

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION GUIDE



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Dear Conference Attendees,

Thank you for signing up for our third Storytellers' Conference. We are delighted to announce that we have storytellers from all over Asia and the world (Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Hong Kong, India, Canada, Germany, Australia, UK, USA and Russia). The team at Ayo Dongeng Indonesia (Nurmalasari, Putri Dewi and Vassilisa) together with Roger, Sheila, Priti, Ambujavalli, Jeeva and myself have all been working hard for the last year to ensure that the event is enriching and enjoyable.

This document contains some important updates on the Conference, and I strongly urge you to read it to make the most of your Conference experience.

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PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

THE WELCOME DINNER (22nd November 2023)

The Pre-Conference Dinner will take place at the National Archives Building, starting off with a Museum Tour. There will be a shuttle bus arranged for pick up and drop from the National Library Building to the National Archives Building and back. You are requested to meet in front of the National Library building at 3.15 pm for the trip. You are requested to come dressed in your cultural traditional attire. The private tour of the Presidential Museum has been specially arranged for us; we are grateful to the National Archives for their support.

A second shuttle at 5.30pm has been arranged for guests arriving late in Jakarta. Please email us in advance to let us know, if you require this service. Email: feaststory@gmail.com

Schedule – 22 Nov – Welcome Dinner

Time	Activity
15:15	Meet up at meeting point (Infront of National Library)
15:45	Bus Shuttle Leaves to National Archive Building
16:25	Light Refreshments
16:30	Presidential Museum Tour
17:15	Welcome Greetings and Traditional Snacks
17:30	Second Shuttle for guests (optional) ✨
18:00	Dinner (Magrib Prayer Time) Praying guests will pray and join Dinner
18:45	Welcoming Dinner Events
20:00	Back to Hotel

We highly recommend attending the OPTIONAL Pre-Conference Dinner on November 22nd, 2023. The dinner offers ample networking opportunities, allowing you to connect with fellow storytellers and enthusiasts, forge meaningful collaborations in a casual setting. If you did not purchase a ticket for the Welcome Dinner when you registered for the Conference, and wish to attend the dinner - Please contact krupaumoorthi@gmail.com.

✨ The Second shuttle is meant for guests arriving late in Jakarta. Please email us in advance to let us know, if you require this service. Email : feaststory@gmail.com

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CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

VENUE

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF INDONESIA

The conference will be at The National Library of Indonesia's (Perpustakaan Nasional Republik Indonesia/Perpusnas) new building. The previous library was established in 1980 through a decree of the Ministry of Education and Culture and opened in 1988 with financial support from Tien Suharto, the wife of Indonesia's second president, Suharto. The new 127 meters (417 ft) tall building is claimed to be the tallest library building in the world. We are so thrilled to invite you all

to see and enjoy the fascinating and historical venue of the National Library of Indonesia during the 3rd FEAST Conference 2023.

VENUE FACILITIES

- * Though the library does have public WIFI, we recommend you do not rely on the connectivity.
- * Prayer rooms and restrooms are available; our volunteers will be happy to guide you

SCHEDULE

Schedule - 23 Nov - Day 1

Time	Activity
7:30	Registration + snacks
8:05	Entertainment (Traditional Dance - Balinese)
8:20	Opening Ceremony
8:55	Key-Note Speech - Jeff Gere
9:40	Tea Break
10:15	Workshop 1 (4 workshops run parallelly)
12:15	Lunch Break
13:20	Workshop 2 (4 workshops run parallelly)
15:20	Tea break
15:35	Story Swap ✨
16:20	CLOSING

Schedule - 24 Nov - Day 2

Time	Activity
7:30	Registration + Batik Painting/ Cultural immersion
8:00	Opening + Entertainment (Cakalele)
8:15	Panel Discussion The Importance of Folklore and Folktales in the Modern Society (Dr. Murti Bunanta, Dr. Margaret Read MacDonald, Rona Barbour and Nor Azhar)
9:10	Coffee Break
9:35	WORKSHOP 3 (4 workshops run parallelly)
11:35	Lunch Break + Friday Prayer
13:05	WORKSHOP 4 (4 workshops run parallelly)
15:05	Coffee Break
15:35	Story Clinic (30 min) ✨
16:10	Dreams and Reflections
16:30	Closing Ceremony and Lucky Draw
17:30	Board Bus to Ramayana Showcase at Jakarta City Library
18:00	Dinner + Maghrib Prayer
19:30	Ramayana Across Culture International Storytelling Showcase Performance ✨✨
20:45	Closing

REGISTRATION

Registration will start at 7.30 AM, on Thursday morning 23rd November (Outside the Auditorium) on the 2nd floor Please bring a printout/ email of your conference confirmation email to facilitate the registration process. The conference programme will start promptly at 7.50 AM.

PERSONALIZED COASTERS

Please collect them at our registration counter. These handmade coasters are limited. So, hurry!



WORKSHOPS

All the workshops you have chosen/were allocated to will be printed out on **'boarding pass.'** The Conference boarding pass and Conference passport will be issued during registration. You will need to show your boarding pass to get into each workshop. Please hold on tight to your 'Conference boarding pass' throughout the 2 -days.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Following the interest in our Focus on Folklore video talks in our 2022 LEARNING FEST, we are delighted to host a Panel Discussion regarding The Importance of Folklore and Folktales in Modern Society. Our highly experienced panel consists of Dr Murti Bunanta (Indonesia) and Nor Azhar Ishak (Malaysia) who both contributed to Focus on Folklore, and they are joined by Dr Margaret Read MacDonald (USA) and Rona Barbour (UK). Their diverse experience will surely generate a fascinating sharing of ideas that benefits us as storytellers.

The Panel Discussion will happen in the main auditorium, with Q&A opportunities.

STORY SWAPS

The story swaps will be held in 4 different rooms on Day 1 of the conference. If you have not signed up already, please sign up here (<https://forms.gle/gQ5BqLeSfDcCkret6>) - You can sign up during registration or the first tea break on Day 1. You will be informed which room you are

allocated to during the lunch break. We will be deciding who gets to tell by drawing names out of a bag in each of the four rooms. NOTE: We welcome stories told in your mother tongue, tandem telling or bilingual telling.

STORY CLINIC

The Story Clinics will be small, approachable groups of five participants paired with one clinic leader (or shall we say story doctor?) We hope these friendly and less intimidating environments will give space for you to ask questions and receive tailored guidance from our experienced facilitators.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

During the event, there will be professional photographers and videographers present to capture the experience. These photos and videos may be used for future marketing and promotional purposes. The visuals will showcase the vibrant and engaging atmosphere of the conference, the valuable interactions, and the incredible moments shared by our participants.

However, we respect your privacy and understand that not everyone may be comfortable with their photographs or video footage being used for promotional purposes. **If you do not want to be photographed, contact our registration desk on the day of the event.** Your privacy and comfort are important to us, and your request will be honored. Kindly let us know. For the events that will be LIVE STREAMED (in the main auditorium) - we request you to sit near the back of the hall.

SALES (FEAST FOLKTALE ANTHOLOGIES AND STORY DICE)

We will have a table selling limited copies of our 2019 FEAST anthology ROYALS WISE AND OTHERWISE, 2020 FEAST anthology Hiss Roar Squeak and 2021 anthology Splish Splash Splosh and our STORY DICE. The STORY DICE were designed by Cahyono Budi from Ayo Dongeng Indonesia. These colour coded Asian inspired dice were made especially for us. Budi also designed our FEAST logo and many other designs we have used. We are very grateful for his talent and support. A great resource for workshops and family story fun. And a great gift!

THE SALES TABLE WILL BE OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

- Thursday 23rd November: 7.30 am to 8.15 am and lunchtime
- Friday 24th November: 7.30 am to 8.15 am and lunchtime

Those who have prepaid for their copies of FEAST anthologies, please collect them from this sales table.

PRICE LIST (CASH SALES ONLY.)

No	Item	Price in IDR
1	A Feast of Stories - 2018 FOOD Anthology	100,000
2	Royals Wise and Otherwise - 2019 ROYALTY Anthology	150,000
3	Hiss Roar Squeak - 2020 ANIMAL Anthology	300,000
4	Splish Splash Splosh - 2021 WATER Anthology	400,000
5	Roll-a-Story Dice	80,000

SPECIAL RAMAYANA SHOWCASE

As part of the Indonesia International Storytelling festival. Indonesian and Indian storytellers have teamed up to present the RAMAYANA. The showcase is a cross cultural performance presented by Indian and Indonesian storytellers. Transport from the Conference venue to the performance venue and RETURN will be provided.

The Showcase Bus leaves right after the conference at 5.30 PM on the 24th of November 2023.

LUNCH AND TEA BREAKS

Due to the layout of the conference venue, our tea breaks will be hosted within each workshop room, creating an intimate and cozy setting for networking. For lunch, we'll gather in common areas, fostering a communal atmosphere for discussions and connections.

Rest assured, special attention has been given to accommodate vegetarians, with clearly labeled food options available. Our partners at Ayo Dongeng Indonesia have gone above and beyond in crafting menus that showcase the diverse flavors of the Indonesian archipelago. We're confident that these two days will not only be a feast for the mind but also a delightful journey for the taste buds, offering a delectable exploration of Indonesia's culinary richness! Get ready to savor every moment and every bite.

Drinking water will be provided in dispensers, but **PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED**. FEAST encourages all participants to bring your own water bottle to minimise our collective pollution footprint.

INDONESIA INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL BY AYO DONGENG INDONESIA

Get ready for a captivating journey at the Indonesia International Storytelling Festival presented by AYO DONGENG INDONESIA! 🌍 ✨ 📅 Join us on the 25th and 26th of November for TWO unforgettable days of enchanting tales and cultural celebration at the National Library Jakarta! 📖 🎭 Immerse yourself in the magic of storytelling across THREE mesmerizing stages, featuring renowned storytellers:

Eth-noh-tec from USA, AliciaDongjoo Bang from South Korea, Alla Lebedeva from Russia, Rani Kanna and Kalah Rajesh Kanna from Singapore and a stellar lineup of Indonesian storytellers that will leave you spellbound! 🌈

🛒 Don't miss the chance to explore our vibrant stalls for exclusive Festival merchandise, adding a touch of magic to your experience! ✨ 🎉 With an expected turnout of up to 5000 people, this FREE festival promises an extraordinary blend of stories, culture, and community. 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT JAKARTA

WEATHER

Jakarta is always hot and humid (32C+) and tropical showers (ie: intense but relatively short-lived) are to be expected. The library ('an oasis in the crowded city – great views of the city and the National Monument from the rooftop) is air-conditioned but this can be fierce (especially in contrast to outside) so long sleeves or a shawl/wrap may be advisable.

FOOD

Lunch and two breaks during both Conference days are included. You are spoilt for choice in terms of local foods – as Indonesia has over 17000 islands there are so many different local cuisines for you to choose. Please exercise caution when sampling street food (unless you have an Indonesian Conference friend to advise you! Restaurants that are halal will not serve any pork dishes, but there are countless Chinese and western-style restaurants that do.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity is 230v. Most power plugs and sockets in Indonesia are type C and F. [See what C & F look like](#)

WATER

Please drink only bottled water or tap water that has been filtered and boiled.

MONEY

The currency is the Indonesian Rupiah (Rp). As of 31 May, the exchange rates are:

1 US\$ = 15,000 IDR

1 Euro = 16,000 IDR

1 SGD\$ = 11,000 IDR

100 Indian Rupee = 18,130 IDR

Make sure the calculator is on your mobile!

TRAVEL RELATED

AIRPORTS

Currently, there are two international airports in Jakarta that service international and domestic flights: Soekarno-Hatta International Airport. Halim Perdanakusuma International Airport. Chances are, you are probably flying into Soekarno-Hatta International Airport. Halim Perdanakusuma is also popular due to mainly domestic flights. Please be mindful of this during your visit. More information here - <https://jakartatravelguide.com/jakarta-airport-guide/#:~:text=Currently%2C%20there%20are%20two%20airports,Halim%20Perdanakusuma%20International%20Airport>

GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

This is applicable only if you have secured your accommodation at this venue. You would have received a separate email, explaining the check in process if you booked your accommodation through FEAST.

MERCURE SABANG (MERCURE JAKARTA SABANG)	MAXONE SABANG JAKARTA
Jl. H. Agus Salim No.11, Gambir, Jakarta, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta	Jl. H. Agus Salim No.24, RT.2/RW.1, Kb. Sirih, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah

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The easiest, most comfortable way is via taxi from airports. Here are the transportation information links when you stay in Jakarta.

1. Jakarta Airport Railink Station: <https://www.railink.co.id/>
2. Jakarta MRT: <https://www.jakartamrt.co.id/>
3. Jakarta KRL Commuter Line Quick links: <https://commuterline.id/>
4. Trans Jakarta Bus Network: <https://transjakarta.co.id/>
5. GRAB: <https://www.grab.com/>
6. Gojek: <https://www.gojek.com/>
7. Taxis: <https://www.bluebirdgroup.com/>

Note: We recommend the blue bird taxis

PRICE ESTIMATES IN SGD

6 ways to travel from Soekarno-Hatta Airport (CGK) to Mercure Jakarta Sabang

Bus
51min
BEST
SGD5 >

Train
1h 20min
CHEAPEST
SGD4-5 >

Taxi
22min
FASTEST
SGD13-16 >

MORE OPTIONS

Drive 28.5 km
22min
SGD5-7 >

Shuttle
22min
SGD4 >

IMMIGRATION / VACCINATION / ARRIVAL

VISA

Please ensure you have obtained a valid tourist visa before departure or on arrival. The Tourist visa rules differ based on your nationality.

Please put in the hotel address, as the address and any one of the above hotel contact numbers if you are coming straight to the venue. If not, please put down the address of where you'll be staying when you first arrive. You can put any one of our names and numbers as the emergency contact.

REGULATIONS FOR TRAVELING TO INDONESIA

*Last update: Wednesday, 14 June 2023

Health protocols for International and domestic travellers:

1. With the enactment of the Circular Letter of the COVID-19 Task Force No. 1 of 2023, the Circular Letter of the COVID-19 Task Force No. 24 and 25 of 2022 are revoked and declared no longer valid.
2. All document requirements for arrival and domestic travel in the Territory of the Republic of Indonesia which include the obligation to download and use the SATUSEHAT application and show a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine certificate are no longer required.

NO.	QUESTIONS	ANSWER
1.	List countries eligible to apply for e-VOA	VISA SERVICES (click for more)

CUSTOM DECLARATION

Here is the link for a customs declaration you should fill when enter Indonesia. You must give details of goods that are being imported or exported.

Link: <https://ecd.beacukai.go.id/>

HOW TO REGISTER IMEI

Tourists who are going to stay less than 3 months in Indonesia, will be able to acquire a SIM card called Telkomsel Pralaya or Telkomsel Tourist Card, which will work for 3 months, and the same company of the telephone company will be able to register the IMEI of your phone.

It is important to take into account that these cards must be bought/registered in the official stores of the mobile phone operator that you can find at the airport or in the city, and not in street stalls (because they often will not know how to register it correctly and you will end up acquiring a card that does not work). To register, you need your passport and your mobile phone.

The prices of these cards are around Rs 200,000 / 300,000 depending on the number of gigabytes of data you have. The registration is valid for 90 days, but the data will only be valid for 30 days, if the data runs out you can buy more without any problem.

Further information please check in the link below!

<https://come2indonesia.com/how-to-register-the-imei-of-the-mobile-to-be-able-to-use-it-in-indonesia/>

COMMUNICATIONS

From Friday (17th November) to Monday (21st November) I will be traveling and working and will only have intermittent access to email. So, after this Saturday, if there is something you need help with, please write to BOTH me (Krupa Vinayagamoorthy) - krupavmoorthi@gmail.com and (Sheila Wee) at feaststory@gmail.com OR feaststorytellingconference@gmail.com

We at FEAST and Ayo Dongeng Indonesia are very excited to welcome you to the 3rd Storytellers' Conference – *The Journey*. We look forward to a time of learning and developing, both our skills and our community.

Warm Regards,

Krupa Vinayagamoorthy

Conference Coordinator