

# 49th

## Qualifying International Umpire Course 23th - 25th MAY 2025 Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia.



Grand Master  
Abelardo Benzaquén

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Dear Grand Masters, Masters, Instructors and Students

Malaysian Taekwon-Do Federation is pleased and honoured to invite you to the **49th International Umpire Course**, organised in the state of **Pahang, Malaysia**.

The IUC will be held from Friday, 23rd May 2025 till Sunday, 25th May 2025 and will be conducted by **Grand Master Abelardo Benzaquen, 9th Degree** from Argentina, Chairman of ITF Umpire Committee.

The venue and accommodation shall be at **The Zenith Hotel, Kuantan, Pahang**. This event is co-organised by our affiliate state member i.e **Pahang Taekwon-Do Association (ITF-MTF)**.

For further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Taekwon-Do,

**Grand Master Najmi Abdullah, IX**  
**President**  
**Malaysian Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF)**

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Dear Grand Masters, Masters, Instructors and Students,

Persatuan Taekwon-Do Negeri Pahang ITF-MTF as the organising committee is honoured to invite you to participate in the **49th International Umpire Course in Pahang, Malaysia from 23rd to 25th May 2025.**

The course will be conducted by **Master Abelardo Benzaquen Chairman of the ITF Umpire Committee** . Organizing the 49th ITF Umpire Course is to ensure all umpires and officials are aware of the latest technical points, rules and regulations that will be applicable for upcoming ITF international tournaments.

We hope you will enjoy your stay here, more so having a fruitful and enjoyable event.

On behalf of the organising committee,

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**Master Ng Boon Tuck**

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Organising Committee Chairman**

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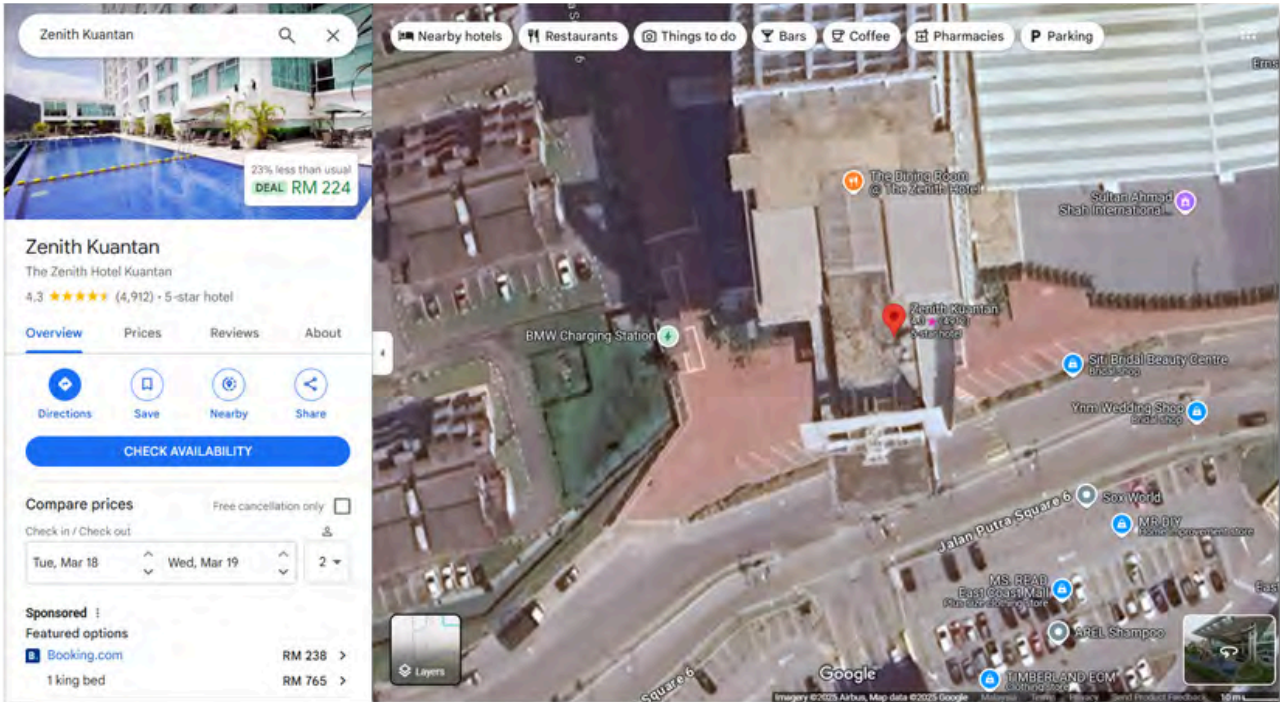


## LOCATION

The IUC will be held at The Zenith Hotel which is located at Kuantan City

Address: Jalan Putra Square 6Putra Square 25200 Kuantan Pahang Darul Makmur, Malaysia

Link : [The Zenith Hotel Kuantan, Pahang Malaysia](#)



# TRANSPORTATION

## AIR TRAVEL

Kuantan is the capital of Pahang, located on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia. It is known as a rapidly developing city with beautiful natural attractions such as Teluk Cempedak Beach, Sungai Pandan Waterfall, and iconic landmarks like Kuantan 188 Tower. For travelers and residents who prefer air transportation, Kuantan is served by Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Airport (LTSHAS).

Approximately 15 km from Kuantan city center.

Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Airport (LTSHAS) have domestic & international flights :

- Domestic: Flights to Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Kota Kinabalu, Kuching, and more.
- International: Limited flights to destinations such as Singapore, depending on airline schedules.

## ROAD TRANSPORT

The East Coast Expressway (LPT) is a major highway that connects the Klang Valley to the east coast states of Malaysia, such as Pahang, Terengganu, and Kelantan. This highway was built to shorten travel time to the east coast, which previously required a longer journey via federal roads.

There are several public transport options to get to Kuantan:

### 1. Express Bus

- Many bus companies, such as Transnasional, Plusliner, and Mara Liner, operate services from Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS) in Kuala Lumpur to Terminal Sentral Kuantan (TSK).
- The journey takes about 3.5 to 4 hours.

### 2. Train (KTM)

- There is no direct train service to Kuantan.
- The nearest option is to take a KTM train to Mentakab Station or Gambang Station, then continue by bus or taxi to Kuantan.

### 3. E-Hailing & Taxi

- Services like Grab or taxis are available for travel from Kuala Lumpur to Kuantan, but the cost is relatively high.

For those traveling to Kuantan, the LPT highway is the best choice for road travel, while buses and flights offer convenient alternatives depending on your budget and travel needs.



Below are the popular bus routes that would be available for online booking at Kuantan Sentral Bus Station. The bus schedule and ticket fare can be changed from time to time. For further inquiries and booking, do visit :

<https://www.busonlineticket.com/terminal/kuantan-sentral-bus-terminal/>

Popular Bus from Kuantan Sentral, Pahang

Route	Schedule	Price From
Kuantan to Kuala Lumpur	00:30 – 23:59	MYR 17.00
Kuantan to Shah Alam	00:30 – 22:15	MYR 26.00
Kuantan to Johor Bahru	00:30 – 23:59	MYR 22.40
Kuantan to Kota Bharu	00:00 – 23:00	MYR 30.00
Kuantan to Temerloh	08:30 – 21:00	MYR 11.80

Popular Bus to Kuantan Sentral, Pahang

Route	Schedule	Price From
Kuala Lumpur to Kuantan	00:30 – 23:00	MYR 23.00
Shah Alam to Kuantan	08:30 – 23:59	MYR 26.00
Johor Bahru to Kuantan	08:30 – 23:59	MYR 29.00
Seremban to Kuantan	07:00 – 21:30	MYR 30.00
Kota Bharu to Kuantan	09:00 – 22:00	MYR 34.00

[Check schedule for other bus online booking »](#)

Popular Bus in Kuantan Sentral

- LA Holidays
- Sani Express
- Perdana Express
- Maraliner
- E-Mutiara
- Mayang Sari Express
- Billion Stars
- Kesatuan Express
- Cosmic Express



# REGISTRATION

This IUC course is open to all ITF practitioners within & outside Malaysia and members from other ITF federations are welcome. All applications have to be done via the National Association (NA) / Allied Association (AA) of the respective countries. All MTF members are required to apply/register via their respective State Association (SA). The NA, AA or SA are also required to submit the participants via the ITF Online 3.0 database at least 15 days before the course to receive the certificates & for the participation to be reflected in their respective profiles.

The following registration forms are to be submitted:

1. Participant Registration Form ( MTF Member / Non-MTF Member / Non-ITF Member)



2. Buffet Dinner Reservation Form (if applicable)



Course onboarding will be held at Silk Ballroom Foyer Level 3, The Zenith Hotel on Friday, 23rd May 2025 from 15:30pm to 20:00pm



## COURSE FEE

Due to venue capacity and to maintain the quality, the course participants are limited to the first 100 registrants only. Kindly submit your registration with full payment by 13rd April 2025. Any late submission may incur additional charges. Euro Fees are for illustrative purposes only – all payments must be made in MYR only (RM – Ringgit Malaysia).

### Member of MTF

Grade	Tuition (RM)	Organising (RM)	Accommodation (RM)*	Total (RM)
1st Dan - 6th Dan	540.00	360.00	300.00	1,200.00
7th Dan - 8th Dan	337.50	360.00	300.00	997.50
9th Dan	Exempted	360.00	300.00	660.00

### Non MTF Member

Grade	Tuition (RM)	Organising (RM)	Accommodation (RM)	Total (RM)
1st Dan - 6th Dan	675.00	400.00	300.00	1,375.00
7th Dan - 8th Dan	450.00	400.00	300.00	1,150.00
9th Dan	Exempted	400.00	300.00	700.00

### Other Taekwon-Do Federation Practitioners ( Non-Itf)

Grade	Tuition (RM)	Organising (RM)	Accommodation (RM)	Total (RM)
1st Dan - 6th Dan	675.00	550.00	300.00	1,525.00
7th Dan - 8th Dan	450.00	550.00	300.00	1,300.00
9th Dan	Exempted	550.00	300.00	850.00

***\*The tuition fee for ITF & non-ITF practitioners (within or outside Malaysia) is subject to reduction according to the economic status of respective countries as approved by the Federation. Kindly indicate your country in the Participant Form for the final course fee.***

The final dateline to submit the Participant Form is 13rd April 2025, along with accommodation booking & banquet reservation, subject to availability.





## ACCOMMODATION

To ensure a smooth seminar, all participants are **required to stay at the same venue** – The Zenith Hotel. **Meals are included** with the accommodation to facilitate timely itineraries. Kindly indicate **non-veg or veg** meals in the accommodation form.

The hotel is likely to experience high occupancy. While sufficient rooms have been reserved for the seminar, it is recommended to submit your booking by **13rd April 2025** due to the high number of expected participants and limited rooms. The final dateline for room booking is 20th April 2025, subject to availability.

### Hotel Room

Type	Double Room (pax for 2 night)	
Price (MYR)	RM	300.00
Price (Euro)	€	65.00

*\* Tourism Tax @ RM10.00nett per room night to be incurred for Foreigner guest (if any)*

Date	Breakfast	Tea Break	Lunch	Tea Break	Dinner	Dinner With GM
23th May 2025 Friday *	-	-	-	-	-	-
24th May 2025 Saturday	Provided		Provided	Provided	-	RSVP
25th May 2025 Sunday*	Provided	Provided	Provided		-	-

*\* Meals are included as per the table above. \*\* Twin sharing beds with one extra bed only.*

*\*\*\* Check-in on 23rd May is at 2 pm. \*\*\*\* Check-out is at 1 pm in the lobby.*

*\*\*\*\*\* Buffet dinner with the ITF delegates on 24th May 2025 (Saturday night) is available at RM70.00/pax (optional).*



## BUFFET DINNER

The buffet dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday, 24th May 2025 at **Al Bayt Restaurant (Arabian Style)**. and is an opportunity to meet and talk with the Masters and Grand Masters in a relaxed atmosphere.

The price will be RM 70/pax and registration for the buffet should be made on the application form. The dinner will be catered for a maximum of 100 participants and these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please dress appropriately and respectfully in the presence of the Masters and Grand Masters (no jeans, t-shirts or trainers). A shirt and tie would be appreciated but smart casual dress at a minimum.

Visit link for location : [NO. B-28, GROUND FLOOR, Jalan Tun Ismail, 25000 Kuantan, Pahang](#)



## ITINERARY

23th May 2025 Friday	02:00PM	Check in	Lobby Hotel
	03:00PM - 04:30PM	Registration	Silk Ballroom Foyer, Level 3
	05:00PM - 08:00PM	Session 1	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	End of day 1		
24th May 2025 Saturday	07:00AM - 08:30AM	Breakfast	The Dining Room, Lobby Level
	08:30AM - 09:00AM	Training Area	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	09:00AM - 09:15AM	Opening Ceremony	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	09:15AM - 11:45AM	Session 2	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	11:45AM - 12:00PM	Break	Silk Ballroom Foyer, Level 3
	12:00PM - 01:30PM	Session 3	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	01:30PM - 02:30PM	Lunch	The Dining Room, Lobby Level
	02:30PM - 04:30PM	Session 4	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	04:30PM - 04:45PM	Tea Break	Silk Ballroom Foyer, Level 3
	04:45PM - 06:15PM	Session 5	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	06:15PM : 07:00PM	Preparation for Banquet	
	07:00PM : 09:00PM	Banquet	
End of day 2			
25th May 2025 Sunday	07:00AM - 08:30AM	Breakfast	The Dining Room, Lobby Level
	08:30AM - 09:00AM	Training Area	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	09:00AM - 11:00AM	Session 6	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	11:00AM - 11:15AM	Break	Silk Ballroom Foyer, Level 3
	11:15AM - 13:15PM	Session 6 - cont'	Silk Ballroom, Level 3
	01:15PM - 02:00PM	Photo Session & Closing Ceremony	TBA
End of day 3			



## NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION SCHEME (SPKK)

Sports Specific Courses are under the national sports association. This Sports Specific Course is a complementary component to obtaining a partial Level 2 completion of the **Skim Persijilan Kejurulatihan Kebangsaan (SPKK)** for every Malaysian who wants to become a qualified umpire.

MTF is one of the national sports associations registered with the **National Coaching Academy (AKK)** and is proud to announce that the 49th IUC offers the following certification, exclusive to MTF umpires.

SPKK	Prerequisite	Grade
Level 1	Minimum 1 <sup>st</sup> Gup	Up to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan
Level 2	ITF Taekwon-Do SPKK Level 1	Up to 5 <sup>th</sup> Dan
Level 3	ITF Taekwon-Do SPKK Level 2	Up to 9 <sup>th</sup> Dan



## CONTENT & QUALIFICATION

The 49th IUC will include the following program and/or qualifications:

- Overview of a typical championship;
- Chain of Command;
- Roles and Responsibilities;
- Pattern and Sparring events;
- Special technique events;
- Tournament day scenarios.



## PAYMENT

This is a cashless course – no cash payment will be accepted. All financial transactions will be online.

All payments are strictly **non-refundable but transferable**. Payment should be in MYR (**RM – Ringgit Malaysia**) and made to the following account:

### Domestic Transactions

Account Holder : PERSATUAN TAEKWON-DO NEGERI PAHANG ITF-MTF  
Bank Name : CIMB BANK BERHAD  
Account Number : 86052 38758  
Swift Code :  
Branch : Kuantan Pahang

Kindly indicate the following:

Reference 1: IUC 2025

Reference 2: <State/Club/Country>

The transfer method must be done online via IBG or DuitNow for local payment or telegraphic transfer (TT) for international transfer. Avoid the cash deposit machine for local payments as the source of the fund is difficult to be verified.

Email the details of the transfer to **secretariat.mtfpahang@gmail.com** with the following details:

- Purpose of payment (Degree, IIC Fees, Social Event, Accommodation etc)
- Payment on behalf (list the name of individuals/spreadsheet form)

The dateline to make changes on the registration, booking or reservation is 13th April 2025. No amendment can be made to the quantity or type of rooms except name change.

Make sure to keep all transaction slips for future reference. You may be required to verify the transaction at a later date.



## IUC PROTOCOL

- Participants must wear a clean and ironed official ITF dobok at all times.
- Before each new session, participants line up to welcome the instructors.
- After each session participants remain until the Instructors leave the venue.
- Participants must act according to the official ITF protocol.
- Participants standing at ease must assume a ready stance with their hands behind their backs at all times.
- Participants sitting at ease must cross their legs at all times.
- Participants allowed to ask questions shall stand up at all times and assume a ready stance with their hands behind their backs.
- Participants before asking a question shall first announce their name and country.
- Bring own sparring gear ( **mandatory** )



## LOCATION & SURROUNDINGS



Menara Kuantan 188 is an iconic 188-meter-tall tower located along the banks of the Kuantan River in Pahang. As the second tallest tower in Malaysia after the Kuala Lumpur Tower, it offers a 360-degree panoramic view of Kuantan city and its surroundings.

Teluk Cempedak Beach, located about 5 km from Kuantan city center, is one of the most popular beach tourism destinations in Pahang. Its uniqueness lies in the combination of fine white sand, crystal-clear seawater, and rocky landscapes that enhance its natural beauty.



Kuantan Street Art is a vibrant attraction that showcases the creative expression of local artists through colorful murals and interactive artworks. Located in several spots around the city, particularly along Jalan Besar and the back alleys of old shophouses, this open-air gallery adds charm and cultural appeal to Kuantan.





### Points of Interests

- East Coast Mall, 400m
- Teluk Chempedak Beach, 2km
- Royal Pahang Golf Course 2km
- Kuantan Tower 188, 3km
- Kuantan River Cruise, 4km
- Taman Gelora, 4km
- Mahkota Golf Country Club, 7km
- Sungai Pandan Waterfall, 30km
- Sungai Lembing, 40km
- Pekan, 48km
- Chendor Beach, 52km
- Lake Chini, 89km
- Taman Negara, 229km



### Visitor Information

- Climate: Tropical with temperatures ranging between 23 to 34 °C
- Voltage: 220 to 240 volts AC
- Currency: Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
- Language: English, Bahasa Malaysia, Chinese & Tamil
- Closest Airport: Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Airport, Kuantan
- International Airport: Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA 1 & 2), Sepang
- Country Code: +60
- Check-in time: 3:00pm
- Check-out time: 12:00 noon

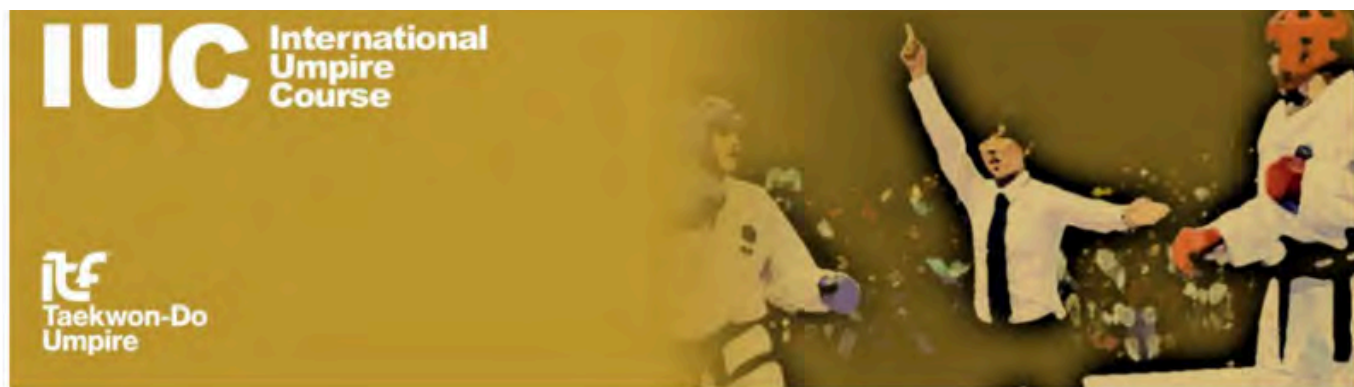
### Location Map



## POINTS OF INTERESTS/ LOCATION MAP



## FURTHER INFORMATION



Further Information on the ITF International Instructor Course can be found here:

<https://itfkd.sport/courses/international-umpire-courses/>

Looking forward to meeting everyone in Kuantan Pahang, Malaysia.

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