

2009 ICOGO Annual Meeting

Dear ICOGO Members,

The 2009 ICOGO Annual Meeting will again be held in Taiwan, in conjunction with the 2009 Taiwan International Orchid Show. The meeting has been scheduled for 1:30 PM on March 5. Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) generously provides funding through Taiwan Orchid Growers Association (TOGA) to provide ICOGO up to 50 hotel rooms for two nights free of charge. These rooms will be allocated to ICOGO overseas members on a first come, first served basis and only to members who are in good standing on March 1 and has paid or renewed their membership dues by February 15, 2009. ICOGO again will have business booths for members to promote their business. To do such, you must select such an option when you register with TIOS and notify ICOGO. If you fly to Kaohsiung International Airport and select the pickup service and provide your airlines and flight number on the registration form, TOGA will provide free pickup service to bring you to the hotel. See you there.

To help TOGA, ICOGO members who are interested in attending our annual meeting and 2009 TIOS must provide certain basic information to TOGA and ICOGO. You must provide the following information to me that includes: **name, date of birth, gender, passport number, mailing address, country, e-mail address, company name, and whether you will put up a 3 M x 4 M orchid exhibit.** Please let me know if you need a 3 M x 4 M business booth (at cost). I will forward your personal information to TOGA. Once TOGA has entered your personal information onto their system, it will generate an account for you and send you your own user name and password. You will then use your assigned account name and password to logon to <http://www.tios.com.tw> to register for the meeting and show.

Last year (2008), we ran out of all 50 rooms. I urge you to send your personal information to me as soon as possible to ensure a free room for you. If you need to stay for extra nights, you need to pay for it at a deep discounted price.

Hope to see you all in Taiwan.

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