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To the Presidents of NBOs of Zone-4, 6 & 7.

3rd Asia Cup Bridge Championships

I feel pleasure in informing that the 3rd Asia Cup Bridge Championships will be hosted by Bridge Federation of India (BFI) in the picturesque resort city of Goa in India from Monday 4th till Sunday 10th June 2018 at Goa Marriott Hotel Resort and Spa.

All NBOs of Zone-4, 6 and 7 are invited to participate. Separate individual invitations, if required, would be sent by BFI upon request.

Goa is situated about 600 Kms South of Mumbai in Western India edging the waters of the Arabian Sea with a vast coastline. Its long history as a Portuguese colony prior to 1961 is evident from its preserved 17th century architecture and the area's tropical spice plantations. Goa is also known for its beaches, ranging from popular stretches at Baga and Palolem to those in laid-back fishing villages such as Agonda, Basilica De Bom Jesus & the Mangeshi temples are some of the tourist attractions which make Goa as a famed tropical holiday resort.

Goa is well connected by air, sea and road. There are several airlines with scores of flights connecting Goa from Mumbai and take a little over an hour of flying time at a return fare ranging from around US\$ 50/- to 150/- depending upon the time of purchase.

The Championships shall comprise of five categories of events: Men, Women, Senior, Mixed and Super Mixed Teams on a similar pattern as of the recently held Test Run Road to Asian Games.

Each NBO is entitled to field only one (1) team in each category, however NBOs are at liberty to participate in any one or all or as many categories as possible by them. In order to facilitate finalization of the format, it is necessary that the NBOs intimate their intent to participate in as many events by the end of this month. Necessary selection process may be initiated if not already done, so that the names of all players and officials with their photographs are communicated by end March.

Likewise, submission of systems with supplementary notes are to be completed by end April.

Entry Fee is US\$ 1,000/- per team for all categories, except Seniors, which is US\$ 600/-.

Entry Fees for side events like Open & Mixed Pairs would be notified later.

Please note that exchange rate as per date is INR 63.60 to 1 US\$.

The Entry Fees for each team is to be remitted by end March to:

Bridge Federation of India
State Bank of India
INR Account #: 64142031699
Swift Code: SBININBB
67 CP Ramaswamy Road Branch,
Abhiramapuram, Chennai 600018
India

The venue is an upscale hotel with resort services and award-winning hospitality with spacious playing area. Room rates inclusive of applicable taxes and service charges with full board inclusive of all meals and hi-tea would be INR 13,750/- for twin occupancy rooms and INR 12,350/- for single occupancy rooms with complimentary Wi-Fi services for all residents.

For those not staying at the venue hotel, Breakfast would be available for INR 1,100/-, Buffet Lunch for INR 1,300/- and Buffet Dinner for INR 1,600/- per person.

Goa Marriott Resort Hotel & Spa,
Miramar, Panaji, Goa 403 001.
+91 832 665 6038

www.goamarriottresort.com

Reservations may be made directly to Saravanan Jayaraman, Senior Sales Manager saravanan.jayaraman@marriott.com Phones: +91 973 0032281, +91 832 246 3333, Fax: +91 832 246 3300 reservations.goa@marriott-hotels.com with a copy to prasad@vgquenim.com

A nearby hotel @ US\$ 120/- with half board inclusive of breakfast & dinner is available at ITC Fortune Miramar is also available.

Complimentary transportation on arrival from Goa International Airport to venue hotel would be available on Monday 4th June 2018 only.

All participants and officials would be welcomed over a dinner meet on 4th June and play of single round robin matches would commence from Tuesday 5th June 2018, followed by Semis and Finals.

Visa applications can be made online at <http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in/> and submitted to authorized offices along with necessary documents as directed.

Further queries may be made to:

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