



The 15th ACFIF Conference 2026
Greening the Supply Chain: Sustainable Practices for the Future
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Dear ACFIF Colleagues,

On behalf of the Malaysian Textile Manufacturers Association (MTMA), it is our great honour and pleasure to warmly welcome all delegates to the 15th ACFIF Conference 2026 in Penang, Malaysia.

We are delighted to host distinguished representatives from across Asia for this important regional gathering under the theme: Greening the Supply Chain: Sustainable Practices for the Future.

This conference reflects our shared commitment to transforming the chemical fibres industry through sustainability, innovation, collaboration and responsible growth. We sincerely appreciate your participation and support, and we trust that this conference will serve as a valuable platform for dialogue, partnerships and future opportunities among all member countries and regions.

To help you prepare for your trip, we have put together a programme book with key conference information, practical travel tips and suggestions on what to see and do in Penang. We encourage you to read it before you travel, and for those arriving with family members, we hope it will also serve as a friendly guide to make your stay more enjoyable.

Throughout the conference, our dedicated organising team will be on hand to assist you. If you need any help or information, please feel free to approach any of us – you will find us at the registration counter, in the meeting areas and during the official events.

We wish you and your family a pleasant stay in Penang and a successful, enriching conference.

Warm regards,
Ms. Regina Leong
President
Malaysian Textile Manufacturers Association (MTMA)

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PART A : GENERAL INFORMATION – PENANG

1. WEATHER IN PENANG (MAY)

Temperature	26°C – 33°C
Conditions	Warm and humid throughout the day
Recommended Attire	Light, breathable clothing

Tips: Delegates are advised to dress comfortably in light fabrics. Sunscreen and a small umbrella or rain jacket are also recommended, as brief afternoon showers are common during this season.

2. LOCAL TIME

MALAYSIA TIME ZONE (MYT) : UTC +8

Delegate Country	Time Zone	Difference from Malaysia (MYT)
China	CST (UTC +8)	No difference
Chinese Taipei	NST (UTC +8)	No difference
Japan	JST (UTC +9)	+1 hour ahead
Korea	KST (UTC +9)	+1 hour ahead
Indonesia (WIB)	UTC +7	-1 hour behind
Thailand	ICT (UTC +7)	-1 hour behind
India	IST (UTC +5:30)	-2.5 hours behind
Pakistan	PKT (UTC +5)	-3 hours behind
Germany / Belgium	CEST (UTC +2)	-6 hours behind

3. CURRENCY

Rates are approximate and subject to market fluctuation.

Currency exchange counters and ATMs are available at Penang International Airport and throughout the city. Major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

Malaysian Ringgit (MYR / RM)

Currency	Approx. Rate to MYR
USD (US Dollar)	USD 1 ≈ RM 4+
CNY (Chinese Yuan)	CNY 1 ≈ RM 0.55+
JPY (Japanese Yen)	JPY 100 ≈ RM 2.80+
KRW (Korean Won)	KRW 1,000 ≈ RM 2.90+
INR (Indian Rupee)	INR 100 ≈ RM 4.80+
TWD (New Taiwan Dollar)	TWD 1 ≈ RM 0.13+

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Currency	Approx. Rate to MYR
PKR (Pakistani Rupee)	PKR 100 ≈ RM 1.40+
THB (Thai Baht)	THB 100 ≈ RM 12+
IDR (Indonesian Rupiah)	IDR 10,000 ≈ RM 2.50+
Euro (EUR)	1 Euro ≈ RM 4.70+

4. VISA & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Brief entry requirements for each country into Malaysia:

- **Visa-free:** China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Chinese Taipei
- **eVisa / Visa on Arrival:** India, Pakistan (confirm closer to event)

Delegates may refer to the Malaysian Immigration Department's official website for the latest entry requirements and e-Gate eligibility information.

<https://imigresen-online.imi.gov.my/mdac/main>

5. AIRPORT TO VENUE TRANSFER

Penang International Airport (PEN) to Penang Marriott Hotel / Georgetown

Off-peak hours	15 – 20 minutes
Peak / Rush hours	30 – 45 minutes

Peak traffic periods:

Weekday mornings (7:00 AM – 9:00 AM) and evenings (5:00 PM – 7:30 PM). If your flight arrives during these hours, please allow additional travel time.

OPTION 1 — GRAB (E-HAILING)

Grab is Malaysia's leading ride-hailing app — it works exactly the same way as the apps you already use back home (Uber/Careem/Didi):

Before you travel — download and set up Grab:

1. Download the **Grab app** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Register using your mobile number
3. Add a payment method (credit/debit card or cash on arrival)

Delegates from **Thailand and Indonesia** already use Grab — your existing account works in Malaysia with no additional setup needed.

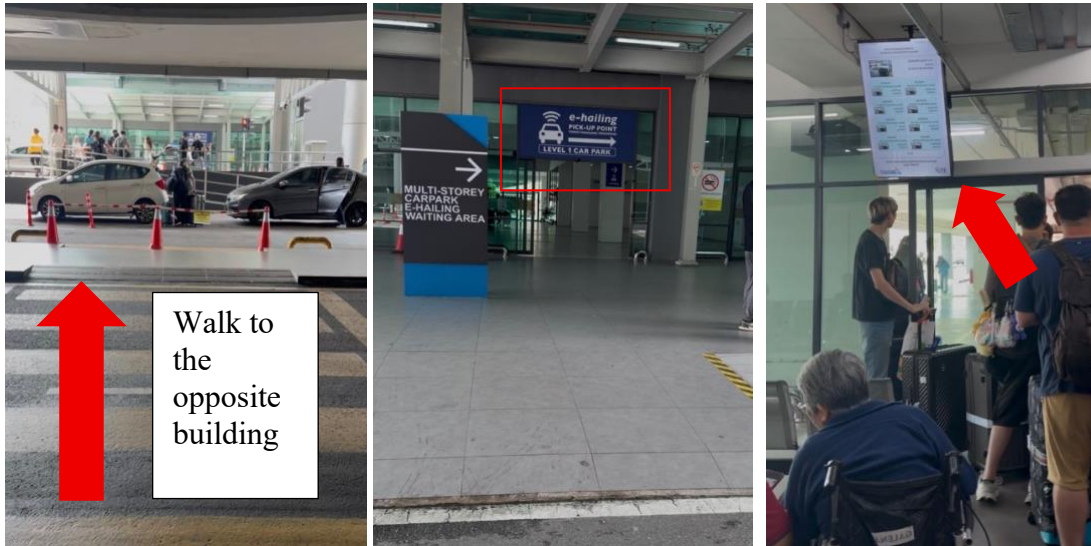
Important notes on Grab fares:

- Grab fares are **dynamic and surge-priced** — costs may increase during peak hours or periods of high demand
- Always check the fare estimate in the app before confirming your booking

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Grab pickup location at Penang International Airport:

- The Grab / e-hailing pickup zone is located at the **building directly opposite the Arrival Hall** — it is not at the kerbside outside the terminal
- Follow the **e-hailing signage** upon exiting the Arrival Hall
- Once your booking is confirmed, monitor your driver's arrival on the TV screens displayed at the pickup area



OPTION 2 — AIRPORT TAXI

- Proceed to the **official taxi counter inside the Arrival Hall** and purchase your taxi ticket before heading to the taxi bay outside
- **Fares are fixed at the counter — no negotiation needed**
- **Important:** Penang taxis do not have a standard taxi colour or uniform, and many vehicles do not display a taxi label like those at other airports. Some drivers operate independently and may use their personal cars. **For your safety, please use the official airport taxi counter inside the Arrival Hall and avoid accepting rides from individuals approaching passengers inside the terminal.**



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OPTION 3 — AIRPORT TRANSFER (Contact MTMA Secretariat)

- Delegates staying at the **Penang Marriott Hotel** are advised to book airport transfer through the MTMA Secretariat directly prior to arrival to enquire about shuttle availability and booking arrangements. Please email registration@acfif.my

AIRPORT TRANSFER & TRANSPORTATION BY MTMA

For those who have book airport transfer service with MTMA, the transfer will be arranged based on the information submitted to the secretariat.

Arrival Point

Parking and waiting at the arrival area is not permitted. Upon arrival, passengers are requested to inform the driver of the gate/location they are waiting at for prompt pickup.

Please look for ACFIF Conference signage (below). The driver will hold an arrival signage and welcome passengers at the arrival hall.



Transfer Arrangement Details

- Driver contact details will be shared one day prior to the service date.
- Standard waiting time is approximately 30–45 minutes after flight arrival.
- Real-time flight status will be monitored and pickup timing adjusted accordingly.
- In the event of major delays affecting the assigned driver's schedule, a replacement driver may be arranged.
- For departure transfers, the pickup schedules will be shared individually with delegates.

For urgent assistance: Call +60 17-265 9167 or Whatapps

QUICK RECOMMENDATION:

- First time in Penang? Use the airport taxi counter — simple, fixed fare, no app needed.
- Prefer app-based convenience? Set up Grab before you leave home and use it throughout your stay in Penang
- Travelling in a group? Airport transfer arrangement may be the most comfortable option — check with MTMA Secretariat.

6. CONNECTIVITY & SIM CARDS

- Free Wi-Fi widely available at hotels and conference venue
 - Prepaid SIM cards (Maxis, Celcom, Digi/CelcomDigi) available at the airport
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7. LANGUAGE

- English is widely spoken across Penang.
 - Bahasa Malaysia is the national language.
 - Mandarin and Tamil are also commonly spoken, making Penang one of Malaysia's most multilingual cities.
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8. PAYMENTS & CREDIT CARDS

- Credit and debit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants, shopping malls, and larger establishments. Visa and Mastercard are the most widely accepted. American Express is accepted in selected outlets.
 - Smaller stalls, hawker centres, and local markets typically operate on cash only
 - It is advisable to carry some Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) for day-to-day purchases, tips, and street food
 - ATMs are widely available at the airport, hotels, shopping malls, and banks throughout Georgetown
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9. ELECTRICAL SUPPLY & PLUG ADAPTOR

Voltage : 240V / 50Hz
Plug Type : Type G — British-style 3-pin plug

Recommendation: Purchase a universal travel adaptor before departure or upon arrival at Penang International Airport. Most hotel rooms provide limited adaptors upon request at the front desk — but availability is not guaranteed.

10. SMOKING POLICY

- Malaysia enforces a strict no-smoking policy in all enclosed public spaces, including:
 - Hotel lobbies, lifts, restaurants, and conference halls
 - Shopping malls and indoor public areas
- Smoking is only permitted in designated outdoor smoking areas. Please look out for signage at the venue and hotel. Non-compliance is subject to a fine under Malaysian law.
- Delegates who smoke are advised to identify the designated smoking areas at the hotel upon check-in.

11. CULTURAL ETIQUETTE

- Malaysia is a multicultural Muslim-majority country
 - Dress modestly when visiting religious sites
 - Greet with a slight nod or handshake; avoid physical contact with the opposite gender unless initiated
 - Tipping is not mandatory but appreciated (RM 5–10 for good service)
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12. HEALTH & SAFETY

- Vaccinations: Malaysia does not require any mandatory vaccinations for travellers from ACFIF member countries.
 - Drinking Water: Tap water is treated, but it is recommended to consume bottled or filtered water during your stay.
 - Nearest Medical Facilities:
 - Penang General Hospital (public, 24-hour emergency)
 - Gleneagles Penang (private, 24-hour emergency)
 - Emergency Services: Dial 999 from any local mobile line for ambulance, police, or fire services.
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13. DINING GUIDE

- Penang is internationally renowned for its street food
 - Halal options are widely available
 - Vegetarian/vegan options plentiful
 - Must-try: Char Kway Teow, Assam Laksa, Nasi Kandar, Penang Hokkien Mee
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14. SEVERAL PLACES OF INTEREST IN PENANG

Heritage & Culture

- George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site — historic shophouses, clan houses, and colonial architecture.
- Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion (Blue Mansion) — iconic indigo-blue heritage mansion.
- Pinang Peranakan Mansion — museum showcasing Straits Chinese culture.
- Khoo Kongsi — one of the most ornate Chinese clan houses in Southeast Asia.
- Fort Cornwallis — Malaysia’s largest standing fort.

Art & Creative Spaces

- Armenian Street — street art, galleries, cafés.
- Hin Bus Depot — contemporary art space with murals and weekend markets.
- Penang Street Art Trail — famous murals including “Kids on Bicycle”.

Landmarks & Icons

- Kek Lok Si Temple — one of Asia’s largest Buddhist temples.
- Penang Hill — panoramic views, nature trails, and the funicular train.
- The TOP Komtar Skywalk — glass walkway 68 floors above the city.
- Clan Jetties (Chew Jetty) — traditional waterfront settlements.

Nature & Outdoors

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- Penang National Park — jungle trekking, Monkey Beach, and canopy walks.
- Entopia by Penang Butterfly Farm — world-class butterfly and insect sanctuary.
- Penang Botanical Gardens — lush greenery and walking paths.
- Tropical Spice Garden — spice trails and cooking classes.



Food & Culinary Experiences

- Gurney Drive Hawker Centre — Penang's most famous seafront food street.
- New Lane Hawker Street — classic Penang street food.
- Little India — vibrant spices, sweets, and banana leaf meals.
- Chulia Street Night Market — local favourites and snacks.



Shopping & Lifestyle

- Gurney Plaza — international brands and dining.
- Gurney Paragon Mall — lifestyle mall with seafront views.
- Straits Quay Marina — waterfront dining and boutique shops.



Beaches & Waterfronts

- Batu Ferringhi Beach — resorts, water sports, night market.
- Tanjung Tokong & Gurney Bay — seaside promenades and new waterfront developments.

PART B : 15TH ACFIF CONFERENCE INFORMATION

1. CONFERENCE VENUE

Address :

PENANG MARRIOTT HOTEL

55, Gurney Dr,
10250 George Town, Penang
MALAYSIA

Contact No : 04-566 1888

Location Map :

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Z1VDy5nPto7uy2ZRA>



2. CONFERENCE BADGE & REGISTRATION

- Your badge is your entry pass — please ensure it is visible and accessible at all times.
- If your badge is lost or damaged, proceed immediately to the registration counter for a replacement.
- Lanyards and badge holders will be provided upon registration. **REGISTRATION FOR ALL DELEGATES WILL ONLY BE OPEN ON 14 AND 15 MAY 2026.**

3. CONFERENCE GUIDE

This guide provides a clear overview of the conference program, what to expect throughout the event, the meals included, and practical tips on what to pack for your stay in Penang.

For the full and detailed agenda, please refer to your program book.

DRESS CODE DEFINITION

Formal or Business Wear	Professional attire suitable for meetings and conferences. Men typically wear a suit and tie, while women wear a business suit, dress, or a blouse paired with a skirt or trousers. For Malaysian delegates, traditional national costume—such as <i>Baju Melayu</i> , <i>Batik</i> , <i>Baju Kurung</i> , or <i>Kebaya</i> —is also acceptable as formal business attire.
Smart Casual	Neat and polished everyday clothing that is relaxed but still presentable. Think collared shirts (polo tee), chinos, or smart blouses — avoid t-shirts, shorts, or sandals.
National Costume	Traditional clothing representing a delegate's home country (e.g., Qipao, Cheongsam, Kimono, Saree, Hanbok, Kebaya, Batik).

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PRE CONFERENCE — WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY

Dress Code: Business Wear / Smart Casual (with Blazer)

Time	Event	Venue
2.00 pm	Head of Delegates Meeting and Secretary Generals	Studio 3 & 4, Level 1
3.40 pm	Global Meeting	Studio 3 & 4, Level 1
6.00 pm	Welcoming Dinner for Head of Delegates Meeting and Secretary Generals	La Siena, Level 4

DAY 1 — THURSDAY, 14 MAY

Dress Code: Formal / Business Wear

Time	Event	Venue
8.30 am	ACFIF Opening Ceremony	Grand Ballroom, Level 2
10.45 am	Coffee Break	Foyer, Grand Ballroom, Level 2
11.00 am	ACFIF Conference	Grand Ballroom, Level 2
1.05 pm	Lunch	Grand Studio, Level 1
3.25 pm	Coffee Break	Foyer, Grand Ballroom, Level 2
5.00 pm	End of Conference	-
5.15 pm	Meeting for Secretary Generals on Joint Communique	Communal Table, Level 1
6.30 pm	Cocktails Networking Session	Foyer, Grand Ballroom, Level 2
7.30 pm	Dinner with Chief Minister of Penang	Grand Ballroom, Level 2
9.30 pm	End of Dinner	-

DAY 2 — FRIDAY, 15 MAY

Dress Code: Smart Casual and National Costume for Dinner

Time	Event	Venue
8.30 am	ACFIF Opening Ceremony	Grand Ballroom, Level 2
10.45 am	Coffee Break	Foyer, Grand Ballroom, Level 2
11.00 am	ACFIF Conference	Grand Ballroom, Level 2
1.05 pm	Lunch	Grand Studio, Level 1
3.25 pm	Coffee Break	Foyer, Grand Ballroom, Level 2
4.50 pm	End of Conference	Grand Ballroom, Level 2
5.00 pm	Press Conference on Joint Communique (for Head of Delegates and Secretary Generals only)	Grand Ballroom, Level 2
6.00 pm	Cocktails Networking Session	Foyer, Grand Ballroom, Level 2
6.30 pm	Farewell Dinner – Malaysian Hawker Style	Grand Ballroom, Level 2
9.30 pm	End of Dinner	-

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4. SPOUSE PROGRAMME

A dedicated spouse programme has been arranged for accompanying partners.

- Date: 14 May
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Meeting Point: Lobby, Penang Marriott Hotel
- Person-in-Charge (PIC): Ms Jennifer

Ms Jennifer will be present at the meeting point to coordinate and guide all participants. She will assist throughout the outing to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience. Participants are required to sign up in advance via registration@acfif.my.

5. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

ServiceNumber : Number to be called from local landline only.

General Emergency	999
Police	999
Ambulance / Fire	994
Tourist Police Hotline	1-800-88-5050

6. DELEGATE CARE SUPPORT LINE

On behalf of MTMA, we have assigned a dedicated caretaker for each participating country. These caretakers are our MTMA EXCO members, and they will be available to assist you 24/7 strictly for emergency situations throughout the duration of the 15th ACFIF Conference.

If you encounter any form of emergency—such as a life-threatening situation, sudden illness, or if you are lost—please contact your assigned caretaker immediately.

We kindly request that this support channel be used only for genuine emergencies, so that assistance can be provided promptly and effectively when truly needed.

Country	Name	Contact (Mobile)
China	Mr Dixon Teoh	+60 12-494 3697
Japan	Mr Ricky Tan	+60 16-441 3007
India	Ms Hasnah Ahmad	+6019-731 1979
Taiwan	Mr Jeffry Ong	+60 12-429 1188
Korea/Germany/Belgium	Ms Regina Leong	+60 12-786 6878
Indonesia/Thailand/ Cambodia	Mr Ivan Sham	+60 17-618 4509
Pakistan	Ms Hasnah Ahmad	+60 19-731 1979

PART C : POST CONFERENCE TOUR IN PENANG

A curated post-conference tour will be available for delegates who wish to explore Penang after the conclusion of the 15th ACFIF Conference. The tour showcases Penang's cultural landmarks, heritage sites, and scenic attractions, offering a relaxing and enriching end to your visit.

- **Price: USD 120 per person**
- **Registration: Please register through registration@acfif.my**

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

TIME	PROGRAM
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Gathering and transportation pick-up at Penang Marriot Hotel
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM	Drive past Penang City Hall
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Visit Koh Seang Tatt Fountain, St. George Church and Penang Litte India
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Visit to the Street Art at Ah Quee Street
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Visit to Khoo Kongsi
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Visit to Armenian Street & Durian Testing
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Visit to Penang Chew Jetty
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch at The Jetty Cafe
1:00 PM	Return to the Hotel

****The scheduled timing is subject to change, depending on circumstances*

Penang City Hall

Penang City Hall is one of George Town's most iconic colonial-era buildings, showcasing elegant British architectural design from the early 20th century. Located along the Esplanade, it remains an important administrative landmark and symbol of Penang's historical heritage.



St. George's Church

Built in 1818, St. George's Church is the oldest Anglican church in Southeast Asia and a prominent heritage site in Penang. The church is well known for its beautiful colonial architecture and peaceful surroundings within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of George Town.



Penang Little India

Penang Little India is a vibrant cultural district filled with Indian music, traditional attire, spices, jewellery, and authentic Indian cuisine. The area reflects the rich cultural diversity of Penang and offers visitors a lively and colourful heritage experience.



Khoo Kongsi

Khoo Kongsi is one of the most impressive Chinese clan houses in Malaysia, renowned for its intricate architecture, carvings, and heritage significance. Built by the Khoo clan community, it stands as a symbol of Chinese cultural heritage and ancestral traditions in Penang.



Armenian Street & Street Art

Armenian Street is one of the most popular heritage streets in George Town, well known for its preserved pre-war shophouses, cafés, souvenir shops, and vibrant cultural atmosphere. The area is internationally recognised for its famous street art murals and creative installations, which beautifully portray Penang's local culture, history, and everyday life. Visitors can enjoy a unique blend of heritage, art, and modern creativity while exploring this iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Chew Jetty

Chew Jetty is one of the traditional waterfront clan jetties built on stilts along Penang's coastline. It remains home to generations of local families and offers visitors a glimpse into Penang's maritime heritage and traditional way of life.





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THANK YOU FROM MTMA MALAYSIA