ASIA-AQ

All Hands Telecon

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

**NOTES**

**Mission Updates (Jim Crawford)**

* Malaysia: had a nice call with the Embassy, items moving forward as expected; the Cabinet paper will be the last item to clear
* Thailand: there is scheduled meeting tomorrow pm; we are working hard to move flight patterns forward; agreements are moving forward
* Taiwan: Thursday pm call feeling positive that loose ends will be tied up
* AMA: has been reaching out to participants; please be patient they are new
* Philippines: MOU not signed yet as there are a few lines under scrutiny; we should regard this as 100% destination

**QNC Flight Seats (Jack Dibbs)**

* All seats on the transit flights are taken
* There continues to be some shuffling with test flights – nothing major
* 2 science seats open on the CA to Philippines leg
* 1 seat open on the transit back through Alaska
* Wednesday deadline for open seats – speak now or seats will be returned to AFRC folks

**Registration and Lodging (Judy Alfter)**

* Keep your registration up to date
* New lodging venues:
  + Philippines: please book by Friday, 12/15
  + Thailand: check the website this is a new listing
  + S. Korea: Turumi Lodge – ESPO will book based upon registration information
* Each lodging venue has their own reservation method – see ESPO website
* How quickly can folks get reimbursed by AMA? JZ will follow up.
* For Grads and Post-Docs, reach out to Jim C. and he will plead the case for speedy processing of your travel expenses

**G-III Updates (Pat Bookey)**

* No changes to aircraft
* On track for 1/11 upload

**DC-8 Updates (Brian Hobbs)**

* Integration running smoothly

**AFRC Integration (Tyler Keppel, Brian Hobbs)**

* Going smoothly
* Finalizing pressure systems with instrument teams this week
  + There are a few teams that need to get with Wong

**Stoplight Chart (Tyler Keppel)**

* No updates on stoplight chart

**Air and Sea Shipment Plan (JZ)**

* 12/22 Air Shipment departs AFRC to Philippines
  + Toolsets and spares (TS-1)
* 1/28 bunch of separate shipments going to Korea
* 2/14 Philippines to Malaysia (TS-1)
* 2/27 Korea to Thailand (TS-2)
* Instrument teams should be pro-actively working on items
* **No lithium batteries, chemicals, or other hazmat**
* AFRC will set up designated areas for equipment, label your instrument name, destination, ask Alberto if you have questions
* Early January 1 hazmat shipment to Thailand
* Still tracking shipment from Langley to Korea
* ESPO received first shipment; contact Andrian Liem, Sommer Nicholas or Jhony Zavaleta if your instrument team is not listed

**Basing Locations (JZ)**

* Philippines: arrival airports are CRK (10 minutes to hotel), and MNL (3.5 hours to hotel); per diem rate=Clark; Ops Center will be Clark International Airport
* S. Korea: arrival airport is ICN (1.5 hours to Osan); per diem rate=Pyeongtaek; Ops Center will be Osan AB
* Malaysia: arrival airport is KUL (45 minutes to hotel); per diem rate=Subang; Ops Center will be Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport
* Thailand: arrival airport is BKK (1.5 hours to hotel); per diem rate=Pattaya; Ops Center will be U-Tapao Rayong Airport

**Transportation Plans & Coordination (JZ)**

* Car rentals: One-way rentals to Palmdale available; AFRC and ESPO can help with shuttle day before transit flights; Uber or taxi also an option
* Transpiration to hotels: Philippines, S. Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand: ESPO working on shuttles for these locations; upcoming Deployment Guides will include additional transport info
* Transportation at deployment sites: no car rentals allowed; ESPO will coordinate shuttles between airports and hotels
* Deployment guide will give additional information – will be available early 2024

**Instrument Readiness Outlook for Test Flights**

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**Field Work (Tyler Keppel)**

* Going smoothly

**Other**

* AMA travel: no advances given; possible for direct billing by AMA on your behalf (Grad Students)
* Badging: please upload your photos
* G-3, DC-8 Fire Watch: they will be parked in proximity of one another. Teams will communicate for any collaborative efforts. Teams will explore crowdsourcing.
* DC-8 Transit flyers will require a room in Alaska and Korea for 1/30 both locations
* Will there be extra access in early January at AFRC? No.