



# SECOND MEETING OF THE GMS TASK FORCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND WORKSHOP ON DIGITAL SUPPLY CHAIN

25-26 APRIL 2023

MANILA, PHILIPPINES



## Information Note

(as of 21 April 2023)

1. **Meeting Format.** The meeting will be conducted in Hybrid format. It will be held in person at the Marriott Hotel Manila and virtually via Zoom.

### Marriott Hotel Manila (In-person).



Address: 2 Resorts Drive, Newport World Resorts, NCR - Fourth District, Barangay 183, Pasay City, Manila, Philippines, 1309  
Tel: (+63 2) 898-89999  
Website: <https://www.marriott.com>

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**Zoom (Virtual).** Please click on the meeting link to join: [Second Meeting of the GMS Task Force on Trade and Investment](#); Meeting ID: 938 5373 2685; Passcode: GMS-TFTI20

## 2. Schedule

| Day 1: 25 April 2023 (Tuesday)       |   |                      |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 9:30 – 12:00<br>(GMT+8; Manila time) | Registration, Opening Session & Session 1 | Meeting Rooms* 3 & 5 |
| 12:00 – 13:30                        | Lunch                                     | The Hub              |
| 13:30 – 18:00                        | Sessions 2 – 5                            | Meeting Rooms 3 & 5  |
| 18:00                                | Dinner                                    | The Den              |
| Day 2: 26 April 2023 (Wednesday)     |   |                      |
| 9:30 – 12:00                         | Sessions 6 – 7 and Closing Session        | Meeting Rooms 3 & 5  |
| 12:00                                | Lunch                                     | The Hub              |

\* Marriott Hotel Manila, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. You may take the winding staircase at the hotel lobby.

### 3. Arrival in Manila

**Covid-19 Rules for Entry to the Philippines.** Starting 15 April 2023, travelers to and from the Philippines are required to register through the [e-Travel portal](https://etravel.gov.ph/) within seventy-two (72 hours) or three (3) days prior to the scheduled time of arrival in/departure from the Philippines. This is in line with the directive of the Philippine Government's Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases.



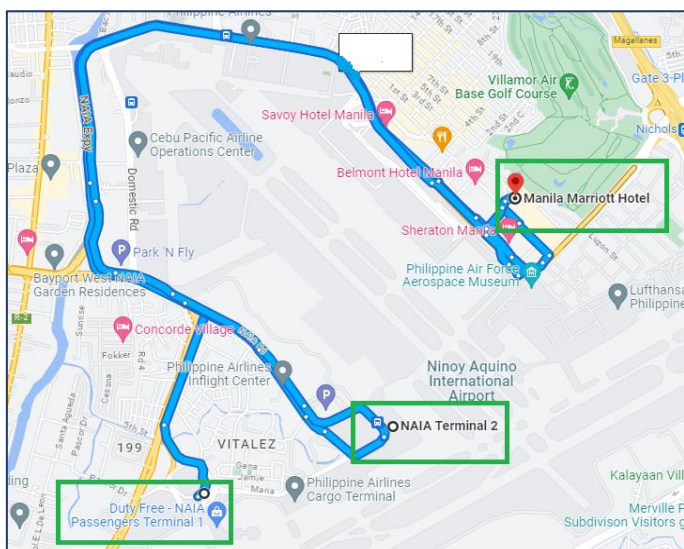
Upon completion of the e-Travel registration, a QR code will be generated. To avoid long lines at the airport, please keep handy either a digital or printed copy of the QR code as this will be presented during the Bureau of Quarantine verification upon arrival and upon check-in prior to departure. If a traveler is unable to accomplish the e-Travel registration before departure from country of origin, airport staff will assist in completing and uploading the e-Travel registration upon arrival in the Philippines.

Inbound foreign nationals and Filipinos who have received primary series COVID-19 vaccine and at least one COVID-19 booster shot no longer need an RT-PCR or Antigen test. Unvaccinated travelers are required to present a negative result of an RT-PCR Test taken within 48 hours OR a Rapid Antigen test administered and certified by a healthcare professional in a healthcare facility, laboratory, clinic, pharmacy, or similar, taken within 24 hours before departure from the country of origin. All proofs of vaccination status are now acceptable when entering the Philippines. For more information on entry requirements in the Philippines, please visit the [e-Travel portal](https://etravel.gov.ph/).

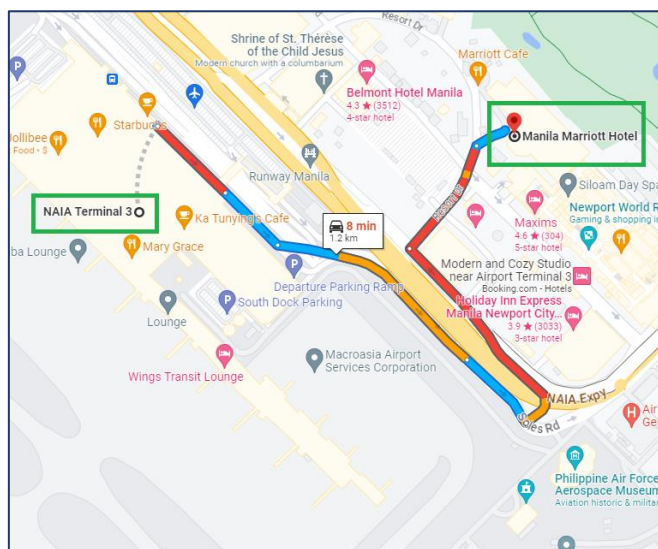
**Airport-Hotel Transfers.** Accredited Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) metered taxis are located outside the airport. Taxi fare from the airport to Marriott Hotel Manila is approximately Philippine Peso (Php) 500 (about US\$10.00).

If arriving at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminals 1 and 3, please proceed to the International Organizations Desk located right after the Customs Clearance Area. The person manning the International Organizations Desk will direct you to the taxi queue at the Arrival Area outside the airport for your transportation to the hotel. If arriving at the NAIA Terminal 2, please go directly to the taxi queue outside the airport.

**NAIA Terminals 1 and 2 to Marriott Hotel Manila**  
(approximately 7 km or 15-20 minutes by car)



**NAIA Terminal 3 to Marriott Hotel Manila**  
(approximately 2 km or 10 minutes by car)



#### 4. Hotel Accommodation

A limited number of deluxe rooms at the Marriott Hotel Manila are available to participants at a special rate of Php7,612 nett (single-occupancy)/room/night, including complimentary buffet breakfast at the Marriot Café starting at 6:30 am.

The special rate is only available through the Meeting Secretariat and subject to room availability. Check in time is at 3:00 p.m. and check out time is at 12 noon.

#### 5. Registration and Meeting Documents

**Pre-Meeting Registration.** All participants are required to register at the [GMS Program website](#) by **21 April 2023**.

All registered virtual participants will be sent the Zoom meeting link by **24 April 2023**. The Zoom meeting link will be open two (2) hours prior the Opening Session at 10:00 am (GMT +8; Manila time). Early connection on Day 1 is encouraged to accommodate testing sessions, as needed.

**Onsite Registration.** On 25 April 2023 (Meeting Day 1), 9:30-10:00 a.m., all participants are requested to claim their meeting badges/IDs at the registration desk located outside the meeting room. **IDs are to be worn by participants at all times for the duration of the meeting.**

Visit the online registration page at the [GMS Program website](#) for up-to-date information on the meeting and available meeting documents.

#### 6. Departure from Manila

On departure from Manila, participants are advised to coordinate ahead of time with the hotel front desk should assistance on transportation to the airport be needed. Regular taxis may also be hailed outside the hotel. Due to heavy traffic, it is strongly encouraged to leave for the airport at least three (3) hours before flight departure.

#### 7. Meeting Secretariat

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|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
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#### 8. Others

For information about the local weather, currency, transport, business hours, and more visit the [Department of Tourism website](#).