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India-OECD-World Bank Conference on Financial Literacy and Inclusion in Asia

**A Dissemination Conference for India and the Asia region of the
Russia/World Bank/OECD Financial Literacy and Education Trust Fund**

4-5 March 2013
New Delhi, India

INFORMATION NOTE

(as of 05 February)

Venue

The conference will be held at the **Hotel ITC Maurya**

Address: Diplomatic Enclave, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi 110 021, India

Tel:(91)(11) 26112233

Reservation enquiries: conferences.itcmaurya@itchotels.in

Website: <http://itc-maurya-new-delhi.hotel-rn.com/?l=gg>

Registration

Please note that participation in the conference is strictly **by invitation only**. If you have already received the invitation, you may register through the link provided. If not, please contact the OECD Secretariat to request an invitation [jennah.huxley@oecd.org].

Please note that there is no conference fee, but all participants are responsible for their own travel-related expenses.

Documents and website

All documentation relating to the Conference is available at this [link](#).

Meals and Social Events

Please indicate any special dietary requirements on the registration form.

Lunch

Lunch for all participants will be offered during the 3-day conference.

Evening

- 3 March at 19h30: Pre-event dinner hosted by Dr. K.C. Chakrabarty
- 4 March at 19:30: Reception dinner hosted by the OECD and The World Bank
- 5 March at 19:30 reception dinner

Dress Code

Dress code during the conference will be business-casual (ties are optional).

Spouses/partners

There is no programme arranged for participants' spouses.

All-day social event on 7 March

A visit to Agra is being arranged on 7 March. Agra is a major tourist destination because of its many splendid Mughal-era buildings.

[further details will be provided shortly]

Accommodation

Accommodation must be reserved and paid for directly by participants.

This information is provided for convenience only and does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the organisers of the services of a particular hotel. Participants are free to choose a hotel other than those listed below.

ITC MAURYA (conference venue)

Address: Kamal Mahal, Hotel ITC Maurya, Diplomatic Enclave, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi 110 021

Room rates: Executive Club – 11,000 INR (+ taxes)
Executive Club Exclusive – 12,500 INR (+ taxes)
Towers – 14,500 INR (+ taxes)
ITC One – 16,000 INR (+ taxes)

Cancellation policy: No-shows and cancellations made less than 21 days prior to check-in will be charged for the entire length of stay booked on the credit card details given.

All reservations must be made by 15 February 2013. Booking made after this date will be subject to availability.

How to book: please visit

<http://www.rbi.org.in/rbioecdfc2013/Downloads/Hotel%20Reservation%20Form%20-%20Maurya.pdf>

Hotel website: <http://www.itchotels.in/hotels/itcmaurya.aspx>

TAJ PALACE HOTEL

Distance from the conference venue: 0.4 km

Address: Diplomatic Enclave, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi - 110 021

Tel: 0091-11-66311287

Room rates: Deluxe room – 9,000 INR (+ taxes)
Luxury room – 12,000 INR (+ taxes)
Taj club room – 14,000 INR (+ taxes)

Cancellation policy: No-shows will be charged for the entire length of stay booked on the credit card details given.

How to book: please visit

<http://www.rbi.org.in/rbioecdfc2013/Downloads/Hotel%20Reservation%20Form%20-%20Taj%20Hotel.pdf>

Hotel website: <http://www.tajhotels.com/Luxury/City-Hotels/Taj-Palace-Hotel-New-Delhi/Overview.html>

HOTEL LE MERIDIEN

Distance from the conference venue: 9 km.

Address: Windsor Place, Janpath, New Delhi

Tel: 0091-11-23710101

Room rates: Executive room (single) – 8,500 INR (+ taxes)
Executive room (double) – 10,500 INR (+ taxes)

Cancellation policy: cancellations must be made by 26 February 2013 at the latest, otherwise the entire stay will be charged to the credit card number given at the time of booking.

All reservations must be made by 20 February 2013. Booking made after this date will be subject to availability.

How to book: please visit

<http://www.rbi.org.in/rbioecdfc2013/Downloads/Hotel%20Reservation%20Form%20-%20Meridien.pdf>

Hotel Website: www.lemeridien-newdelhi.com

Passports and visas

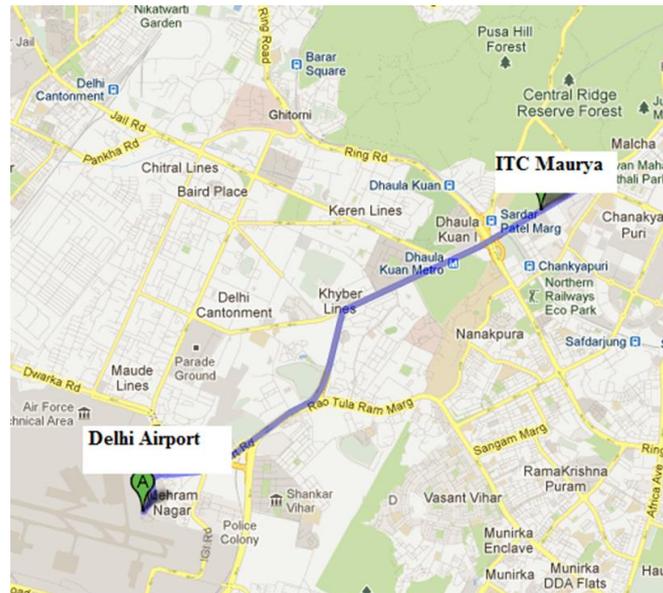
All foreign nationals entering India are required to possess a valid international travel document in the form of a national passport with a valid visa obtained from an Indian Mission or Post abroad.

The conference organisers cannot assist in procuring passports and visas. All delegates will be personally responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of the correct documentation prior to their departure. Apply for a visa online: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/indianVisaReg.jsp>

The organisers do not accept responsibility for any consequences whatsoever from a delegate failing to ensure that he or she has complied with the necessary health, passport and visa requirements.

Registered participants who require an official invitation letter for visa purposes should contact Ms. Alpana Killawala at alpanakillawala@rbi.org.in or Ms. Sabeeta Badkar at sabeetabadkar@rbi.org.in.

Map of the area



Airport Transfers

New Delhi airport offers a wide range of facilities to travel to and from the airport, including services like dedicated rail link, bus network, and taxis. Alternatively you can reserve your airport transfer through your chosen hotel. Please contact the hotel directly with your flight information and credit card details.

Further Enquiries

For further logistical information or enquiries about the conference, please contact:

- Ms. Jennah Huxley, OECD, email: jennah.huxley@oecd.org
- Mr. Andrea Grifoni, OECD, email: andrea.grifoni@oecd.org

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Capital: New Delhi

Time: GMT +5:30 hours

Population: 16.3 million

Language: The main language spoken is Hindi. However, English is understood and spoken by almost everyone who you will come into contact with, either at the airport, the hotels or in shopping centres.

Local Currency: Rupee

NEW DELHI

Through most of its history, Delhi has served as a capital of various kingdoms and empires. In 1639 AD, the Mughal emperor Shahjahan built a new walled city in Delhi which served as the capital of the Mughal Empire from 1649 until the Rebellion of 1857. The British captured Delhi in 1857 and the city replaced Kolkata as the seat of British government in India in 1911. A new capital city, New Delhi, was built to the south of the old city during the 1920s. When the British left India in 1947, New Delhi became the national capital and seat of the government.

Being the capital of India, New Delhi has become the main centre of politics, from where all decisions are made and policies passed.

New Delhi is the second most populous metropolis in India after Mumbai. It is a cosmopolitan city due to the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural presence of the vast Indian bureaucracy and political system. In Delhi, merger of the modern lifestyles as well as the old traditions and values can be seen.

Another aspect of the culture of Delhi is the numerous fairs and festivals celebrated in the city. It is this diversity that makes Delhi so lively and colourful.

The people of Delhi count amongst the most hospitable ones in India. You will find them very helpful and cheerful, always smiling and eager to help.

Eating out in Delhi is a wonderful experience. New Delhi restaurants serve a wide variety of cuisines ranging from Indian to Chinese to Mughlai to Thai to Continental. Some of the well-known International restaurant chains have also set up shop in Delhi.

CLIMATE: In March you can expect plenty of sunny weather, fairly low levels of rainfall and pleasant temperatures. Average maximum and minimum temperatures for March in New Delhi are 30°C and 15 °C respectively.

OPENING HOURS: Businesses open at 9 am and close around 8 pm on weekdays.

CURRENCY: The official currency is the Rupee. Visa, Master Card, Diners and American Express are accepted in the majority of the hotels, restaurants and shops.

TAX: Value added tax (VAT) ranges from 5 % to 20 %.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLY: The voltage in India is 220 to 240 Volts.

TIPPING: No specific rules.

WATER: Most of India's tap water is unfit for consumption. It is advisable for visitors to always drink bottled water. Bottled water in India comes in two types -- packaged drinking water, and pure mineral water such as the Bisleri brand. Packaged drinking water is water that has been treated and made healthy for drinking, while mineral water has been obtained naturally at its underground source and hygienically bottled. Both are safe to drink, although mineral water is better as it is chemical free.

CULTURE

Welcoming Style: Indians believe that 'Atithi Devo Bhav' which means that 'Guest is God'. A guest in India is welcomed by putting a crimson coloured 'tilak' on his forehead and doing 'aarti'.

Traditional Terms of Greeting: In India people greet one another by saying 'Namaste', it is like saying 'hello' in English.

Photography: It is considered courteous to ask people whether you may take their picture before doing so, particularly in the rural areas.

Dress Codes: In major cities, tailored suits, trousers, shirts, and ties or smart casual wear is the norm for men. Female office workers and businesswomen normally wear smart suits (skirts or trousers) dresses and jackets. Indian women also wear sarees and salwar kameez suits.

Smoking: Smoking in public places is prohibited.

SECURITY: Like all major cities in the world, New Delhi is not free of crime. Visitors are advised to exercise caution and ensure that all valuables including tickets, passports and documents, are kept in a safe place at all times. Most hotels and lodges will have safe deposits in the rooms or at the reception.

IMMUNIZATION: There are currently no compulsory vaccinations required for travel to India.

Malaria: Low to no risk for New Delhi.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: India has one of the best hospital facilities. Private hospitals have ultra-modern medical equipment and acclaimed practitioners. It is suggested that you hold personal medical insurance for the duration of your trip.

INDEMNITY: Whilst every care is being taken in all arrangements, please note that the organisers will not be liable for any accident, loss or damage during the conference period. Delegates must make their own personal insurance arrangements.