

Welcome to Bogor, Indonesia – We are eager to welcoming all of you for the Asia Pacific Forum.

### **INDONESIA AND BOGOR OVERVIEW**

Bogor City (*Sundanese*: □□□□□, *Dutch*: *Buitenzorg*) is a city located in the province of West Java, Indonesia. It is located 59 km south of Jakarta, and is an enclave of Bogor Regency. As of mid-2023, the population of Bogor City is 1,122,772 people, with a density of 10,001 people/km<sup>2</sup>.

Bogor City is known as the City of Rain, because it has a fairly high rainfall. Bogor City consists of 6 sub-districts which are further divided into 68 villages. During the Dutch Colonial period, Bogor City was known as Buitenzorg which means without anxiety or peaceful.

### **Tourism**

- Bogor Botanical Garden.
- Bogor City Square
- Bogor Palace
- Taman Kencana
- Batutulis inscription
- Sempur Field
- Bogor Post Office
- Situ Gede
- Cimahpar Integrated Conservation

### **Bogor has several food specialties, including:**

- Soto Bogor
- Toge Goreng
- Cungkring
- Roti Unyil
- Doclang
- Laksa Bogor
- Gepuk Karuhun
- Lapis Talas Bogor
- Ikan Balita
- Bogor Wet Spring Rolls
- Asinan Bogor
- Dodongkal

### **Meanwhile, typical drinks include:**

- Es Pala
- Green grass jelly ice
- Iced Kocok
- Bajigur
- Es Sekoteng
- Bandrek Bogor

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Below is a list of things you may want to consider before travelling:

1. **Passport & Visa** If you are traveling to Indonesia, 140 countries qualify for a Free visa on Arrival but some foreign nationals are still required to obtain a visa before arrival. Check online for all of the visa laws and requirements before you leave, note that it may be necessary or more beneficial to process your visa before travelling. Indonesia has dozens of visa types. However, for tourism purposes, there are three main ones: visa on arrival (including one obtained online), and single-entry visitor visa. Some nationalities can enter visa-free. Please check link [visalist.io/indonesia/visa-on-arrival](http://visalist.io/indonesia/visa-on-arrival).

It is likely you will require at least 6 months remaining on your passport and several blank pages.

2. **Cards & Currency** - The largest value Indonesian rupiah bill is the IDR 100,000 note. The IDR 50,000 bill, is blue. These two are the main banknotes you should receive when exchanging your money. Smaller denominations are IDR 20,000, IDR 10,000, and IDR 5,000, while the smallest are IDR 2,000 and IDR 1,000. The IDR 500, IDR 200 and IDR 100 are silver coins. Always have or ask for a copy of the money changer's receipt and keep it whenever you change your money, in case you receive and use Indonesian rupiah notes that turn out to be counterfeit. It's always good to have mobile internet access on your travels in Bogor, so you can easily check out the latest rates for general comparison.



*This is the Indonesian currency rupiah denomination*

3. **Documents** - Keep a scanned copy of your passport and travel insurance in your email inbox. You may also want to keep a physical copy in your suitcase.

4. **Packing & Weather** – Check on the predicted weather and pack accordingly. Some of the climates may be temperamental. Keep a spare change of clothes in your carry-on luggage.

Bogor is known as a rainy city, this week the weather is around 20 -25' C. Sometimes it rains in the morning, afternoon or evening, it is unpredictable. We tried browsing online for March weather, what was shown was the average temperatures are between 78°F and 87°F.

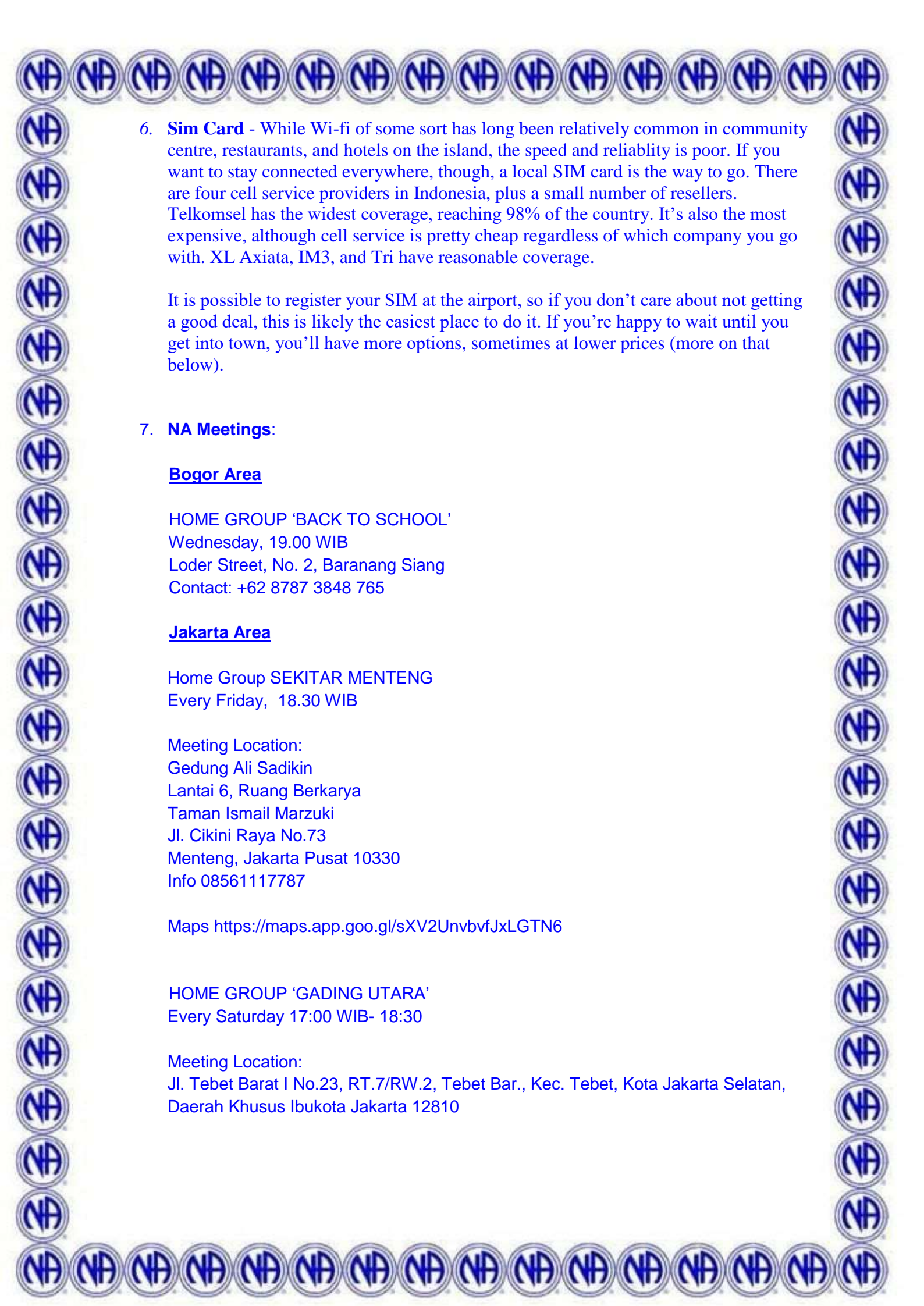
You can expect rain for roughly half of the month of March in Bogor. We're expecting roughly 8 to 15 days of rain, so your rubber boots and umbrella are going to see plenty of use this month if you're keen on staying dry.

Our weather forecast can give you a great sense of what weather to expect in Bogor in March 2024, we highly recommend that you review the 14 day weather forecast.

5. **Like a Pro!** - Power adaptor, sleeping mask and ear-plugs for the plane, Device & Camera chargers, Lightweight Rain Jacket, Phrase-book. These are the most common things people forget and they're not always so easy to find. Travel Apps are cheap/free and extremely helpful; some even offer local deals.



*This is the power plug used in Indonesia*

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6. **Sim Card** - While Wi-fi of some sort has long been relatively common in community centre, restaurants, and hotels on the island, the speed and reliability is poor. If you want to stay connected everywhere, though, a local SIM card is the way to go. There are four cell service providers in Indonesia, plus a small number of resellers. Telkomsel has the widest coverage, reaching 98% of the country. It's also the most expensive, although cell service is pretty cheap regardless of which company you go with. XL Axiata, IM3, and Tri have reasonable coverage.

It is possible to register your SIM at the airport, so if you don't care about not getting a good deal, this is likely the easiest place to do it. If you're happy to wait until you get into town, you'll have more options, sometimes at lower prices (more on that below).

7. **NA Meetings:**

**Bogor Area**

HOME GROUP 'BACK TO SCHOOL'  
Wednesday, 19.00 WIB  
Loder Street, No. 2, Baranang Siang  
Contact: +62 8787 3848 765

**Jakarta Area**

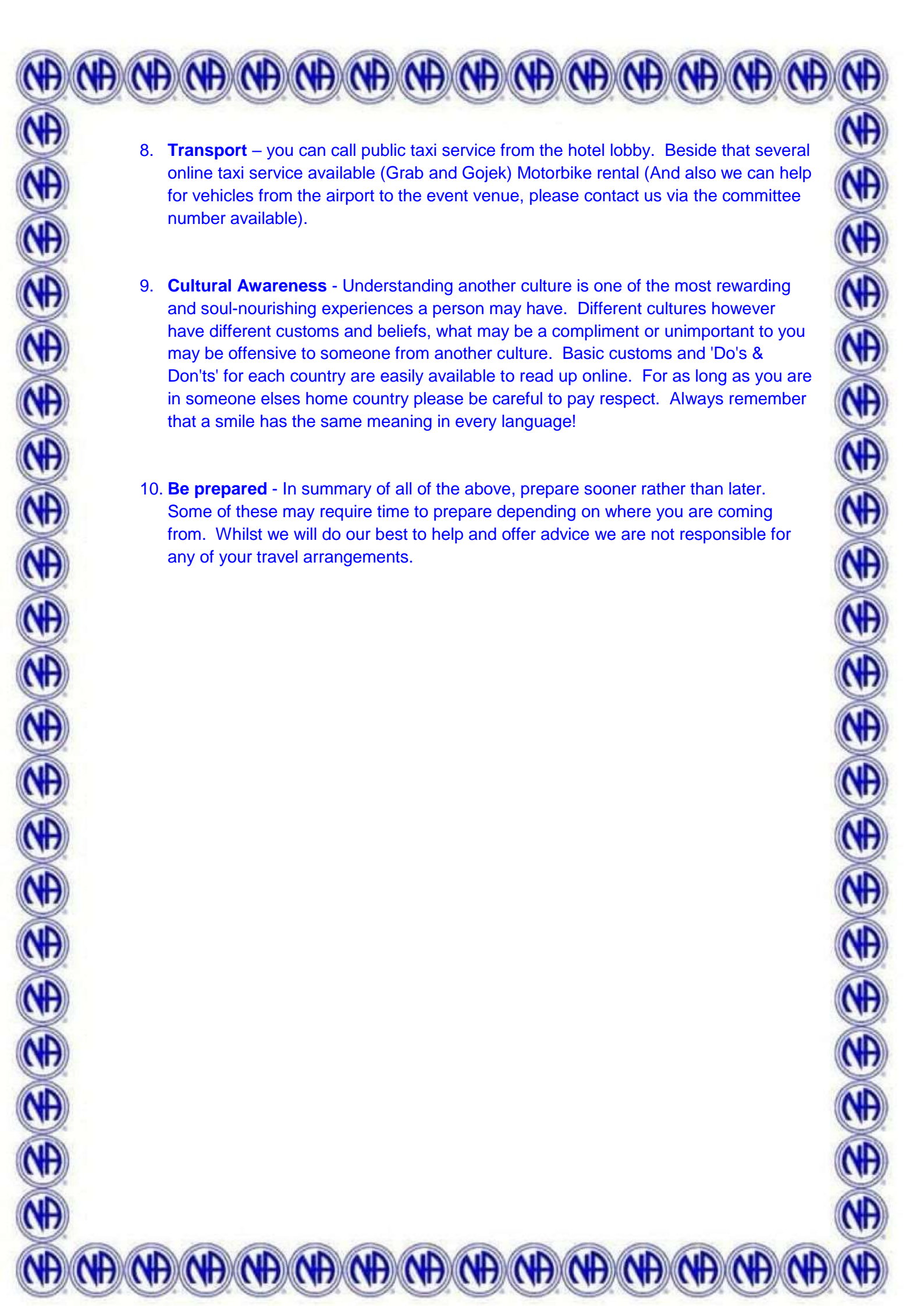
Home Group SEKITAR MENTENG  
Every Friday, 18.30 WIB

Meeting Location:  
Gedung Ali Sadikin  
Lantai 6, Ruang Berkarya  
Taman Ismail Marzuki  
Jl. Cikini Raya No.73  
Menteng, Jakarta Pusat 10330  
Info 08561117787

Maps <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sXV2UnvbfJxLGTN6>

HOME GROUP 'GADING UTARA'  
Every Saturday 17:00 WIB- 18:30

Meeting Location:  
Jl. Tebet Barat I No.23, RT.7/RW.2, Tebet Bar., Kec. Tebet, Kota Jakarta Selatan,  
Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 12810

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8. **Transport** – you can call public taxi service from the hotel lobby. Beside that several online taxi service available (Grab and Gojek) Motorbike rental (And also we can help for vehicles from the airport to the event venue, please contact us via the committee number available).
  9. **Cultural Awareness** - Understanding another culture is one of the most rewarding and soul-nourishing experiences a person may have. Different cultures however have different customs and beliefs, what may be a compliment or unimportant to you may be offensive to someone from another culture. Basic customs and 'Do's & Don'ts' for each country are easily available to read up online. For as long as you are in someone else's home country please be careful to pay respect. Always remember that a smile has the same meaning in every language!
  10. **Be prepared** - In summary of all of the above, prepare sooner rather than later. Some of these may require time to prepare depending on where you are coming from. Whilst we will do our best to help and offer advice we are not responsible for any of your travel arrangements.