

January 4, 2010

Dear ICOGO members,

The 2010 ICOGO Annual Meeting has been scheduled for 1:30 – 4:30 P.M. on March 4 (Thursday). This year, an extra night of free hotel room is generally provided by TIOS and TAITRA for ICOGO members to arrive no later than March 3 to participate in the annual meeting the next day. All of the TIOS 2010 and ICOGO registration is handled through the TIOS 2010 website and it has been ready for you to register. Please read the following info carefully.

- ▶ Go to the TIOS 2010 home page <http://www.tios.com.tw> and then hit the “English” button on the far right for registration.
- ▶ Then, chose the “Registration Form” and hit “Submit” to bring up the form. This will take you to the registration form. Fill up the form in every detail that is needed. Submit the form after completion.
- ▶ Be sure that you check the “ICOGO Member” button. This is important for you to secure one free hotel room per member. Only up to 50 rooms are available on a first come first served basis.
- ▶ You may use the attached registration form and return it by e-mail to TIOS 2010.
- ▶ Those of you who have signed up for a trade booth(s), please check that box, too.
- ▶ Both hotels are new with truly wonderful rooms. All of the rates are deeply discounted. It is your call which one to stay, but I recommend the Queena Chinatrust. Provide your check-in and check-out dates and fill in the actual number of nights you will stay at your chosen hotel. When you check out, three nights will be deducted if you have a certificate showing that you attended the annual meeting. You must secure a certificate at the annual meeting to get the free nights. Otherwise, you will be charges for your entire length of stay.
- ▶ If two or three people intend to share a room, indicate that on the registration forms of both persons. This will ensure that both people will be in the same room and get their breakfast coupons.
- ▶ If you plan to take the tours, check them on the form. Tours are free to ICOGO members.
- ▶ The following ICOGO members have signed up for trade booths: Pacific Wide, Royal Base, Tailing, SOGO, Evergreen Agritech, Taiwan Sugar, and Yupin. They also will have orchid displays. If anyone else needs a booth, please let me know ASAP. I will do my best to get you one, but, I can not guarantee that there will be one available. ICOGO will have a banner or a sign for you to display at your booth to identify you as an ICOGO member (required).
- ▶ If you do not want to pay for a First Class or Business Class seat and do not want to sit in the main cabin, EVA AIR offers a class of seats called Deluxe. It is \$400 to \$700 dollars more than the Economy seats, but is whole lot more comfortable.

► When you travel, you may fly to Taoyuan International Airport (TPE). Depending upon your arrival time, if you arrive in the evening, you could take a bus to Taipei City and stay in a hotel there overnight. Catch the train or the High Speed Rail from the Taipei Central Train Station to Tainan City. The Tainan Train Station is inside the city, but the HSR Tainan Station is about 30 minutes to the east of Tainan City. You would have to hire a cab to the hotel which is on the far west side of Tainan (actually in the City of Yunkong). After you have checked into your hotel, you will need to find a way to the show site (Taiwan Orchid Plantation, TOP) which is about one hour north of Tainan. If your plane arrives at TPE in the early morning, you make take a bus or a cab to Taoyuan train station or HSR station to head directly to Tainan. Since TIOS provides pickup service at Kaohsiung Airport (one hour south of Tainan), you may want to consider flying a connecting flight from TPE to Kaohsiung. If this is your choice, once you have purchased your airline ticket, indicate your flight information (number of persons, airlines, flight number, and scheduled arrival time) on your reservation form before you send the form back to TIOS. There is no domestic flight from TPE to the airport in Tainan. However, there are domestic flights from the airport in the city of Taipei to Tainan.

► Some of you plan on taking orchid plants and/or materials with you to this show. If you wil do this, please let me know ASAP. I will forward to you later the name of the contact person at TIOS for you to work with to meet the requirements of CITES and quarantine regulations . I plan on arriving at TOP the morning of March 3.

► You are provided with the three nights of free lodging and meals because you go there for ICOGO business. Be sure that you attend the ICOGO Annual Meeting that is scheduled for 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. on March 4. There will be presentations on various subjects and a panel discussion on orchid marketing. We need your presence to make this organization functioning.

► Check if a visa is needed to enter Taiwan and, if so, apply well in advance.

<http://www.boca.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=1305&CtNode=109&mp=2>

Your passport must be valid for at least another six months on your day of arrival. If not, apply for a new one NOW.

► Please read the other document carefully and comply with ALL of the requirements for a free hotel room. If these requirements are not followed, you will be charged and responsible for the three nights that otherwise would be free to you.

► If you have questions on planning your trip to TIOS 2010 and ICOGO Annual Meeting, please let me know immediately. Effective and timely communications would truly make your trip a lot more fun and trouble-free.

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October 18, 2009

Dear Fellow Orchid Producers,

The 2010 Taiwan International Orchid Show and Symposium will take place on March 6-15. The International Commercial Orchid Growers Organization Annual Meeting will be held on March 4 at 1:30 P.M. at Taiwan Orchid Plantation in Hobi, Tainan County, Taiwan. TIOS has generously offered ICOGO up to 50 hotel rooms for three nights (a \$350 value) which are free to overseas ICOGO members in good standing. You must have your 2010 membership fee paid by the end of January 2010 to qualify for the offer (one room per member). If you sign up for a free room, but your ICOGO member is not current by January 31, 2010, your reservation for the free room will be promptly canceled on February 1, 2010 without notice. Watch for the announcement at the ICOGO website when these rooms are open for signing up on a first come first served basis.

In addition, the Taiwan's Bureau of Foreign Trade (one of the Show's sponsors) requires that ICOGO members to have conducted a minimum of \$250,000 in business revenue annually to be eligible for the free room offer.

When checking out from the TIOS designated hotel, ICOGO members must present:

- (1). A photocopy of his/her passport,
- (2). An original business card,
- (3). A photocopy of the 2010 TIOS badge for registrants,
- (4). The completed Business Survey Form (must indicate on the form the value of your orders made at the Show and the projected amount of future purchases),
- (5). A certificate for attending the ICOGO Annual Meeting, and
- (6). The signed hotel invoice for all charges incurred. Incidental charges are not covered and are the responsibility of the individual guests.

Short of any of these documents, your coverage of the free room will be denied and you will be liable for all of the charges that you incurred.

Additional information and the show/meeting schedule will be posted on the ICOGO website. If you wish to join ICOGO or renew your existing membership for 2010, go to <http://www.icogo.org> to obtain the needed information to sign up and/or to pay (wire or by check) for your membership dues.

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