

IBCA Asia Pacific Chess Championship for Visually Challenged, 2017

(March 21st arrival to April 1st departure 2017, Mangalore, India)

Date: 1st September 2016

Circular Invitation

International Braille Chess Association (IBCA) www.ibca-info.org and All India Chess Federation For The Blind (AICFB) www.aicfb.in are glad to inform you that the IBCA Asia Pacific Chess Championship for the Visually Challenged, 2017 will take place in 'Manipal University' Manipal, India from 22nd March to 31st March 2017.

Nestled on a picturesque hill, Manipal University is ranked amongst the top universities in India. It is a hotpot of culture as it houses students from over 50 countries. Its campus provides a conducive environment for studies and also encourages its students to explore their cultural and sports talents. The students here have access to extensive sports facilities unmatched by any other university in the country. In the past years the University has played host to many National level sports championships.

IBCA and AICFB is thankful to Manipal University for their whole hearted support for this championship. Manipal University has taken responsibility of hosting the event in their Manipal campus. Due to the support of Manipal University, lodging and boarding for all the participants will be provided free for entire duration. Each country can send team of 3 players and one guide/coach. Please note, this is an individual Chess Championship and not a team event.

Manipal University is known for its passion for sports and for their hospitality, the perfect destination for international sports event and we hope you will enjoy every bit of it.

Brief information of venue and facilities:

Venue: Manipal University, Manipal.

Access: 60 km from Mangalore International Airport

The sports facilities at Manipal university campus are one of the best in the world. The accommodation provided also would be good and conveyance within the campus would be arranged. We would provide you with a variety of cuisine, considering the geographic diversity of participants.

We invite all the countries from Asia Pacific region to take part in this prestigious event and make it a memorable one. We assure you best possible hospitality from our side to make your stay comfortable and joyful.

Tournament Information:

- Arrival on 21st March 2017; Departure on 1st April 2017.
- Lodging and boarding will be available free for 3 players and 1 guide/coach of each country. Any additional guide/ coach has to pay RS. 20,000 as a participant fee.
- Pick-up and drop from International airport will be provided to all the participants who confirm the travel plan before 31st December 2016.
- Excursion is planned on 27th March 2017.
- Tournament will be conducted as per Swiss League system with Fisher mode (Incremental clock mode). All the rules of the tournament will be discuss during team meeting on first day 22nd March.

- We request all the member countries to bring at least 2 chess clocks.
- Confirmation to be sent to President IBCA and Chairman Organizing committee (contact details are given below)
- Any participating country that needs a special invitation to obtain visa to get into India, please communicate to us.

Timelines:

- Confirmation of participation 15th December 2016
- Confirmation of travel details 31st December 2016

The invitation to this tournament includes full board. Any arrival before the 21st March 2017 or departure after 1st April 2017 will be responsibility of participant. The organisers will not provide any facility of stay other than duration of championship. The phone, laundry and all the other expenses will be considered as extras and must be paid by the participants.

We request all the participating countries to send the information about the names of participants & guides & others (if any), before 15th December 2016. We humbly request all the participating countries to send the attached entry form duly filled well in advance to confirm the participation.

For more details, please get in touch with Mr. Charudatta Jadhav, Chairman, Organizing Committee.

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Please mark the copy to all above mention email ids for prompt response.

For a better organization, we request all the participating countries to confirm their entry before 15th December 2016 and travel plan before 31st December 2016 to arrange the lodging well in advance. If there is a delay in confirmation, we will not be in a position to assure confirmed availability of rooms. So please confirm your entry before due date and help us to serve you better. Also send the attached form duly filled along with your confirmation. You can send travel details little later but not later than 31st December 2016.

With warm greetings,

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