

# Information **GA-6** Sri Lanka

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**AsIPA GENENRAL ASSEMBLY VI**  
**Chintana Centre, Nainamadama, Sri Lanka,**  
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## Visa

- We hope by this time all of you would have received your Visa reference number. Kindly take a print out and highlight your name and reference number and bring it along with you. Knowing the reference number is enough to get the immigration clearance at the Colombo airport.

## Arrival details

- Most of you have already sent your arrival details. If you are still not send, kindly do it today itself. We are preparing the final arrival list.
- In a day or two, we will be informing you, the arrival procedures.

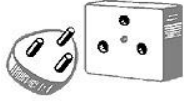
## Insurance / Health & Travel

- Please be informed that you are well advised to be covered by a travel insurance policy which also covers hospitalization and medical expenses. Any major expenses will be beyond the capacity of the organizers to bear.

## What to bring

- BIBLE – Old and New Testament in English (in your own language is also fine)
- Weather and Clothes: Nainamadama is generally warm (It's around 25~30 degrees Celsius.) Clothes should be modest. Mosquito repellent if you are sensitive.
- Internet access: Is available at Chinthana Centre, Nainamadama. Wi-Fi Zone is created for the internet users. Two or three public computers will be available at the centre. If you have Dongle, you can bring it. Data cards also available for dongle.
- Local Sim cards are available at the centre for the mobile use. International calling rates are very reasonable in Sri Lanka.
- Laptops could be used at the main hall. Extra plug points are placed at the hall for this purpose. Since there will not be tables in the main hall, you have to keep it in your lap and work.
- Towels are provided for use in your rooms.

- Toiletries: A cake of soap is provided in your rooms. Please bring all your other necessities. Toiletries will also be available for sale at the Grocery Shop at the Chinthana Centre.
- National costumes and cultural items for cultural night.
- One national flag of each country to take in Sri Lanka National SCCs Rally
- Some souvenirs to be shared with the families in that particular SCC you visit.
- Power adapters: Please try to bring your own power adapters. Three pin plug points are available in Sri Lanka. (Usually 220V)



### **Currency Exchange**

- The Centre will have Banking facilities. The main transaction currency will be US Dollars and Euros.

### **Accommodation: Rooms / Meals**

- Participants will be accommodated at the Chinthana Centre and Houses around the centre. Most of the rooms at the Chinthana Centre will have 2 or 4 beds rooms. The rooms have toilets & bathrooms attached. Houses will have single rooms with bathroom attached
- Meals will be at the Chinthana Centre.

### **Laundry**

- The Centre provides regular laundry facilities for reasonable charges. Each one will be responsible for paying your own laundry charges.

### **Registration**

- Registration of participants at the Chinthana Centre including collection of registration fees will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> (Thur.) from 10:00 to 15:00.
- Tiered registration fee (US\$ 320 or US\$ 200 or US\$ 50 per participant) is suggested according to your financial situation.
- Please also note that reimbursement of airfares and registration fee are only by previous agreement with the organizers – AsIPA desk.

### **Contributions Welcome**

- Please take note that the cost of board and lodge for the 7 days comes to US\$ 320 and that does not include the materials provided and other facilities and resource persons. The registration fee of US\$ 320 is a good indication of the contribution you can make for this assembly. Our budget is fully stretched as we have requests for subsidies. AsIPA Desk would ask all of you to look carefully at what contribution you can make towards our costs.

### **Eucharistic Celebrations**

- October 18<sup>th</sup> at 15:45 at Nainamadama Church together with the Opening Ceremony.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Daily Eucharist at 18:30 organized by countries or regions. Please bring something to be offered during the offertory procession and subsequently shared.
- Teams in charge of the Eucharistic celebrations and daily theme and readings for the Eucharist Celebration is already informed. Please come prepared.

**Cultural Night**

- We will have cultural night on October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tue.) evening. Please each country prepares for a short cultural show (5-10 min.). Please bring your cultural items and national costumes too for cultural night.

**The National SCCs Rally**

- We will join Sri Lanka National SCCs Rally on October 24<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) including closing mass of AsIPA GA VI at Basilica of Our Lady of Lanka Tewatte, Ragama. Kindly bring one National flag to take in Rally.