



Hong Kong Women's Cricket Team

Tour to Johor Bahru, Malaysia

ACC Women's Cricket Tournament

11 – 18 July 2007

Tour Information

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About Malaysia



BASIC INFORMATION

Full Country Name: The Federation of Malaysia

Country Profile: Malaysia



Area: 329,758 sq km (127,317 sq miles)

Population: 26.0m (2005)

Capital City: Kuala Lumpur (population: 1.5m); Putrajaya (Administrative Capital)

People: Bumiputra (mostly Malays) (65.7%), Chinese (25.4%), Indians (7.6%), Others (1.3%)

Languages: Bahasa Malaysia (Malay) is the national language. Other languages include Chinese, Tamil and Iban. English is widely used.

Religions: 55% Muslim, 17% Buddhist, 12% Taoist, 7% Christian, 7% Hindu, 2% Animist/Other

Currency: Ringgit Malaysia (RM)

Major Political Parties: Malaysian political parties are distinguished more by their differing racial compositions than by competing political philosophies. The Government has been dominated since Independence by the Barisan Nasional (BN), a coalition of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC), plus a series of smaller parties (mainly from the East Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak and reflecting their complex ethnically mixed populations).

The main opposition parties are the Democratic Action Party (DAP), the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS), and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR).
Government: Constitutional Monarchy: the King (Yang di-Pertuan Agong) is drawn on a rotating 5-year basis from the Sultans and hereditary rulers of the states of the Malay Peninsula.

Head of State (Agong): HM Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail

Prime Minister: Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

Foreign Minister: Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar

Membership of international groupings/organisations: Malaysia is a member of the Commonwealth, the UN, the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), and the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC). Malaysia is also the current Chair of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

GEOGRAPHY

Malaysia has two geographically distinct areas. Eleven of its thirteen states are in Peninsular Malaysia, with Thailand to the north and Singapore and Indonesia to the south. The other two states, Sabah and Sarawak, as well as the federal territory of Labuan, are 1000 kms away in East Malaysia on the north and west coasts of the island of Borneo, bordering Indonesia and Brunei.

HISTORY

Recent History

- 1957: Independence for the Federation of Malaya (mainland Peninsular states).
- 1963: Formation of the Federation of Malaysia, comprising the Federation of Malaya, Singapore, Sabah and Sarawak.
- 1965: Singapore left the Federation.
- 1969: Inter-racial riots led to the introduction in 1971 of 20-year New Economic Policy (NEP) aimed at alleviating causes of the tension through enhancing the bumiputra (Malay) economic position.
- 1971 – Present: Country experienced rapid economic growth and industrialisation (with a major but temporary downturn in 1997/98).
- 1981: Dr Mahathir Mohamad became Prime Minister.
- 1997/1998: Asian Economic Crisis.
- 1999: General election returned the Barisan Nasional to power with a

reduced, but still two-thirds majority.

- 2003: Dr Mahathir stepped down; succeeded by his Deputy, Abdullah Badawi
- 2004: General election on 21 March resulted in a landslide win by the UMNO-led Barisan Nasional coalition.

Weather

Temperature 24 – 32 degrees C. Tropical climate, daily rain likely.

About Johor Bahru

Johor Bahru (also *Johor Baru* or *Johore Baharu*, but universally called just JB) is the state capital of Johor in southern peninsular Malaysia, just across the causeway from Singapore. A bustling city but one with little of interest for the casual tourist, it is a significant regional transport hub and manufacturing hub.

Johor Bahru can be easily divided into four parts - North, South, East and West.

South - Its main city centre is located on the southern part of the city which has a link to Singapore via the causeway. It is an area with housing estates which has been around for more than three decades. Important estates includes, Taman Pelangi, Taman Century and Taman Sentosa.

North - Can be accessed via the trunk road, Jalan Tebrau. There can be a relatively frequent peak hour jam along this road. The main centre would be Taman Johor Jaya. Recently, the Austin area has been a hive for construction activities with the latest Jusco Tebrau City locating in its vicinity.

West - Probably one of the larger areas of the four. Its hub is Skudai and has important housing estates such as Taman Ungku Tun Aminah, Taman Skudai Baru, Taman Bukit Indah, Taman Perling and Taman Nusa Bestari. The largest port in Johor, Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas is located in this area.

East - Another port city which has been around for more than 20 years. The main hub is Pasir Gudang which is both a port city as well as a manufacturing hub. Tanjung Langsat which is located near Pasir Gudang is fast becoming a petro chemical hub.

ACC Women's Tournament - Groups

Group A	Group B
Hong Kong	Bangladesh
Malaysia	China
Nepal	Singapore
Thailand	UAE

Match Itinerary

11 July 2007, Wednesday	Hong Kong vs Malaysia	v 1
- do -	Bangladesh vs UAE	v 2
12 July 2007, Thursday	Thailand vs Nepal	v 1
- do -	Singapore vs China	v 2
13 July 2007, Friday	Hong Kong vs Thailand	v 1
- do -	Bangladesh vs Singapore	v 2
14 July 2007, Saturday	Malaysia vs Nepal	v 1
- do -	UAE vs China	v 2
15 July 2007, Sunday	Hong Kong vs Nepal	v 1
- do -	Bangladesh vs China	v 2
16 July 2007, Monday	Malaysia vs Thailand	v 1
- do -	UAE vs Singapore	v 2
17 July 2007, Tuesday	Semi-Final 1 (A1 vs B2)	v 1
- do -	Semi-Final 2 (B1 vs A2)	v 2
18 July 2007, Wednesday	Final (Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2)	v 1

- v 1 – *Johor Cricket Academy*
- v 2 – *Institut Perguruan Temenggong Ibrahim*

The Match Venues

Venue 1

Johor Cricket Academy



Venue 2

Institut Perguruan Temenggong Ibrahim
Jalan Datin Halimah, 80350 Johor Bahru
Johor Darul Takzim
Tel: 07-2364624 Fax: 07-2379736

Importance of the Tournament

This is the first ever ACC Women's cricket tournament for non-Test countries.

The winners or finalists may earn entry by right to the ACC Women's Asia Cup to play India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Hong Kong doing well in this tournament is very important to the prestige of HK women's cricket within Asia and the World and may provide an opportunity to advance higher in recognition and status. The higher the status, the more funding support for HK women's cricket may be achieved.

Our aim is to win the tournament.

Official Dinner

There will an official dinner for the teams and officials in the tournament. Details to be confirmed.

Match Results

Results of each match will be sent to HKCA office after each match and posted on HKCA website.

Team Tour Policies

During Matches

Teams will be required to abide by the ICC Code of Conduct and the ICC Women's Cricket Player Eligibility Guidelines.

Outside of Matches

1. The HKCA Player's Code of Conduct applies at all times.
2. No member of the tour group should speak with journalists or the media without informing the Team Manager beforehand.
3. No member of the tour group should leave the hotel without first notifying the Team Manager or Head Coach.
4. While on tour we are on show and representing Hong Kong and the HKCA. Players will receive new team uniforms, practice clothing and social polo shirts. Players should therefore always wear the correct clothing for the activity they are doing. For training the practice clothing should be worn. During matches the full playing clothing, with shirt tucked in, should be worn. For social functions the social polo shirt should be worn, unless otherwise advised.
5. Please be prompt and on time for meetings, transport, meals etc while on tour.
6. Use reasonable discretion about discussing the team's movements and travel plans especially when meeting non-cricket related persons. Anything which arouses suspicion should be reported immediately to the Team Manager.

Hotel

The Zon Regency Hotel

88 Jalan Ibrahim Sultan

Stulang Laut

80720 Johor Bahru,

Malaysia

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Player Rooming List

Ms Neisha Pratt	x
Ms Samantha McIlwraith	Ms Renee Montgomery
Ms Keenu Gill	Ms Kristine Wong
Ms Emma Phillips	Ms Kylie Knott
Mrs Georgina Chiu Chalmers	Mrs Sarah Eames
Ms Betty Chan	Ms Godiva Li Ms Chan Sau Ha
Ms Ishitaa Gidwani	Mrs Kaori Iida

Flights

We shall meet at KCC on the morning of Monday 9th July at 8.15am and take a bus to HK airport.

We shall fly on Cathay Pacific to Singapore and take a bus (approx 1 hour) to the hotel in JB from Singapore Airport.

Flight details:

Depart HK: 9th July (Mon) 11:20am CX739 :

Arrive Singapore: 3:05pm

If we are knocked out of the tournament we will fly back to HK on the 17th July. If we reach the final we shall fly back to HK on 19th July:

Flight details:

Depart Singapore 10:15am CX736 Arrive HK: 2:10pm

A bus will take the group back to KCC from HK airport, arriving at KCC at 3.30pm approx.

Insurance

HKCA shall purchase travel insurance for all squad members.

Medical

Each team is responsible for its own medical costs including physiotherapy and dental requirements. The host organizers will provide on-ground medical facilities that will be available to all team members. In the event of any medical services that are required after the match hours the respective Liaison Officer will assist with such arrangements for visitation of medical personnel and all expenses related to this will have to be borne by the respective team management.

Our team physio from the Pakistan tour, Jenny Hochstetter, will again be the team physio on this tour.

Money

Each member of the 17-member squad will be paid Daily Allowance in Malaysian Ringgit from the date of arrival until departure. Team Managers will collect the allowance from the ACC in JB and distribute it to squad members.

The organizers will appoint Liaison Officers for each team for the duration of the tournament to take care of the interest and welfare of the team. They will stay in the same hotel where the teams are accommodated.

Food & Drink

Breakfast will be provided at the hotel. Lunch will be provided at the venue on match days. Otherwise you will have your daily allowance to purchase meals and snacks.

Tap water should be boiled before drinking. As a rule of thumb, the general hawker food scene in Johor Bahru is hygienic though certain areas are less so. So keep an eye out for those dirty hawkers who pays very little attention to hygiene.

Emergency contact

Team Manager Mark Burns will have his HK mobile on during the tour for emergencies only (+852 9636 5545). Otherwise the team can be contacted at the hotel (contacts above).

HKCA office contact is Ms Novan Tang T. 2504 8103.

Touring Party

Players

Neisha Pratt (captain)
Renee Montgomery
Samantha Mcllwraith
Georgina Chiu
Chan Sau Har
Betty Chan
Kylie Knott
Keenu Gill
Emma Phillips
Kaori Iida
Sarah Eames
Ishitaa Gidwani
Godiva Li
Kristine Wong

Officials

Lal Jayasinghe – Head Coach
Olivia Rae – Assistant Coach
Mark Burns – Team Manager
Jenny Hochstetter - Physio
Lisa Cameron – HKCA Representative to the ACC Women's Cricket Committee
Anoop Gidwani - Umpire

Tour Sponsors



Asian Cricket Council, Asian Cricket Sixes Tour, Tony Melloy, Tom Chenoweth, Peter Slack,
Robert Rainer, Nick Mould, Tony Turner

The tour is also financially supported by the Hong Kong Cricket Association

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