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STATISTICS DIRECTORATE**

Meeting on the Management of Statistical Information Systems (MSIS 2009)
(Oslo, Norway, 18-20 May 2009)

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 2

I. MEETING VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

1. At the invitation of the Government of Norway, the Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD meeting will be held in Oslo from 18 to 20 May 2009, hosted by Statistics Norway. It will take place at the Thon Hotel Opera, Christian Frederiksclass 5, Oslo and will start at 10.00 a.m. on 18 May.
2. The conference Hotel, Thon Hotel Opera is favourably located almost on the platform of the Airport Express Train at Oslo Central Station. A map of the meeting venue is accessible through the following link: <http://www.thonhotels.com/Hotel-Map/?back=39>
3. Statistics Norway has reserved rooms at the Thon Hotel Opera at a preferential rate for participants. These reservations are being held **until 1 May 2009**. Participants are therefore encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible if they wish to stay at this hotel. For the list of other hotels, please see Information Notice no. 1 at the following link. <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2009.05.msis.htm>
4. Statistics Norway will offer lunches for participants during the meeting days, at the meeting venue.

II. VISITOR INFORMATION ABOUT OSLO

<http://www.visitoslo.com/en/>

Useful information:

http://www.visitoslo.com/getfile.php/823751.967.qrafytfpxq/14ENG_Useful+information.pdf?force=1&return=www.visitoslo.com

Facts and history:

http://www.visitoslo.com/getfile.php/823739.967.ayqryxxrq/01ENG_Facts+and+history.pdf?force=1&return=www.visitoslo.com

Restaurants and nightlife:

http://www.visitoslo.com/getfile.php/823747.967.wtaawyxpve/10ENG_Restaurants+and+nightlife.pdf?force=1&return=www.visitoslo.com

Museums and attractions:

http://www.visitoslo.com/getfile.php/823742.967.sfbtybabfa/05ENG_Museums+and+attractions.pdf?force=1&return=www.visitoslo.com



The Norwegian Constitution Day, Sunday 17 May:



The Norwegian Constitution Day is the National Day of Norway and is an official national holiday each year. The Constitution of Norway was signed at Eidsvoll on May 17 in the year 1814. The constitution declared Norway to be an independent nation.

A noteworthy aspect of the Norwegian Constitution Day is its very non-military nature. All over Norway, children's parades with an abundance of flags form the central elements of the celebration. Each elementary school district arranges its own parade with marching bands between schools. The longest parade is in Oslo, where some 100,000 people travel to the city centre to participate in the main festivities. The massive Oslo parade includes some 100 schools, marching bands, and passes the royal palace where the royal family greet the people from the main balcony.