected to have more than 4 additional members, regardless of their role and capacity, coming to Hong Kong.

Fee charge of HK\$3,800/person (early-bird discount)

While these additional members have to arrange their own air tickets, there will be a fixed charge of HK\$3,800 per person payable to the HKRC, covering accommodation (6days/5nights, sharing a twin-bed room with the same gender from the respective or another delegation), meals, as well as transportation from hotel to competition venues during the competition. The total

fee charged should be payable via bank transfer to the below account by 15 February, 2019 and charges of the bank should be borne by remitter.

Account Name	Hong Kong Red Cross
Bank Account Number	002-205490-001
Bank Name	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Bank Address	1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
Bank Swift Code	HSBCHKHHHKH

Copy of the bank advice should be sent to the ihl@redcross.org.hk by 28 February, 2019.

If the teams would like to pay in CASH (HKD) in Hong Kong, a counter will be set up by the HKRC at the lobby of the Panda Hotel on March 5, 2019 to collect the fee. **Whilst the teams cannot enjoy the early bird discount and need to pay at the original price at HK\$4,300/person.** Hong Kong currency can be exchanged at the airport or hotel. Receipt will be issued to the teams by the teams' departure.

K. Confirmation of Flight Information

Please provide flight details **once available**. Failing which will affect the room reservation and arrangement, as any late request will be subject to the hotel availability and there is no guarantee on the provision.

L. Insurance

All non-local participating institutions are advised to purchase suitable travel insurance to cover emergency medical expenses and relevant compensation if any.

M. Use of Library

If non-local participants need library facilities, the University of Hong Kong might issue temporary library passes for individual participants upon request. Such request should be made via email to ihl@redcross.org.hk by 25 January, 2019

N. Other Useful Information

- i) Hong Kong Tourism Board (<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/index.jsp>)
 - Halal & Vegetarian (<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/dine-drink/what-to-eat/special-diets/index.jsp>)
 - Using Mobile Phones / Telephones (<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/plan-your-trip/practicalities/communications/mobile-phone-usage.jsp>)
- ii) Other Information (e.g. Electricity, Useful Contact No.,etc.)
(<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/plan-your-trip/practicalities/other-information/index.jsp>)
- iii) Hong Kong Observatory (<http://www.hko.gov.hk/>)
- iv) Money Exchange Rate (<http://www.exchangerate.com/>)
- v) Smoking Restriction (http://www.tco.gov.hk/english/legislation/legislation_sa.html)

APPENDIX I

NOTIFICATIONS TO ORGANIZERS

Please return the form (email to ihl@redcross.org.hk) by **January 25, 2019**

To : Secretary of the 17th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (2019)

From : _____ (name of coach) of _____ (name of university)

A. Participation in Activities on March 7-8, 2019 (please indicate with a “✓” if applicable)

	Mooters ¹	Researcher ¹	Team Coach	Observers
Exploration Activities for Humanity ²	✓	✓		
Seminar on IHL ³	✓	✓		
Career Talk ³	✓	✓		

Remarks

¹ All registered students, mooters and researcher, will be arranged to join the Exploration Activities for Humanity and Seminar on IHL. Absentees will not be issued the certificate from the organizers.

² Team Coach and Observers may enjoy their free time during the period.

³ Team Coach and Observers are all welcome to join the Seminar on IHL.

B. Visa application status & Flight Information (please indicate with a “✓” if applicable)

Please be advised of our teams' visa application status as follows:

- Our visa application is in progress. Date of submission: _____; No. of Applicants: _____
- We have OBTAINED travelling visa / permit to come to Hong Kong.
- We DO NOT require travelling visa to come to Hong Kong.

The Flight Information

Of all of our team members are as follows

Name of Participant**

Role / Capacity : Team Coach Mooters Researcher Observers Others (pls specify): _____

	Flight Number	Date ⁴	Expected Time	Early check-in needed? ⁵ (Please provide date & time)	Late check-out needed? ⁵ (Please provide date & time)
Arrival					
Departure					

** If members of the same team have different flight schedules, please provide information individually by duplicating the above table.

Remarks

⁴ For arrival / departure dates beyond March 5-10, 2019, please complete Section D below.

⁵ Special request beyond the specified covering period will be subject to the availability and discretion of the hotel.

C. Accommodation for Additional Members⁶

Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms	Last name	First name	Male (M) / Female (F)	Role / Capacity ⁷ (Team Coach / Researcher / Observers ²)	Will pay HKD \$3,800 per person for accommodation, meals & transportation (details referred to Note J)	Food restriction ⁸
					✓	
					✓	
					✓	
					✓	

Remarks

⁶ Please restrict the number of additional members to the maximum of 4 only.

⁷ Free accommodations (6 days/5 nights) will cover 2 mooters of the competing teams plus 1 team coach or researcher only (total 3 members). Each additional member will have to pay for a fixed charge covering the accommodation, meals and transportation during the event period. For details, please refer to Note J.

⁸The organizing body will try to take care of the needs as far as possible, but there is no guarantee on the service provision.

D. Stay beyond Coverage Period

Our team will stay beyond the period covered by the Hong Kong Red Cross.

Please assist to reserve room(s) at Panda Hotel with details as follows:

Period (Dates involved)	No. of Nights	Name(s) of Participants	No. of Rooms Required	Direct Payment settle with Hotel
				✓
				✓

We shall arrange our own accommodation at another hotel. Name of hotel and contact number will be provided one week before the competition.

E. Self-financed Accommodation

Our additional members **WILL NOT** stay at Panda Hotel. We shall provide the name of hotel and contact number one week before the competition.

APPENDIX II – MAP (Walk Map - <http://www.pandahotel.com.hk/en/location/map>)

