



INFO LETTER



PEMPAL Internal Audit Community of Practice (IACoP):

Plenary meeting and Audit in Practice Working Group (AiP WG)
meeting

October 24-27, 2017

Location: Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Radisson Blu Hotel

Dear PEMPAL participants!

On behalf of the PEMPAL IACOP Executive Committee, Ministry of Finance of the Uzbekistan, and PEMPAL Secretariat, we are happy to welcome you in Tashkent, Uzbekistan! We would like to make your visit to Tashkent as pleasant as possible.

This info letter contains information about transport, accommodation and logistics of the event and also some useful information about the country that hosts this event. More detailed information about activities of IACOP and PEMPAL could be found on the following web page: <http://www.pempal.org>

Yours,
PEMPAL Secretariat Team

ABOUT UZBEKISTAN

Uzbekistan is located in Central Asia, it is a secular, unitary constitutional republic, comprising 12 provinces, one autonomous republic, and a capital city. Uzbekistan is bordered by five landlocked countries: Kazakhstan to the north; Tajikistan to the southeast; Kyrgyzstan to the northeast; Afghanistan to the south; and Turkmenistan to the southwest. Uzbekistan has a diverse cultural heritage due to its storied history and strategic location. Its official language is Uzbek, a Turkic language written in the Latin alphabet and spoken natively by approximately 85% of the population. Russian has widespread use; it is the most widely taught second language. The climate in Uzbekistan is continental, with little precipitation expected annually (100–200 millimetres, or 3.9–7.9 inches). The average summer high temperature tends to be 40 °C (104 °F), while the average winter low temperature is around −23 °C (−9 °F).

Source: wikipedia.org

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT TASHKENT

Tashkent is the capital and largest city of Uzbekistan. The officially registered population of the city in 2012 was about 2,309,300.

Tashkent is the capital of and the most cosmopolitan city in Uzbekistan. It was noted for its tree-lined streets, numerous fountains, and pleasant parks.

In 2007, Tashkent was named a "cultural capital of the Islamic world" by Moscow News, as the city has numerous historic mosques and significant Islamic sites, including the Islamic University. Tashkent holds the Samarkand Kufic Quran, one of the earliest written copies of the Quran, which has been located in the city since 1924.

The Tashkent Business district is a special district, established for the development of small, medium and large businesses in Uzbekistan.

Source: wikipedia.org

USEFUL INFORMATION

Local currency: Uzbekistani soʻm (UZS)

Exchange rate: approximately 9 492.60 UZC/EUR; 8 052.08 UZC/USD

Local (Tashkent) time: UZT (UTC+5)

VISA INFORMATION

Dear Colleagues, for those of you who needs visa, your telexes were sent to you in a separate message about a week ago. PLEASE PRINT IT OUT AND TAKE WITH YOU TO THE AIRPORT!

AT THE AIRPORT

Depending on the time of your arrival, PEMPAL Secretariat has arranged the car transfer for you from the Tashkent Airport to Radisson Blu Hotel and back. The transport costs will be covered by PEMPAL.



Upon arrival to an Airport please look for the taxi drivers with the PEMPAL logo in hands. They will be meeting you **after you exit the airport**.

If, by any chance you arrive at a different time than originally planned, please contact **Ms. Kristina Zaituna (+7-964-51-888-54)** to arrange transfer to the hotel. To avoid waiting at the Tashkent Airport an advance call is recommended in case of a delayed arrival.

Dear Colleagues, in the attached excel file you can find your groups for transfer from airport to hotel.

WHERE WILL YOU SLEEP?

The PEMPAL Secretariat has made reservation for you at the **Radisson Blu Hotel**, situated in the city centre.

The hotel accommodation in a single room (with all meals included, and free WI-FI) will be paid by PEMPAL for the duration of the meeting as well as for the arrival and/or departure day. The hotel reservation is made in your name. In case of your late arrival please notify the organizers and/or hotel directly.

The costs of telephone calls, minibar and other personal expenses of the participant have to be paid by the participant on the spot in local currency (or using your credit card). Extra overnight stays before or after the event (if permitted by visa regulations), have to be booked and paid directly by the participant. The self-payers, who already paid for flight ticket, are expected to cover the hotel accommodation costs as well.

Hotel view and contact details:



Radisson Blu Hotel
Amir Temur Street, 88,
Tashkent 100084,
Uzbekistan

Phone: +998 71 120 49 00

MEETING INFORMATION

All activities will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel.

You are kindly invited for a **welcome reception** that will be held in the Hotel in the **Brasserie** restaurant, on **October 23rd, 2017** at **19.30**.

The workshop will be delivered according to the **Agenda** which is attached to this letter.

The meetings will start on **October 24, 2017**. **Registration** will start at **8.00** and take place in front of the **Grand Ball Room (0 floor)**, and the meeting will start at **8.30**.

Please note that you will also receive a name tag, which you are kindly asked to wear throughout the meeting.

GROUP PHOTO

The group photo session is scheduled for **October 24, 2017** before the lunch. Through the meetings more pictures will be also taken and posted later on PEMPAL's website.

WHEN YOU GET HUNGRY

Coffee breaks & lunches:

During the meeting there will be **network breaks** with refreshments served in the front of the **Grand Ball Room**, located on the 0 floor.

All three working **days** the **lunch** will be served at the hotel restaurant (according to Agenda), located on the 1st floor.

On October 23 and October 26, 27, 28 (for those who leave on October 27, 28, 29) meals will be also arranged in the Hotel restaurant.

Please note that any lunch or dinner arranged by self cannot be covered by PEMPAL Secretariat.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in Tashkent!