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Network Updates
As of June 13, 2022

Let’s Do It in Cebu!

Happy Father’s Day!

Mactan Cebu International Airport
welcomed the arrival of a group of students from Nagoya, Japan last June 4. This is the first big group of students coming back to Cebu for English as a Second Language (ESL) face-to-face classes since the pandemic.

Through the initiative of the Department of Tourism in Central Visayas and DOT Osaka, in collaboration with the ESL school associations, ESL physical classes from Japan are gradually resuming.

For more than ten years Cebu has attracted ESL students from South Korea and Japan. Some few years later Taiwanese and Chinese students started to come too. The presence of direct flights from Cebu to these countries is a major factor for the growth of ESL in Cebu coupled with good facilities like schools and competent teachers. ESL in Cebu is not only affordable in comparison to its rival countries. Cebu is also a top tourist destination that is popular not only with students. Cebu is also a top choice for their families who get to experience the island’s famous and mouth-watering food, white sandy beaches, world renowned diving sites and other tourist attractions.

We all look forward to welcoming ESL students and their families from Japan, Korea, Taiwan and China soon!

Indeed, the pandemic has created a huge pent-up demand for travel, and Cebuanos, wanderlusts as they are, are aching to travel again. And that is probably true for the great majority who have been stuck in their homes in the last two years.

Taking advantage of the easing of health protocols and border restrictions, Cebu Tours and Travel Association (CTTA) re-launched the Cebu Travel Catalogue International (CTCI) from June 10-12, 2022, at Ayala Center Cebu.

The three-day event was spearheaded by CTCI 2022 Chair and CTTA Vice President Angelita Dy with the special participation of the Cebu Association of Tour Operation Specialists (CATOS). Philippine Airlines and Turkish Airlines were among the major sponsors. The opening ceremony was well attended by the private stakeholders of the travel and tourism industry, as well as the Local Government of Cebu City and the Department of Tourism Region 7 (DOT7).

According to Dy, the three-day event served as a one-stop shop for travel products and services and made it easy for Cebuanos and travelers in the region to book tour packages to local and international destinations.

The main event on the first day was the opening ceremony which was highlighted by some festive performances and short messages from the organizers and sponsors. There were talk shows featuring farm, culinary, and faith tourism hosted by the DOT7.

Exceptional deals were offered on airfare and tour packages to various destinations, including Turkey and other parts of Europe, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, the US, South Korea, and Japan.

GMCAC consolidated all departures in Terminal 2 (T2) effective January 16 to give way to repair works in Terminal 1 (T1) which suffered far greater damage from the onslaught of typhoon “Odette” (international code name: Rai) last December.

The resumption of domestic flights and the recent increase in international traffic due to the opening of borders necessitate the relocation of some domestic traffic to T1. However, the relocation will be gradual and limited as repair and renovation works are still ongoing in certain areas of T1.

Last June 16, all Cebu Pacific domestic flights were transferred back to T1. Cebie, the airline’s official mascot was present at T1 to the delight of passengers. Kids and adults alike were excited to see the lovable and huggable Cebie.

Meanwhile, all domestic arrivals will continue to arrive at T1. Passengers were amply advised via social media and support staff at the terminals are available to ensure they are given appropriate guidance on the changes.

Domestic departures of Philippine Airlines and Air Asia will continue to operate from T2 until further notice.

CEBU WELCOMES BACK ESL STUDENTS FROM JAPAN

CEBU TRAVEL CATALOGUE INTERNATIONAL

Starting June 1, MCIA Plaza Premium
Lounge at Terminal 2 Pre-departure Level has
opened its doors. The lounge operates daily from
2:00 pm to 2:00 am offering a wide array of
services. It features shower facilities for travelers
to refresh before their next flights aside from
comfortable lounge seating, a selection of Asian
and Continental dishes, beverages,
complimentary Wi-Fi, charging stations and a

kids’ play area. The lounge has 431 square meters of floor space
and 125 seating capacity. It is open to business
class passengers. Walk-ins are welcome too at a
very reasonable cost.

Travelers taking international flights can access
the lounge by taking the lift across Gate No. 20 on
Departure Level to Level 1.

Visit and have a relaxing experience while you wait for your flight!

T2 PLAZA PREMIUM LOUNGE NOW OPEN

CEBU FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL OPENS

RELOCATION OF CEBU PACIFIC TO TERMINAL 1

Savor the very best of Cebu in the Cebu
Food & Wine Festival 2022 edition. Seven top Cebu-based hotels and over 26 of Cebu’s best restaurants, lounges, and bars eagerly hosted lunches and dinners featuring the finest culinary delights and best tasting wines.

Each day a hotel, restaurant, lounge or bar is featured, offering their unique, mouth-watering, sumptuous masterpiece. The festival started last June 18 and will culminate on July 2.

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Destination News

What’s New in MCIA

Airport Stores Open to Serve you

MNL
Manila

Bacolod

BCD

Busuanga

USU

Butuan

BXU

Cagayan De Oro

CGY

MPH
Caticlan

Calbayog

CYP

Camiguin

CGM

Clark

CRK

Davao

DVO

Dipolog

DPL

Dumaguete

DGT

El Nido

ENI

General Santos

GES

Iloilo

ILO

Legaspi

LGP

Ozamis

OZC

Pagadian

PAG

PuertoPrincesa

PPS

Siargao

IAO

Surigao

SUG

Tacloban

TAC

Zamboanga

ZAM

CEB
Cebu

DOH
Doha
Dubai

DXB

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GMCAC ATTENDS ROUTES ASIA 2022

Around 500 delegates from Asia Pacific and some from Europe, the Middle East and North America gathered last June 6-8 in Da Nang Vietnam at Routes Asia 2022. A constant attendee of this event, GMCAC met 13 airlines, five airports, three aviation suppliers and an on-line travel agent.

This is the first Routes Asia face-to-face conference since the pandemic and airlines, airports, tourism authorities and aviation stakeholders eagerly discussed, shared best practices and worked together to develop air services across Asia Pacific.

TAIWAN LIFTS TRANSIT BAN

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

The directive order of Taiwan Center for Disease Control (CDC) imposing transit ban in Taiwan
has been lifted effective June 15. All flights with transit in Taipei are now allowed.

Passengers arriving and transiting Taiwan are required to present a negative PCR test result taken two
(2) days before departure and transferring between airlines is also allowed. Transit time should not exceed 12 hours and must be within the same day.

GMCAC RELEASES BALIK NA SA CEBU DESTINATION VIDEO

GMCAC, the operator of Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCIA), released its latest destination video called “Balik na sa Cebu” (Come Back to Cebu). Produced after the country opened its borders to fully vaccinated international travelers, the video aims to invite tourists to rediscover Cebu.

Beautiful beaches, exciting outdoor adventures, rich culture, and the tropical vibe are among the many reasons to visit Cebu. Balik na sa Cebu includes information about entry requirements, airport procedures and features many attractions in Cebu. Sub-titles in Japanese, Korean and Mandarin are also available. Click any of the following links to watch it!

English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2BPvWvCW9U
Japanese: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoB0fRrvQNM&t=2s
Korean: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81NFq_3kcx0&t=63s
Mandarin: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOXp4ImEBPY

KOREA TOURISM ORGANIZATION EASES TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Korea Tourism Organization announced on June 15 that the Government is removing the mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirement for travel. Travelers no longer need to prove their vaccination status, however, there is a newly implemented Q-code system, mandatory pre-departure rapid antigen/PCR test and on-arrival PCR test. Travelers who test positive for Covid-19 while in Korea can now isolate in their hotels, at the hotel's approval, instead of a government designated quarantine hotel.

IRONMAN 70.3 RETURNS TO CEBU

The much-anticipated IRONMAN Triathlon returns to Cebu after two years!

Thousands of athletes from different countries are expected to participate in the upcoming Megaworld IRONMAN 70.3 Philippines.

Cebu’s new iconic landmark, the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX), will be a major part of the triathlon’s 90-km bike course. Truly, a celebration of Cebuano pride and Cebu tourism!

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TERMINAL 1 TERMINAL 2

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