



9th BIMP-EAGA Friendship Games 2016

6 to 12 December – East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Invitation Team

Welcome

Welcome to the 9th Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines – East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Friendship Games. This event offers an opportunity for emerging athletes less than 21 years of age to participate at non-national levels across a range of sports. The Northern Territory has previously participated in 2008 and is looking forward to rebuilding the people-to-people linkages with our regional neighbours.

- *This sporting platform provides an opportunity to grow and challenge the Territory's emerging athletes to strive for success in the areas of badminton, tennis, archery, athletics, beach volleyball and table tennis.*
- *The Departments of Tourism and Culture and Trade, Business and Innovation are committed to strengthening two-way participation and furthering areas of cooperation in cultural exchange and sport.*

What is BIMP-EAGA?

The East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) is a subregional economic co-operation initiative in Southeast Asia. It has four members; Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines and was founded in Davao City.

BIMP-EAGA was launched in 1994 as a co-operation initiative by Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, all of which are member-countries of the regional Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The objective behind the creation of BIMP-EAGA is to accelerate economic development in the four country's' "focus areas" which, although geographically distant from their national capitals, are in strategic proximity to each other, in one of the world's most resource-rich regions.

The BIMP-EAGA initiative is market-driven and operates through a decentralised organisation structure involving the four governments and the private sector.

BIMP-EAGA co-operation aims to increase trade, tourism and investments inside and outside the subregion by:

- Facilitating the free movement of people, goods and services
- Making the best use of common infrastructure and natural resources
- Taking the fullest advantage of economic complementation.



Location



This year's Games will be held in and around Samarinda, the capital of the Indonesian province of East Kalimantan on the island of Borneo. The city lies on the banks of the Mahakam River.

It is the most populous city on the entire Borneo island, with an estimated population of 842 691.

Although it is the capital of East Kalimantan, some government institutions such as the Police, Indonesian Army District VI of Tanjung Pura, and Pelabuhan Indonesia (Port Transportation) are located on the island.

Samarinda is known for its traditional food Amplang, as well as the cloth Sarung Samarinda. The city also has a bridge connecting its river banks, Mahakam Bridge. The city centre is on one side and the other side is named Samarinda Seberang.

Key Events

- 6 December – Depart Darwin
- 8 December – Opening Ceremony
- 8-11 December – Competition of events
- 12 December – Closing Ceremony
- 13 December – Depart Samarinda

Sporting Events

The Northern Territory contingent will be competing across six disciplines

1. Athletics
2. Archery
3. Beach Volley Ball
4. Badminton
5. Tennis
6. Table Tennis



Transport

Samarinda's closest airport, Sultan Aji Muhamad (SAMS) Airport is located approx. 90km's via road south in Balikpapan.

Balikpapan is a seaport city on the east coast of the island of Borneo, in the Indonesian province of East Kalimantan.

Transport has been organised to and from the airport to the accommodation in Samarinda at the Aston International Hotel.

During the week of competition, on the ground transport will be provided to and from event venues.

Support Staff

Northern Territory Government representatives will travel with the contingent to assist where possible over the course of the event.

Further details will be forthcoming.

Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation is at the Aston International Hotel Samarinda (TBC)

Located in the heart of Samarinda and connected to the city's main shopping mall – Samarinda Central Plaza. The hotel offers City or River views and complete facilities such as indoor swimming pools, fitness centre, spa and massage, sauna and whirlpool, 24 hours room service, restaurant, business centre, a pastry cake shop, laundry & dry cleaning service, safe deposit box, shoe shine service, meeting facilities and the one and only high speed internet access up to 100 Mbps.



Breakfast will be available from the hotel with lunch and dinners provided at event venues.



Uniforms

The supplied uniform includes the Territory colours and encompasses the 'Australia's Northern Territory' logo.



Keep in touch

The next 9th BIMP-EAGA Friendship Games newsletter will be provided to you with further information on 28 November, 2016.

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