



**SINGAPORE MATH GLOBAL TEAM COMPETITION**

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VIETNAM**

**CONTEST INFORMATION**

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

**SINGA** is the Singapore Math Global Team Competition with 3 members in each team. It is a unique new math competition with ambitious and important goals. The focus in SINGA is very strong on teamwork, and the Gold-winning groups will have to show high levels of collaboration, stamina and mutual support - as well as superlative math skills. Questions in the competition will be based on Singapore schools' math questions which have a high content of Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS). Named after the lion in the name of Singapore itself, SINGA will also be brave, tough and noble: a thrilling team challenge that equips children everywhere for 21st Century learning.

### HOW THE COMPETITION WORKS

SINGA is very strong on teamwork, and the Gold-winning groups will have to show high levels of collaboration, stamina and mutual support - as well as superlative math skills. Questions in the competition will be based on Singapore schools' math questions which have a high content of Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS). It is open to all students from Grades 1 to 11 in five divisions in team rounds:

- LP Division (Lower Primary Grade 1 and 2)
- MP Division (Middle Primary Grade 3 and 4)
- UP Division (Upper Primary Grade 5 and 6)
- LS Division (Lower Secondary Grade 7 and 8)
- US Division (Upper Secondary Grade 9, 10 and 11)

### CONTEST FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS

SINGA is made up of 3 categories:

1. Singateers round (45 minutes)
2. Team ABC round (30 minutes)
3. Dash round (30 minutes)

### PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE COMPETITION

Singa is an open invitation for all students who are interested in Singapore Math.

## DETAILS OF EACH EVENT

### A) SINGATEERS ROUND

Each participant will be working independently on 15 multiple choice questions with 4 options and 10 open-ended questions. So, there will be a total of 25 questions. The top performers will win individual awards and his/her individual score will contribute to the Team score. Each grade is ranked by itself, except grade 10/11\*

\* same paper but ranked separately depending on the number of contestants

LP Division (Lower Primary Grade 1 and 2)

MP Division (Middle Primary Grade 3 and 4)

UP Division (Upper Primary Grade 5 and 6)

LS Division (Lower Secondary Grade 7 and 8)

US Division (Upper Secondary Grade 9, 10 and 11)

### B) TEAM ABC ROUND

WHAT IS TEAM ABC ROUND?

In this ABC Round, the participants must allocate problem-solving duties strategically amongst their team, matching member's different strengths to the varied mathematics questions they face. There will be a total of 13 questions. These questions are categorised into three categories:

Category	Number of Questions
Category A: Two-mark questions	4 Questions
Category B: Three-mark questions	6 Questions
Category C: Five-mark questions	3 Questions

### C) DASH ROUND

The Dash Round is a unique set-up which allows members of a team to collaborate in investigating, checking and improving the solutions to a series of 10 mathematical problems.

## 2. RESULTS AND AWARDS

Parents can check the result for the contests on the website and the statistical report from the country partners.

Country partners will be notified via email.

The following awards will be given out for the contests:

### **SINGATEERS AWARD (INDIVIDUAL) – WITH CERTIFICATE AND MEDAL**

<b>Awards</b>	
Perfect Score	Full marks
Gold Award	Top 10%
Silver Award	Next 15%
Bronze Award	Next 25%
Honorable Mention	Next 20%
Certificate of Participation	Next 30%

### **TEAM ABC ROUND AND DASH ROUND – WITH CERTIFICATE AND MEDAL**

<b>Awards</b>	
Gold Award	Top 10%
Silver Award	Next 15%
Bronze Award	Next 25%

**IST SINGA Book Prize** is awarded to SINGA Overall Championship winner for each grade.

### **SINGA OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD – WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE AWARD CEREMONY**

<b>Awards (Cash)</b>	
Overall Champion	SGD250
Overall Runner-up	SGD150
Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up	SGD100

There will only be one award for each of the above positions. In the event of any ties, there will be a knock-out round held 30 minutes before the award ceremony. All contestants must attend and if they are not present, their opponent(s) will be given the award.

No excuses will be accepted for any absentees.

The knock-out round will involve each contestant getting a similar question and the first person to give the correct answer will be named the winner. If none of the contestants get the answer correct, another question will be given, until a winner is established.

### 3. IMPORTANT DATES

Events for Country partners	Date
Online/Country Registration opens (Template will be provided)	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
Update SIMCC on the student take-up rate (any unused places will be assigned to other countries)	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Re-allocate unused places to other countries	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019
Online/Country Registration closes	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Submission of final student and guest details	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Collection of contest fee from country partners	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2019

### 4. PACKAGE PRICE AND PACKAGE ITINERARY

- The tour is applicable to all guests and are included in the packages for all countries' guests

#### PACKAGE PRICE

##### PACKAGE – STUDENTS (TWIN SHARING ROOM)

- Package inclusive of accommodation, tour (day 3) and award ceremony – SGD658 or USD470
- Package inclusive of accommodation and award ceremony (no tour) – SGD588 or USD420
- Contest fee – SGD133 or USD95

##### PACKAGE – GUESTS (TWIN/TRIPLE SHARING ROOM)

- Package inclusive of accommodation and award ceremony (no tour) – SGD588 or USD420
- Package inclusive of accommodation, tour (day 3 only) and award ceremony – SGD658 or USD470
- Package inclusive of accommodation, tour (day 2 & 3) and award ceremony – SGD720 or USD515

#### Note:

- Every 15 paying guests = 01 FOC for teacher OR partner's staff only
- Cancellation policy - SIMCC will charge for full package amount on any cancellation of package done on or after 20th October 2019.
- SIMCC will charge for half package amount on any cancellation of package done on or after 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- No show - Should there be a no-show for confirmed reservation; a charge for full package will be levied as no-show charge. Thereafter, SIMCC reserves the exclusive right to release and resell the package.
- Hotel and Itinerary arrangements - SIMCC reserves the right to change the itinerary and hotel arrangements when necessary

## PACKAGE ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – 22<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019, FRIDAY (ARRIVAL DAY)

#### **Arrival in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam**

- Pick-up time is 1 to 1.5 hours after the schedule arrival time.
- The buses are scheduled to pick up the guests from the International Airport every hour starting from 8am to 8pm.
- If the flight arrives earlier than the scheduled pick-up time, the guest(s) will wait till the pick-up hours and our bus will send the guest(s) to the hotel.
- Please note that there is NO PICK-UP service for those who did not submit the flight details by the deadline stated in IMPORTANT DATES SECTION.
  - The country partner must submit the guests' details to SIMCC before deadline.
  - If the guest's arrival time is outside the scheduled pick-up time, the guest can choose to wait for later bus that has available seat, please note that priority will be given to the pre-allocated guests.
  - All country partner has the responsibility to check if their guest will be picked-up at the airport and inform the guest accordingly.
- For any country guests who arrive outside the pick-up date and time, please check with SIMCC admin if you need special pick-up arrangement and it is subjected to SIMCC management approval.



## DAY 2 – 23<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019, SATURDAY (CONTEST DAY)

### Competition day

Venue: University of Social Sciences and Humanities Ho Chi Minh City

Address: 31 Hoang Van Thu street, Ward 4, Tan Binh District, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam

- Special talk prepared for all teachers by Professor Yeap Ban Har
- Parents **ARE NOT ALLOWED** at the contest venue
- Ben Tre Mekong Delta Tour (include lunch) will be arranged for any country (parents) that chooses to go during contest day. It has to be arranged in country level.

Students' Timeline	
7.30am	Breakfast
8.15am	Assemble to leave hotel
8.30am	Leave hotel
9.30am	Arrival at the contest venue
9.45am	LAST CALL for students to enter hall
10.00am	ALL students MUST be seated in the hall
10.15am	MC start welcome speech
	Dr Yeap Ban Har Opening Speech
10.30am	Distribution of Singateers Papers
	MC give briefing and START
11.00am – 11.45am	Singateers Round (45mins)
	Collection of Singateers Papers
11.45am – 12.00pm	Distribution of Team ABC Papers
	MC give briefing and START
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Lunch (1 hour)
1.00pm – 1.30pm	Team ABC Round (30mins)
	Collection of Team ABC Papers
	Invigilators move ROW 2 tables to FRONT/BACK (alternate)
	All Teams to be seated
	Distribution of Dash Round Papers
	MC give briefing and START
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Dash Round (30mins)
	Collection of Dash Round Papers
	Final Checking by Invigilators
3.00pm	All students gather for Photo Session
3.15 to 3:45 pm	Photo Session
4:15 to 4:30 pm	Depart University of Social Sciences and Humanities Ho Chi Minh City for Hotel
5:30 pm	Arrival back to Hotel

### Teacher's Special Talk Timeline

9.45am – 12.15pm	Professor Yeap Ban Har's Special Talk (Part 1)
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm – 2.45pm	Professor Yeap Ban Har's Special Talk (Part 2)
2.45pm – 3.10pm	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Teachers
3.15 - 3:45 pm	Join students for photo session
4.15 - 4:30 pm	Depart University of Social Sciences and Humanities Ho Chi Minh City for Hotel
5:30 pm	

### Parents' Tour Timeline (Ben Tre Mekong Delta) - Optional

9.30am	Pick up
9.30am – 1.30pm	Upon arrival in My Tho, you will enjoy a boat cruise along the river. Enjoy tea and taste home-grown fruits before taking an exciting ride to visit a local a family-run business making coconut candies. Board the boat and cruise to An Khanh for a sampan journey along the narrow, tree-lined canals for further exploration of the Mekong Delta.
1.30pm – 3pm	Transfer to restaurant and lunch
3pm – 5.00pm	Return to hotel



- Ben Tre Mekong Delta boat cruise

### DAY 3 – 24TH NOVEMBER 2019, SUNDAY (TOUR DAY) - OPTIONAL

Guided tour arranged for all guests

- Cu Chin Tunnel Tour with Lunch
- City Tour - Opera house, Post Office, Reunification Palace (inside) and then go to Ben Thanh market or Lacquer factory for shopping
- Dinner at Holiday Inn Hotel

#### **Cu Chin Tunnel and City Tour Timeline**

8.00am – 9.40am	Start with convenient pickup from hotel in Ho Chin Minh City. Heading out of town to Cu Chi Tunnels. Along the way we will pass by scenic local countryside, where you might even spot ducks and buffalo cooling off in the river.
9.40am – 11.10am	Tour
11.10am – 12.10pm	Transfer to restaurant in Cu Chi
12.10pm – 1.20pm	Lunch
1.20pm – 3.00pm	Transfer to Saigon
3.00pm – 4.00pm	Visit Reunification palace
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Post office, Church, Opera House
4.30pm – 5.15pm	Shopping and Ben Thanh market
5.12pm – 5.30/5.40pm	Back to Holiday Inn hotel
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Dinner
	END



- Watch a documentary film that takes you to the past with an introduction of the Cu Chi Tunnels.
- Crawl short distances through the tunnels that were used by the guerrilla fighters during the Vietnam War. You may see a kitchen, living quarters, and a meeting room on the way. The tunnels have been enlarged so visitors can crawl through them, imagine what it must have been like before!





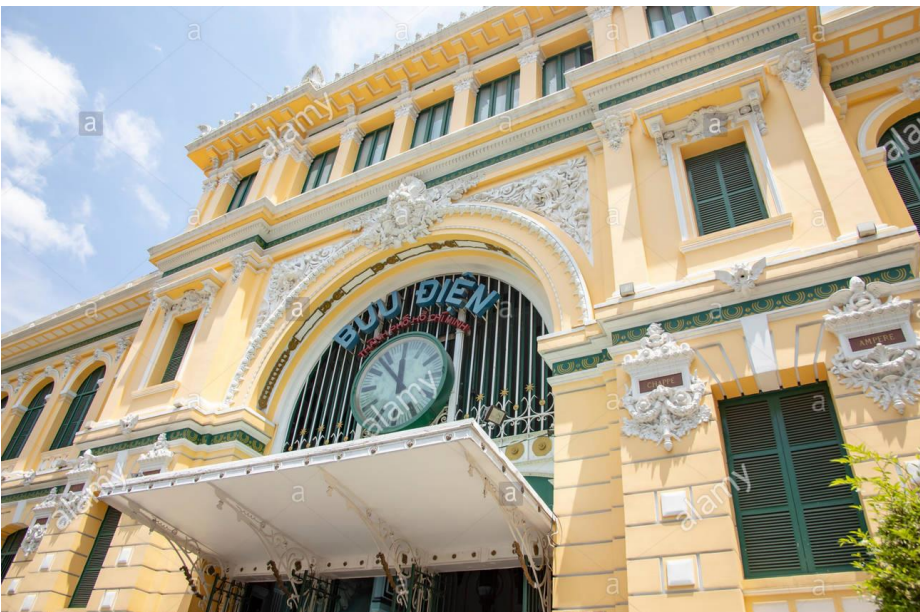
- Learn about how different types of booby traps - the symbol of guerrilla warfare - were created and set up.



- Get adventurous and go to the shooting range to fire a real AK-47. The cost for the bullets are not included in this price.



- Reunification palace - Formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, this 60s style building was famously stormed by tanks on April 30, 1975 signifying the fall of South Vietnam. It has been preserved in its original state, and the original tanks remain on display near the entrance gates.



- General Post Office





- Opera House



- Ben Thanh Market





- Lacquer factory

#### **DAY 4 – 25TH NOVEMBER 2019, MONDAY (GALA LUNCH & AWARD CEREMONY)**

Gala Lunch & Award Ceremony

Venue: Capella Parkview Wedding & Convention

Address: Số 3 Đặng Văn Sâm, Phường 9, Phú Nhuận, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Attire: Traditional clothing or school uniform

Gift Exchange among students – limit to US\$2/item

#### **DAY 5 – 26TH NOVEMBER 2019, TUESDAY (DEPARTURE DAY)**

Departure from Ho Chi Minh city

- Please kindly note that we can only arrange airport pickup arrange for those who have submitted the flight details or within the airport pickup time.
- Airport pick up only for guests whose departure time at airport are from 8am to 3pm. For groups with more than 10pax who need to depart outside scheduled departure date and time, special arrangement is subjected to SIMCC approval.



## 5. TRAVEL INFORMATION

### TRAVEL PACKING CHECKLIST

- Every guest can only bring along 1 medium size luggage (25 inches) and 1 hand-carry bag as required by the coach. For children, they are encouraged to bring a 20 inches luggage size.
- Passport (Valid over 6 months) and Visa (outside ASEAN countries)
- Travel Insurance (*Having travel insurance will give you peace of mind for any medical emergencies in Vietnam*)
- Swimming Suit (optional)
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito Repellent
- Luggage Name Tag
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Multiplug Universal Adapter
- Medication

### ADDITIONAL TRAVEL PACKING CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION

- Picture identity card (photocopy version is acceptable) as the invigilator will check before you can participate in the contest.
- 2B pencil
- Eraser
- Calculators
  - ▶ **LP AND MP DIVISION**
    - ❖ No calculators are allowed
  - ▶ **UP DIVISION**
    - ❖ Calculators are not allowed for Singateers
    - ❖ Calculators are allowed for Team ABC and Dash Round
  - ▶ **LS AND US DIVISION**
    - ❖ Calculators are allowed for all 3 rounds (Singateers, Team ABC and Dash Round)

## CURRENCY



- Vietnamese Dong (1USD ~ 23,277 Vietnamese Dong – Subject to change)
- Use the largest Vietnamese currency notes for paying at supermarkets and other larger shops and restaurants and leave some smaller notes for your incidental purchases on the street.

## ADAPTOR



Type A: This socket has no alternative plugs



Type C: This socket also works with plug E and F



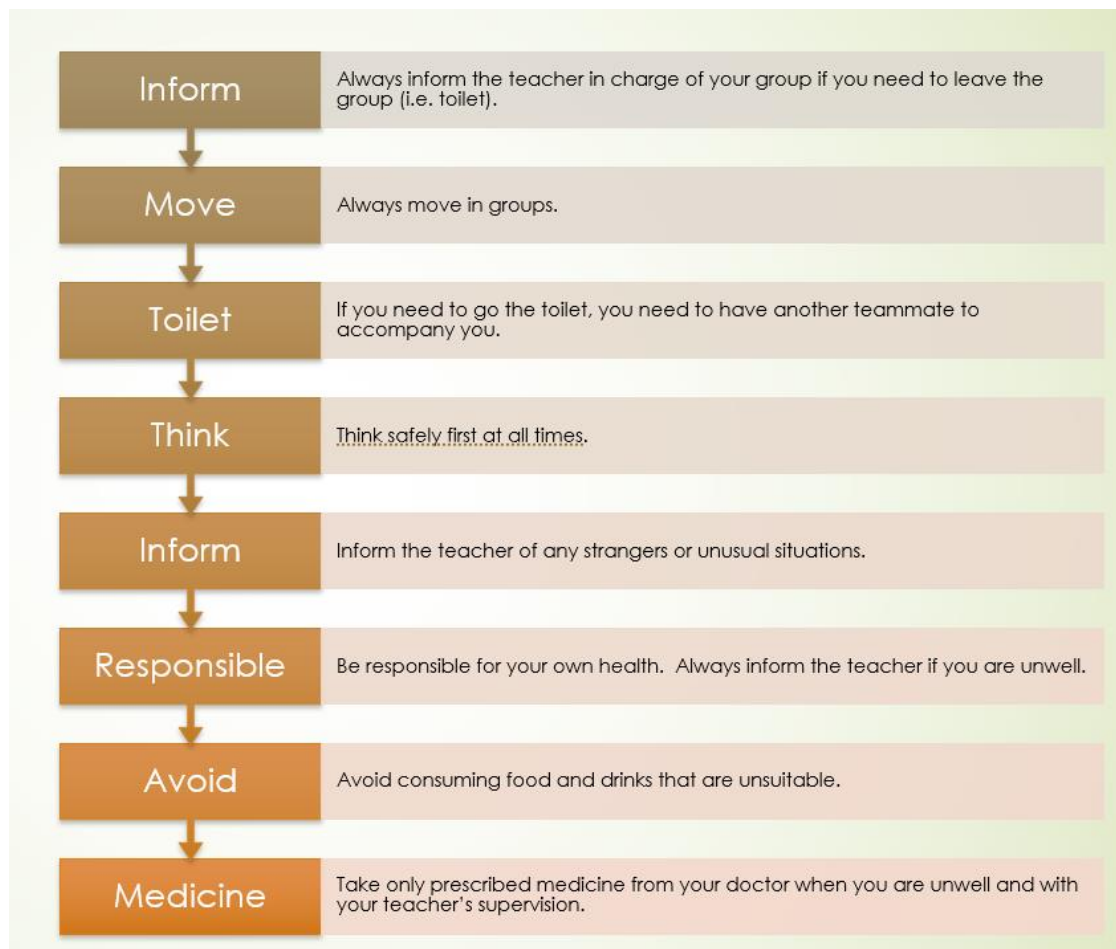
Type D: This socket has no alternative plugs

- Vietnam uses **110 / 220 V** supply.
- Type A / C / D.

## WEATHER DURING NOVEMBER

Come November the south welcomes back the summer in all its glory with some of the best weather of the year, thanks to clear skies and a drop-in humidity (avg temp: 27°C).

## THINK SAFETY AT ALL TIMES (GENERAL)



## USE OF MOBILE PHONE



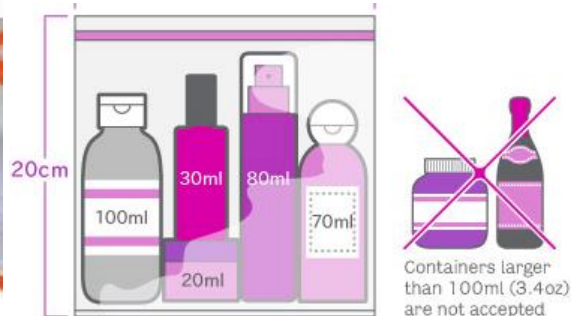
- During contest, students are allowed to bring their phones, but they have to be kept inside their bag at all the times.
- Any student or teacher who takes pictures of contest papers will immediately lead to disqualification
- Be aware of the costs involved – **switch off DATAPLAN.**
- Discouraged from bringing other electronic devices (I pads or games)

# EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION PROCEDURES

## GUIDELINES ON HAND-CARRY LUGGAGE

Please put your toiletries, aftershaves, perfumes and cosmetics in 1 plastic bag

The infographic is divided into two sections. The left section, marked with a green checkmark, shows a plastic bag containing various toiletries and is labeled '100ml and under'. The right section, marked with a red 'X', shows a plastic bag containing a large bottle of shampoo, a tube of toothpaste, a pair of scissors, and a nail file, labeled 'Over 100ml and sharp items not allowed'.



- Liquids, Aerosols and Gels must be in containers with maximum capacity of 100ml.
- Containers must be placed in 1-litre transparent re-sealable plastic bag.
- One re-sealable plastic bag allowed per person.
- The re-sealable plastic bag must be presented separately at the security screening point.
- Exemptions made for medications and special dietary items.
- No sharp items, Aerosols and Gels in your hand luggage / haversack bag. Please keep it into your checked-in luggage.
- **Sharp items**
- Example: Scissors / cutter / nails cutter / sharp ruler / pen knife / swiss knife etc.
- **Liquids, Aerosols and Gels**
- Example: Water, creams, lotions and oils, toothpaste, hair and shower gels, perfumes and deodorants, shaving foam and hairspray, contact lens solution, etc.



## 6. ARRIVAL DAY

### AIRPORT PICKUP PROCEDURES

#### TAN SON NHAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



- Arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, cleared customs and collected your luggage, exit to arrival hall.
- Tan Son Nhat International Airport only has one exit from the airport
- Look for SINGA standee or our staff holding the signboard

## HOTELS

### HOLIDAY INN & SUITES SAIGON AIRPORT



- Address: 18E Cộng Hòa, Street, Tân Bình, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam
- Telephone: +84 28 3948 5050
- Check-in time: 3pm onwards
- Check-out time: before 12pm

### HOTEL GRAND SAIGON





- Address: 8 Đồng Khởi, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam
- Telephone: +84 28 3915 5555
- Check-in time: 3pm onwards
- Check-out time: before 12pm

Note:

- SIMCC reserve the right to change the hotel arrangements when necessary.



## MEALS



### HOLIDAY INN & SUITES SAIGON AIRPORT

- Daily breakfasts in the hotel
- Competition day lunch (Parents going for tour and students at school)
- Tour day 3 (Lunch during tour)
- Award ceremony Gala Lunch



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## COMPETITION DAY



**Venue:** University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chin Minh City

**Attire:** SINGA T-shirt and Competition Tag which will be distributed during hotel check-in.

**Things to bring:** 2B lead pencil and an eraser. Writing materials will not be provided.

Accompanying guests are not allowed to be at the contest venue.

## GALA LUNCH AND AWARD CEREMONY



**Venue:** Capella Parkview Wedding & Convention

**Address:** Số 3 Đặng Văn Sâm, Phường 9, Phú Nhuận, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

**Attire:** Traditional clothing or school uniform

**Security:** All participants will be given a security wrist band to control entry. All award winners will be given badges to identify the awards that they will collect.



# MAIN HALL ENTRANCE



## **GIFT EXCHANGE**

There will be a gift exchange among students during the prize giving ceremony. Please limit the price of a gift to 2 US dollar. Ideal gift would be a souvenir representing your country. The more gifts you bring the more your child can exchange. We encourage the students to network as it will help encourage them in their studies.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) The country partner must decide if all the guests of his country is going to go for tour. It has to be decided at the country level and not individual choice.
- 2) Travel Insurance - Travel insurance is not included in the package. All the guests **MUST** purchase their own travel insurance for the event.
- 3) Standard package - All rate quoted are based on 5 days 4 nights staying from 22nd November 2019 to 26th November 2019, in US dollars. Any requests for rooms not within this period, or in other room categories will be subjected to room availability and terms to be agreed upon. All package includes the tour stated and award ceremony (Gala Lunch).
- 4) Meals - All meals are halal or vegetarian. Country partners have to state it inside the guest list and no last-minute meal dietary requests can be requested.
- 5) Check-in and Check-out time - Check-in time is from 1500 hours. Check-in before 1500 hours is subject to room availability. Check-out time is before 1200 hours. All late check-out requests after 1200 hours are subject to availability and there will be additional charges from the hotels for late check-out.
- 6) Cancellation policy - SIMCC will charge for full package amount on any cancellation of package done on or after 22nd October 2019. SIMCC will charge for half package amount on any cancellation of package done on or after 22nd September 2019.
- 7) No show - Should there be a no-show for confirmed reservation; a charge for full package will be levied as no-show charge. Thereafter, SIMCC reserve the exclusive right to release and resell the package.
- 8) Hotel and Itinerary arrangements - SIMCC reserves the right to change the itinerary and hotel arrangements when necessary.
- 9) FOC - Every 15 paying guests = 01 FOC **STRICTLY** for teacher or partner's staff only
- 10) Transportation pick-up - Transportation pick-up between hotel and airport is only on the arrival and departure day. Special arrangement can only be made if there are more than 10 guests arrive or depart on a separate day. This is subject to SIMCC approval.