



**THEME:**  
*“Sustainability and Resiliency of  
 Communities in Marginal and  
 Inland Seas”*

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Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay, Philippines

## About SIMSEA

The Sustainability Initiative In the Marginal Seas of South and East Asia is a new program of the International Council for Science Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and its partners. It promotes inclusive and transdisciplinary research on the sustainability of marginal seas of South and East Asia following the design of Future Earth, the new international platform for research on global sustainability ([www.futureearth.org](http://www.futureearth.org)).

**Call for  
 Abstracts/  
 Session Proposals**  
 Deadlines: 31 July 2018

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## Symposium Objectives

- To build on the advances of research on earth system science to support knowledge needs for sustainability and resiliency
- To bring together the best scientists, academe, policy and decision makers, and other stakeholders to explore opportunities for greater collaborative and integrative research for the sustainability of marginal seas
- To encourage consolidation of transdisciplinary research teams to undertake collaboration on the identified research areas
- To identify outstanding /strategic transdisciplinary research on environmental, developmental and societal issues
- To initiate the implementation of interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary investigations for the benefit of society

## Major Sessions

1. Hazards and Risks from Oceans to Coasts in the East and Southeast Regions
2. Forecasting, Monitoring and Management of Hazards and Risks from Oceans to Coasts
3. Hazards and Risks Information Dissemination and Education for Communities Along the Inland and Marginal Seas of East and Southeast Regions
4. Institutional Partnerships and local level governance in the management of Hazards and Risks from Oceans to Coasts

Eligible session convenors will be provided with travel support (if required).

## SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION:

All presenters and participants are requested to register for the symposium.

Registration fee

<b>Early bird Registration Fee</b> (Payment before October 31, 2018)	Student	USD 75
	Non-Student	USD 120
<b>Regular Registration Fee</b>	Student	USD 100
	Non-Student	USD 150

Registration fee includes participation in all sessions in two days, participation in all scheduled meal functions and refreshment breaks, opening reception, kit and a copy of proceedings.

For local participants, please contact secretariat.

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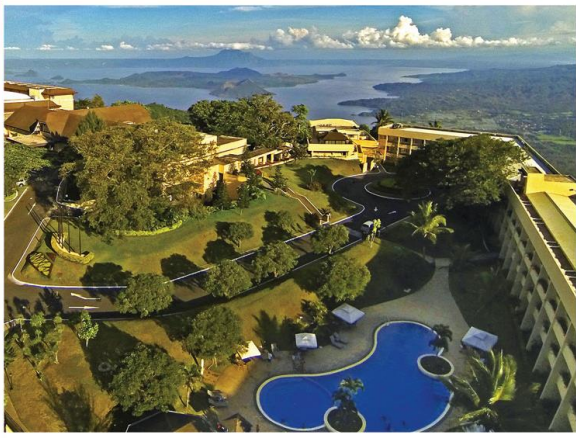
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# About the Symposium Venue

FACT SHEET



Taal Vista Hotel is ideal for both *leisure* and *business* travelers who appreciate the sophisticated mix of classic elegance and modern luxury.

Built in 1939 with undoubtedly the best view of the world-famous Taal Volcano, the English Tudor Mansion-style Hotel has become part of the Filipino Heritage. It has a rich history shared by many generations. Countless hotel guests and visitors have taken their photographs, framed by the majestic view of the Taal Lake and Volcano.

Constantly in step with the changing times, Taal Vista Hotel is a perfect blend of classic architecture, contemporary design, and modern amenities. One can feel the residential warmth of the historic lodge at the Mountain Wing and experience a touch of modern flair at the Lake Wing.

Truly, Taal Vista Hotel is without parallel - a stylish icon where the *Past meets the Present*.



DINE, UNWIND, & DREAM



### Location

Tagaytay City is approximately an hour's drive from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA). NAIA connects Metro Manila to all the major cities in the Philippines and has direct flights from major cities and countries world-wide.

### Guest Rooms

The Hotel has 261 stylishly appointed rooms that are fully-equipped with modern amenities. Each room comes with individually controlled air-conditioning, cable TV, a fully stocked mini-bar and Wi-Fi Internet access.



### Restaurant and Bars

Taal Vista Hotel offers a bevy of culinary experiences. At Café Veranda, diners can indulge daily in Taal Vista Hotel's authentic local dishes, as well as a variety of international food items or feast on our weekend lunch buffet featuring our Heritage cuisine, a collection of Filipino favorites with a twist.

At the Lobby Lounge, guests can relax and enjoy any of our house-blended cocktails, special seasonal drinks, or coffee with a slice of cake.

### Recreation

The Asmara Spa pampers guests with invigorating therapies and treatments. Guests can also relax and take a dip in the pool, sweat it out at the Fitness Center or simply unwind at the Game Room. There is also a Kids' Corner where children (12 years old & below duly accompanied by a guardian) can play or read books.

### Facilities and Services

- 24-hour Concierge Service
- 24-hour Housekeeping Service
- 24-hour In-room Dining Service
- Asmara Spa
- Banquet and Conference Rooms
- Car Parking
- City Tours and Trekking Packages
- Currency Exchange
- Driver's Quarters
- Fitness Center
- Game Room
- Gift Shop
- Guest Rooms
- Kids' Corner
- Laundry and Valet Service
- Outdoor Pool
- Restaurant and Bar
- View Deck
- Wi-Fi Access

<b>IMPORTANT PHONENUMBERS:</b> Here are some important numbers to take note of while traveling in Tagaytay:  <b>Capital ng Tagaytay</b> 483 0150  <b>Unhealth Tagaytay Hospital &amp; Medical Center</b> 483 3340 483 0334 to 38  <b>Tagaytay City Fire Station</b> 483 1153  <b>Tagaytay City Health Office</b> 483 0504  <b>Tagaytay City Police Department</b> 483 0262 (Main Station) 483 0296  <b>Other police stations:</b> 960 0296 (Marquez) 483 0316 (Koytagag) 482-4938 (GVN Road) 483 5283 (Pine Grove)  <b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM:</b>  <b>Region 4 Office</b> 02 524 1225, 02 504 1369  <b>Colaboracion Office</b> 043 568773 to 34 weeks 30,31,35  <b>Tourist Information Center</b> 483 1220 local 383	<b>MAIN LOBBY / MOUNTAIN WING</b>  Front Desk & Concierge Lobby Lounge Café Veranda Patio History Wall ATM  <b>ESCALATOR</b> (To lower level function rooms)  <b>9:00am to 8:00pm Daily</b> Offers a wide variety of interesting local souvenir items and gifts to take home to family and friends.  <b>LOBBY LOUNGE</b>  <b>Weekdays 8:00am to 10:00pm</b> <b>Weekends 9:00am – 12:00am</b> A comfy lounge and bar that offers cakes, pastries and tasty appetizers together with a varied selection of beverages. At night, guests can cozy up next to the fireplace as they enjoy the nightly entertainment.  <b>CAFE VERANDA</b>  <b>8:00am to 10:00pm Daily</b> A continental restaurant that offers sumptuous buffet, feasts and delicious à la carte meals. Catch the Philippine Cultural Dance Show (Every weekend and holidays from 12:30-1:30 PM).  <b>TÀZA</b>  This restaurant features an intimate dining area and of fresco dining with sweeping views of Taal Lake and Volcano, offering its own signature variety of local farm to table cuisine.  <b>LAKE WING</b>  <b>Guest Rooms</b> Lake Wing Function Rooms Grand Ballroom Ballroom 1 Ballroom 2 Ballroom 3  Dahila Santan Lily Camia  <b>BASEMENT PARKING</b>	<b>DISCOVER AND EXPLORE TAGAYTAY</b>  Tagaytay has many scenic attractions for you to explore and enjoy. Listed below are several popular destinations, and the approximate travel time by car from Taal Vista Hotel. Establishments reserve the right to change schedules without prior notice.  <b>Sky Ranch (walking distance)</b> A five-hectare leisure park offering the country's tallest Ferris wheel, horseback riding, a mini amusement park, restaurants, and a 2,000 square meter event tent perfect for conferences, exhibits, concerts, expos, and social gatherings. Open Daily 10:00am to 10:00pm from Monday to Friday 8:00am to 10:00pm every Saturday, Sunday and Holidays  <b>Casino Filipino (walking distance)</b> Located just across the Hotel, Casino Filipino offers a wide variety of table games, slot machines and live entertainment. Open 24 hours daily.  <b>Flower Farm (10 minutes)</b> Tours of the five-hectare flower farm and its greenhouses are offered from Monday to Friday at 10:00am to 2:00pm. The Flower Farm accepts visitors who have scheduled appointments in groups. Flowers and herbs are also available for purchase.  <b>Residence Inn (15 minutes)</b> A mini zoo with zip lines and cable car rides overlooking Taal Lake. Open daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm.  <b>Museo Orina (15 minutes)</b> Multi-level museum featuring the artistry of internationally acclaimed Ramon Orina, pioneer and foremost practitioner of glass sculpture in the country. Tuesdays to Sundays, 10:00am to 6:00pm Closed on Mondays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day  <b>Gourmet Farms (20 minutes)</b> A sprawling vegetable farm open for tours. Hands-on lessons on how to harvest lettuce, plant herbs, and care for the environment are also offered by appointment. The compound has a chapel and a conference center. Gourmet Farm Tours 9:00am to 3:00pm Daily  <b>Splendido Taal Golf Club (30 minutes)</b> 18-hole, par-72, all-weather championship golf course designed by Greg Norman. Please inquire one day in advance if you wish to play at this members-only club so the Hotel Concierge can make the proper arrangements. Operating Hours: 6:00am to 3:00pm daily.  <b>Paradizo (30 minutes)</b> A garden zoo featuring animals such as ferrets, camels, ostriches, miniature horses and an albino carabao. Open daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm.  <b>Ilog Maria Bee Farm (30 minutes)</b> A honeybee farm offering a host of aromatherapy and organic beauty products for sale. Tuesday to Sunday, 8:00am to 5:00pm  <b>Taal Volcano Trekking (45 minutes)</b> Taal Volcano is a geological wonder – a volcano within a lake within a volcano. Enjoy a 30-minute boat ride across the lake to Volcano Island where the guided hike begins on the island's shore and ends at the rim of the main crater. Tours may be arranged with the Hotel Concierge.  <b>CHURCHES</b>  <b>Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (10 minutes)</b> Mass schedule: Sunday: 6:15pm and 7:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:00am Wednesday: 5:30pm Every 1st Friday of the month: 5:30pm Saturday: 6:30am and 5:30pm (Anticipated Mass) Every 23rd of the month (Padre Pio): 5:30pm  <b>Caleruega (30 minutes)</b> Popular for its picturesque Chapel and Retreat House. Open daily from 7:00am to 5:30pm Mass schedule: Sunday – 11:00am  <b>Little Souls Chapel (10 minutes)</b> Convent and chapel that houses The Sacred Crucifix. Healing Holy Oil available in exchange for donations. Mass schedule: Monday to Friday – 6:00pm Saturday – 10:00am & 6:00pm (Anticipated Mass) Sunday – 10:00am & 6:00pm  <b>Tierra de Maria (20 minutes)</b> A place of healing featuring a 50-foot sculpture of the Virgin Mary. Open daily 8:00am – 6:00pm Masses are held on the first Saturday of the month.  <b>Pink Sisters (20 minutes)</b> The Convent of Divine Mercy, which is where the Adoration Chapel of the Pink Sisters is located, is a tranquil place of prayer. Mass Schedule: Monday to Saturday: 6:30am Sunday: 7:30am and 5:00pm	<b>SWIMMING POOL</b>  <b>7:00am to 8:00pm Daily</b> Located at the Mountain Wing front lawn.  <b>VIEW DECK</b>  The best picture spot in the hotel – breathtaking view of Taal Lake and Volcano.  <b>GARDENS</b>  <b>Mid Garden</b> Outdoor function area with fantastic views and cool, crisp air. Perfect all year round.  <b>Herb and Vegetable Garden</b> The hotel's on-site vegetable and herb garden contributes to its environmental efforts by growing its own produce.
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Welcome to Taal Vista Hotel.

While our gracious staff is ready to assist you or, at times, this guide is provided to help you make the most out of your visit to Tagaytay – to find your way in and around our hotel, and get to where you're going with ease.

Whether you are here on business, for pleasure or both, we aim to make your stay with us a wonderful one.

We invite you to enjoy our facilities and look forward to welcoming your back again and again.

Mary Happy Returnal

**General Manager**

For more information you may also visit <https://www.taalvistahotel.com/>