

Visa and Entry Requirements

For details on visa requirements and application procedures, please refer to the following official resources:

- [Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs - Guidelines and Requirements](#)
- [Philippine eVisa Portal - Visa Policy](#)

All international travelers entering or leaving the Philippines are required to register with the [Philippine eTravel System](#) prior to arrival or departure. This mandatory registration applies to both Filipino and foreign nationals traveling by air or sea. Travelers must complete the registration **within 72 hours before their scheduled arrival in or departure from the Philippines**. The eTravel System replaces the traditional paper-based arrival and departure cards, streamlining the process. **Registration is free of charge.**

Airport Information

For participants flying to Manila for the conference, the main airport is:

[Ninoy Aquino International Airport \(NAIA\) - Manila \(MNL\)](#)
Pasay and Parañaque, Metro Manila, Philippines

NAIA is the primary international gateway to the Philippines and serves Metro Manila and surrounding regions. It has **four terminals**, each serving different airlines and flight types:

- **Terminal 1:** Primarily for international flights.
- **Terminal 2:** Primarily for Philippine Airlines (PAL) flights, including some international flights.
- **Terminal 3:** Handles both international and domestic flights.
- **Terminal 4:** Undergoing renovations and is temporarily closed for operations.

Tips for Arriving Participants:

- Check your airline and terminal before arrival to avoid confusion.
- Transportation options from NAIA include airport taxis, ride-hailing apps (like [Grab](#)), and hotel shuttles.
- Travel time to the conference area can range from 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on traffic.

Airport Transfers and Transportation Within Metro Manila

For guests staying at the official conference hotel, the local organizers will provide complimentary scheduled airport transfers at designated times (details to be announced soon). If you are staying at a different hotel or unable to join the official transfer, or want to travel around Metro Manila, we recommend using the ride-hailing app [Grab](#) or [inDrive](#) for a convenient and reliable alternative.

Grab Ride Options:

- **GrabCar 4-Seater** - Standard private car for up to 4 passengers.
 - **GrabCar 6-Seater** - Spacious option for groups or extra luggage.
 - **GrabTaxi** - Metered taxi booked via the app.
 - **GrabAirport** - Dedicated airport service, ideal for travelers with luggage
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- **Travel Time:** Travel from the airport to the conference venue is around **90 minutes**, depending on traffic.
 - **Fare Estimate:** Travel from the airport to the conference venue is around **PHP 900** + toll fee for a standard GrabCar.

How to Book Your Ride in Grab:

1. **Download and Open the Grab App**
 - Available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#). If you already have the **Grab App** installed from another country, it will still work in **the Philippines**—no need to download a separate version. Grab will automatically detect your **current location** and create a **separate e-wallet** in the local currency of the country you're visiting.
2. **Set Pickup Location**
 - Choose your terminal (NAIA Terminal 1, 2, 3, or 4) or point of origin.
3. **Enter Destination**
 - Type: Enter the name of your hotel or destination.
4. **Choose Ride Type**
 - Select based on your group size and luggage.
5. **Confirm and Track**
 - You'll see fare estimates and driver details. You can track your ride in real time.

Tips for a Smooth Trip:

- **Schedule GrabAirport** to avoid demand surges and peak hours (07:00 - 10:00 AM, 04:00 - 08:00 PM).
- **Enable mobile data** or connect to airport, hotel, or university Wi-Fi for booking.
- **Be Precise with Pickup Points**. Use **landmarks** or **pinned locations** to help your driver find you quickly, especially in crowded areas like malls or airports.
- **Cash (in Philippine Peso) or card** payments are accepted via the app. **Expect higher fares** due to holiday surge pricing. The app will show the estimated cost before you confirm.
- **Traffic Tip:** Avoid peak hours (07:00 - 10:00 AM, 04:00 - 08:00 PM) for faster travel. Please be advised **that traffic congestion in Metro Manila and other major cities**

significantly intensifies during the December holiday season. This is due to increased travel, shopping, and holiday events.

Local Currency and Payment

The official currency of the Philippines is the **Philippine Peso (PHP)**. In 2025, forecasts indicate that the exchange rate may fluctuate **between 50.00 PHP and 60.00 PHP per 1.00 USD**. Most establishments, including restaurants, malls, and service providers, **accept debit and credit card payments**. However, smaller vendors such as [sari-sari stores](#) may only accept cash.

Several banks and booths offer **currency exchange services** within the airport. **ATMs** are also widely available across all airport terminals, shopping malls, hotels, and even inside the **Ateneo de Manila University campus**, though foreign withdrawal fees may apply.

Telecom Providers

The major telecom providers offering SIM cards at NAIA are:

- [Smart Communications](#)
- [Globe Telecom](#)

You can **pre-order a SIM online** from Smart or Globe, pick it up at the airport, or have it to your hotel. **eSIMs** are also available and may be more convenient if your phone supports them.

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at [Ateneo de Manila University](#), Loyola Heights Campus, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines. It is one of the Philippines' premier institutions of higher learning, known for its academic excellence, lush green campus, and commitment to social transformation. It is conveniently located near several commercial hubs that offer a wide range of dining, shopping, and leisure options. Just minutes away are [Eastwood City](#), [UP Town Center](#), and [Katipunan Avenue](#), where participants can enjoy restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, and retail stores—perfect for relaxing or running errands between conference sessions.