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**WORKSHOP ON MULTI-HAZARD, EARLY WARNING
CENTERS' CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE
INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI WARNING SYSTEM**

ENGLISH only

SINGAPORE, 21-23 NOVEMBER 2005

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1 VENUE OF THE MEETING

The Workshop will be held at Hotel Rendezvous Singapore from 21 to 23 November 2005.

2 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration of participants will take place at the meeting venue indicated above starting at 9:00 am on 21 November 2005. Participants will receive their identification badges and pay a special rate of S\$28 for their lunches at the registration desk.

3 WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language will be English only.

4 HOTEL RESERVATION

Rooms can be reserved for participants at Hotel Rendezvous (the meeting venue) and City Bayview Hotel at special rates. City Bayview Hotel is about a 5-10 minute walk to the meeting venue. Details of the hotels are listed below:

Hotel Rendezvous
9 Bras Basah Road
Singapore 189559
Tel: (65) 6336 0220
Fax: (65) 6337 3773
Email: sales@rendezvous.com.sg
Website: www.rendezvous-hotels.com
Room rate: S\$130.00+++ (without breakfast) / \$145.00+++ (with breakfast) per night

City Bayview Hotel
30 Bencoolen Street
Singapore 189621
Tel: (65) 6337 2882
Fax: (65) 6338 2880
Email: reservation@citybayview.com.sg
Website: www.citybayview.com.sg
Room rate: S\$110.00+++ (with breakfast) per night

(All the above rates are subject to 10% service charge, 1% government tax and thereafter 5% goods and services tax)

If you need the organiser to take care of your hotel reservation at the indicated special rates, please fill in the attached Hotel Reservation form and send it directly to Mr Johnson Ng as soon as you confirm your attendance at the Workshop. The completed form should reach Mr Ng by 2 November 2005. Please see Section 9 of this information note for contact information of Mr Ng.

5 TRANSPORTATION

The hotels indicated in Section 4 are located in the heart of the city within the civic and cultural district and are approximately 20 km from Singapore Changi International Airport. Participants can travel from the airport to the city centre by taking the airport shuttle bus or the MRT (Mass Rapid Transit) train. Taxis are also readily available from the airport. All taxi fares are metred.

6 VISIT VISA / ENTRY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Visitors to Singapore must be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months and confirmed onward/return air tickets. Please visit the following website for details on the visa requirements: www.ica.gov.sg

7 CURRENCY EXCHANGE

All major currencies are accepted, and there is no limit on the amount of currency you may bring into Singapore. The exchange rate is approximately US\$1.00=S\$1.70. Credit and charge cards are also widely accepted in Singapore.

8 LOCAL CLIMATE

The climate of Singapore for the month of November is as follows:

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| Temperature: | Mean Daily | 26.4°C |
| | Mean Maximum | 30.6°C |
| | Mean Minimum | 23.7°C |
| Rain | Average Monthly Rainfall | 254 mm |
| | Average Monthly Raindays | 18 |
| Relative Humidity | Mean Daily | 86% |

9 INFORMATION

For enquiries or further information regarding local arrangements for the Workshop, please contact:

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