



APRW+JASPARC 2012

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MARCH 30 TO APRIL 4 | MANILA, PHILIPPINES

INFOPACK 2

What's stopping you?



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Mabuhay!

We're surrounded by change everyday...

...from political change to climate change. In CISV, however, we know that the most important change takes place within. Over in the Philippines, we're getting ready to hit that PLAY button! But first, we need you to PAUSE for moment to make sure you're ready for your trip to Manila and what promises to be a fun and memorable APRW and JASPARC 2012!



Registration, Payment, Forms

» Must Do's!

If you haven't registered yet, please do so by filling up the online Regional Training Forum application form: <http://goo.gl/8FUeQ>.

You will need a CISV Friends ID which you can sign up for here: <http://goo.gl/jvtaZ>.

If you haven't paid yet, please pay all fees to your National Association (NA) or Promotional Association (PA). Your NA/PA will then remit all your fees to the CISV Philippines NA. Please note that in the course of remitting the fees, your bank may deduct a transaction charge. Thus, you may need to bring some cash to pay the remaining balance on the first day of the APRW/JASPARC. It is best to make sure your NA remits all fees to the Philippines net of bank charges. For the full details of the bank transfer swift code, go to the APRW/JASPARC 2012 website: <http://qc.cisv.ph/pages/aprwjasparc-2012>.

The deadline for registration and payment is on February 24, 2012. After that date, late fees may be charged by the host NA.



Registration, Payment, Forms

» Must Submit!

You will need to submit the following forms on or before February 24, 2012:

1. Regional Training Forum Application Form (<http://goo.gl/8FUeQ>)
2. Travel Information Form (<http://goo.gl/317g7>)
3. For Jasparc participants, please answer the APJB questionnaire (<http://goo.gl/EDGQp>)

You will also need to bring the following forms or documents with you on the first day of the APRW/JASPARC:

1. CISV Health Form signed by your doctor (<http://goo.gl/iXYLy>)
2. Proof of Travel Insurance valid for the duration of your travel
3. Photocopy of the identification page of your passport



Homestay & Hotels

» Homestay

The first week of April is also Easter and many CISV families will either be busy or on vacation. Nevertheless, for those needing homestay before or after the APRW/JASPARC, we will try our best to accommodate all requests. Please make sure to fill up the requests for homestay in the Travel Information Form.

» Hotels

If you prefer to stay in a hotel, you might want to check out the following hotels:

Go Hotel is located about 15 minutes from the Central Business District in Makati (<http://gohotels.ph/>). It offers affordable room rates and is right beside a train station.

The City Garden Hotel in Makati is walking distance from Makati's main shopping district (<http://goo.gl/4ITRh>). It offers good value for money.

Guijo Suites in Makati is a relatively new small hotel that has received no negative reviews (so far) from Trip Advisor (<http://goo.gl/sb0j4>).

Getting to the Venue

» Vrrrooom!

If you arrive before March 30, 2012, you will either be met at the airport by your homestay family or you will need to arrange your own transportation to your hotel.

For those arriving on March 30, 2012, there will be a free transfer service from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA, MNL) to a central meeting point where a van will take participants to the APRW/JASPARC site. It will leave the airport for the central meeting point every hour beginning 7:30AM of March 30, 2012. The last shuttle to the pick-up point leaves at 2:30PM. Special shuttles will be arranged for those arriving before 7:30 AM and after 2:30 PM.

Coupon Taxis are also available at the arrival section and will cost approximately PhP440.00 (USD10) to Makati (the central meeting point) and PhP790 (USD18) to Antipolo (the venue).

The first bus to the venue will leave the central meeting point at 12:00PM; the second bus, 4:00PM. Homestay families will be advised to drop you off at the central meeting point or bring you straight to Antipolo.

For participants arriving at the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in Clark, Pampanga (DMIA, CRK), there are commercial buses that will take you to SM Megamall, a local shopping mall in Mandaluyong, for USD8; Allot two and a half hours travel time from Clark, Pampanga to Mandaluyong. Please inform us in advance if you will be arriving via CRK so that we can make arrangements for your transfer from Megamall to the venue or homestay.

Likewise, on the last day of the APRW/JASPARC, a bus will take participants to either the central meeting point where you can wait for your flight or direct to the airport.

Workshop Update & Schedule

» Workshop Update

This year, the Regional Trustees Meeting has evolved into a full conference that will take place simultaneously with APRW/JASPARC. This conference will be facilitated by Ms. Vicki Tejada, Peace Fund Trustee, and Ms. Pilar Villanueva, member of the International Executive Committee. This conference is officially designated as The Trustees Regional Conference Asia Pacific (TTRC Asia Pacific).

» Schedule

APRW/JASPARC 2012 will be jam-packed with workshops and common sessions to keep you busy. Take a look at the initial schedule below. We will have more details for you by Infopack 3 or on our website: <http://qc.cisv.ph/pages/aprwjasparc-2012>.

Please take note that we will have an APRW/JASPARC and CISV Philippines 50th Anniversary Welcome Dinner on March 30, 2012. It will be a grand welcome and kick-off party for our 50th Anniversary Celebration this year. More details on that in Infopack 3.

On April 2, in the afternoon, we will go on a short excursion in the surrounding areas of Antipolo to visit an old church, buy souvenirs and sample the local cuisine.

We will also have a Cultural Night and Farewell Party on April 3, so dust off your national costumes and start practicing!

See next page for our schedule.

	Friday 30-Mar-12	Saturday 31-Mar-12	Sunday 01-Apr-12	Monday 02-Apr-12	Tuesday 03-Apr-12	Wednesday 04-Apr-12
BREAKFAST 7:00am-8:30am						
Session 1 9:00am-10:30am		Module 1	Module 6	Module 11	Module 13	Departures Resource Person/Staff Evaluation
Coffee Break 10:30am-10:45am						
Session 2 10:45am-12:15pm		Module 2	Module 7	Module 12	Module 14	Resource Person/Staff Evaluation
LUNCH 12:15pm-2:00pm						
Session 3 2:00pm-3:30pm	APRW JASPARC Arrivals and Registration	Module 3	Module 8	Excursion	Module 15	
Coffee Break 3:30pm-3:45pm						
Session 4 3:45pm-5:15pm		Module 4	Module 9		Module 16	
Coffee Break 5:15pm-5:30pm						
Session 5 5:30pm-7:00pm	Welcome Remarks	Module 5	Module 10		Module 17	
DINNER 7:00pm-8:30pm	APRW JASPARC					Farewell Party
Session 6 8:30pm-9:30pm	Welcome Party	Common Session 1	Common Session 2	Common Session 3		Cultural Presentation
Workshop 1:	Mosaic					
Workshop 2:	IPP					
Workshop 3:	TTT					
Workshop 4:	Chapter Development Training					
Workshop 5:	Education and Evaluation Training					
Workshop 6:	Trustees Meeting Asia Pacific Region					

For the Juniors

» For the Juniors

If you are a junior within the region and you are thinking about attending JASPARC, well, you should!

JASPARC is a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and knowledge, and meet with other juniors in the region. It's also a place where decisions are made that will affect the region's future; So, if you're up for a challenge, then it's more reason for you to attend! We will be covering a whole lot of content within a short amount of time, so make sure to have an open mind!

Now that you're going, there are a few things you should do to prepare for JASPARC; Please take time to go through this list to help you maximize your training:

1. Please answer the APJB questionnaire.

This will help us prepare content that is relevant to you. In case you missed it in the registration section, here's the link again: <http://goo.gl/EDGQp>

2. Get to know your own JB!

There will be a lot of discussions and having a good understanding of your own Junior Branch will surely come in handy!

3. Talk to your NJR.

JASPARC will also be the time to elect new APJB members and each country gets to vote!

4. Visit JBPedia.

Look up the APJB and the APJB Team to know more about what we do and who we are!

What to do after APRW?



» So much to do!

There are a hundred things to see in and around Metro Manila after APRW and JASPARC. For those who like the beach, we have pristine white sand beaches in Boracay, Cebu, Siargao, Bohol and Palawan. If you prefer trekking, we have cool mountain get aways in Sagada, and Banaue where you can view the famous Banaue Rice Terraces. For those who want a more historical and cultural view, go online and search for any number of feasts and or religious ceremonies, particularly during the time of Easter. If you plan to take any of these trips, its best to book early as prices go up and rooms become scarce during Easter. Ironically, it's the one time of the year that Metro Manila is quiet and pollution free.



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» Language

There are two (2) official languages --- Filipino and English. Filipino is the national language. English is also widely used and is the medium of instruction in higher education. There are about 76 to 78 major language groups, with more than 500 dialects.

» Currency

The currency in the Philippines is the Philippine Peso (PhP) and the Centavo.

- » 100 centavos = PhP1.00
- » Coin denominations are: 1, 5, 10, and 25 centavos, PhP1, and PhP5.
- » Bill denominations are : 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 pesos.

Credit cards are accepted mainly in major establishments; however most souvenir shops, even in malls, might only accept cash.

When exchanging currency, look for authorized money changers in malls and airports or go to the banks. When visiting rural areas, plan how much currency is needed since these places may not have easily accessible money changers.

To give you a good idea of how much money to bring, a Big Mac meal at McDonald's comes to about PhP170.00 while a regular can of coke bought at a convenience store is PhP30.00.

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» Weather

Expect the weather to be very sunny and very humid with some minor rain showers. Bring cool cotton clothes for the outdoors and a light jacket for the air-conditioned indoors. Sunblock and moisturizer are your friends.

» Electricity

The standard voltage of electricity used in the Philippines is 220 volts AC, 60 cycles.

» Tipping

It is customary to leave a tip when rendered a service. In restaurants, a 10% tip based on the total bill is recommended. However, if there is already a service charge on the bill, a tip then becomes optional.

» Shopping

In the Philippines, there are many great places to shop but it all depends on what you intend to buy and your budget, of course.

Crafts of various regions and provinces have invariably found their way into Manila. Just take a look at the Filipiniana section of any department store, and you would marvel at the diversity of handicraft selection. There are malongs and brass ware from Mindanao, hand embroidered *piña* (pineapple) cloth from Batangas, wood figurines from Paete, and all sorts of basketry products made from rattan, bamboo, vines and leaves. There are a number of stores which



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specialize in Philippine handicraft such as Tesoro's, S.C. Vizcarra, and Silahis Arts and Artifacts.

Haggling the operative word when shopping at Manila's frenzied, frantic flea markets. Bargain-hunters will fall head over heels in love with the bargain basement prices of fabrics, ready-to-wear clothes, shoes and slippers, house ware and home decors and fresh produce.

Divisoria is the wholesale capital, selling everything from delicious food items to wedding dresses and just about anything under the sun while Tutuban Center, a modern shopping mall in Divisoria has hundreds of stalls selling jewelries and home furnishings. Binondo, where Chinatown is located, offers a wide selection of ceramics and Chinese items while Quiapo is a mecca for Muslim handicraft. Baclaran for footwear, gowns, bed sheets and curtains. Interesting items are sold at Silahis Arts and Artifacts in Intramuros and Quezon Bridge in Quiapo.

Parting Thoughts

» Going Green

As part of our Going Green initiative, we encourage everyone to bring their own water bottles, use less plastic, carry a USB stick to save on paper, and plant trees to offset your carbon footprint from travelling. We welcome any suggestions on how we can make APRW/JASPARC 2012 a more carbon-neutral training forum.

» Contact Us

For any questions, please contact the home staff through email: aprw2012@qc.cisv.ph

You can also check out the APRW/JASPARC 2012 web page at <http://qc.cisv.ph/pages/aprwjasparc-2012>

Infopack 3 will contain all the basic information for the first-time traveler to the Philippines such as what to pack and how to say hello in Filipino. It will also contain additional information on the workshops, the facilitators, the schedule and the wonderful home staff. In the meantime, for the latest information, visit our website: <http://qc.cisv.ph/pages/aprwjasparc-2012>.

KITA KITS MGA
REPAPIPS!
See you soon. friends!