

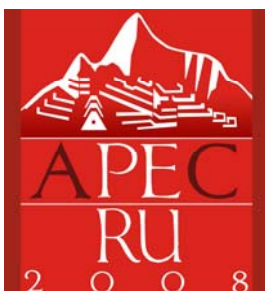


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Regional Consultation on Climate Change and Tourism, 1 – 2 May 2008, Bangkok, Thailand

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26 February 2008

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Dear (as attached)

With reference to the report on the outcome of the 31st APEC Tourism Working Group Meeting held during 29 October – 1 November 2007 in Bandung, Indonesia, Thailand is pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand will organize a Regional Consultation on Climate Change on 1 - 2 May 2008, at the Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok Hotel, details of the programme is attached herewith.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports is honored to invite delegates from your economy to attend the consultation, the general information and registration form of which are attached for your consideration. It would be appreciated if you could submit your registration form by 1 April 2008 either by fax or email as indicated in the form.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr.Sasithara Pichaichannarong)
Permanent Secretary

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1 – 2 May 2008
Bangkok, Thailand

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Purpose

This document provides the arrangement and general information on a Regional Consultation on Climate Change and Tourism, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, during 1 - 2 May 2008.

2. Host Organization

Ministry of Tourism and Sports
Ratchadamnoen Nok Avenue
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Thailand
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3. Meeting Venue

Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok
1695 Phaholyothin Road
Bangkok 10900
Thailand
Tel: + 66 2541 1234
Fax: + 66 2541 1087
E-mail: scgb@chr.co.th

4. Registration

Each country should complete the registration form and submit to the Office of Tourism Development by e-mail at prapatanta@gmail.com or by fax at +66 2216 6658 by **1 April 2008**.

For more information or inquiries on logistical matters and meeting arrangements could be directed to:

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5. Language of the Meeting

The meeting will be conducted in English.

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6. Transportation

The delegates will be responsible for their travel expenses from their home country to Bangkok, Thailand. The organizer will provide local transportation/ pick up services from and to the Suvarnabhumi Airport.

7. Accommodation

The delegates will be responsible for their accommodation expense. For accommodation reservation, the host will pass on the Registration Form to the Hotel. Delegates will arrange payments directly with the hotel. The exchange rate is about 30 Baht equivalent to 1 US dollar.

Room Type	Room including buffet breakfast	
	Single	Twin
Superior	4,273 Baht net	4,732 Baht net
Deluxe	4,484 Baht net	4,943 Baht net
Deluxe on Dynasty Club floors	4,908 Baht net	5,367 Baht net
Petite Suite	5,120 Baht net	5,579 Baht net
Petite Suite on Dynasty Club floors	5,650 Baht net	6,109 Baht net
Junior Suite	6,815 Baht net	7,274 Baht net
Junior Suite on Dynasty Club floors	6,815 Baht net	7,274 Baht net

8. List of Embassies

The Australian Embassy

37 South Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10120

Tel: 0-2344-6300

Fax: 0-2344-6593

The Embassy of Brunei Darussalam

12 Soi Ekamai 2, Sukhumvit 63 Road, Prakhong Nuea, Watthana, Bangkok 10110

Tel: 0-2714-7395-9

Fax: 0-2714-7383

The Embassy of Canada

15th Fl., Abdulrahim Place, 990 Rama IV Road., Bangrak, Bangkok 10500

Tel: 0-2636-0540

Fax: 0-2636-0566

The Embassy of the Republic of Chile

83/17 Vitayu Place, Soi Vitayu 1, Wireless Road, Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330

Tel: 0-2251-9470

Fax: 0-2251-9475

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China

57 Rachadapisake Road, Dindaeng, Bangkok 10400

Tel: 0-2245-0088

Fax: 0-2246-8247

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia

600-602 Petchburi Road, Bangkok 10400

Tel: 0-2252-3135-9

Fax: 0-2255-1267

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<p>The Embassy of Japan 177 Witthayu Road, Lumpini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330 Tel: 0-2696-3000, 0-2207-8500 Fax: 0-2207-8510</p>
<p>Embassy of the Republic of Korea 23 Thiam-Ruammit Road, Ratchadapisek, Huai Khwang, Bangkok 10320 Tel: 0-2247-7537-9 Fax: 0-2247-7535</p>
<p>The Embassy of Malaysia 33-35 South Sathorn Road, Tungmahamek, Sathorn, Bangkok 10120 Tel: 0-2629-6800 Fax: 0-2679-2208</p>
<p>The Embassy of the United Mexican States 21/60-62, Thai Wah Tower1, 20th Fl., South Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10120. Tel: 0-2285-0995, 2850815-18 Fax: 0-2285-0667</p>
<p>The New Zealand Embassy M Thai Tower, 14th Fl., All Seasons Place, 87 Wireless Road, Lumpini, Bangkok 10330 Tel: 0-2254-2530 Fax: 0-2253-9045</p>
<p>The Embassy of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea Panin Bank Centre, 6th Fl., Jl. Jenderal Sudirman, No.1, Jakarta 10270, Indonesia Tel: (6221) 725-1218 Fax: (6221) 720-1012</p>
<p>The Embassy of the Republic of Peru Glas Haus Bldg., 16th Fl., No. 1 Soi Sukhumvit 25, Sukhumvit Road, Watthana, Bangkok 10110 Tel: 0-2260-6243, 0-2260-6245, 0-2260-6248 Fax: 0-2260-6244</p>
<p>The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines 760 Sukhumvit Road, Corner Soi Philippines (Sukhumvit 30/1), Prakanong, Bangkok 10110 Tel: 0-2259-0139-40, 0-2258-5401 Fax : 0-2259-2809</p>
<p>The Embassy of the Russian Federation 78 Sap Road, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500 Tel: 0-2234-9824, 0-2268-1169 Fax: 0-2237-8488</p>
<p>The Embassy of the Republic of Singapore 129 South Sathorn Road, Tungmahamek, Sathorn, Bangkok 10120 Tel: 0-2286-2111, 0-2286-1434, (Visa & Consular) 0-2286-6966 Fax: 0-2287-2578 (General)</p>
<p>The Embassy of the United States of America 120-122 Wireless Road, Bangkok 10330 Tel: 0-2205-4000 Fax: 0-2205-4131</p>
<p>The Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 83/1 Wireless Road, Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 Tel: 0-2251-5836-8, 0-2251-7202, 0-2251-3552 Fax: 0-2251-7203</p>
<p>The Embassy of Spain Lake Rajada Office Complex, 23rd Floor, 193, Ratchadapisek Road, Bangkok 10110 Tel: 02 661 8284-6 Fax: 02 661 9220</p>

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9. Airline Telephone Numbers

Qantas Airways	(662) 627 1700	Royal Brunei	(662) 637 5151
Canadian Airlines	(662) 670 0400	China Airlines	(662) 250 9880 – 1
Garuda Airlines	(662) 285 6470 – 2	Japan Airlines	(662) 649 9555
Korean Airlines	(662) 635 0469	Malaysian Airlines	(662) 263 0520 – 2
Philippine Airlines	(662) 633 5713 – 4	Aeroflot	(662) 251 0617
Singapore Airlines	(662) 353 6000	Thai International	(662) 356 1111
American Airlines	(662) 263 0225 - 7	Vietnam Airlines	(662) 134 2003

10. Bangkok at a Glance

Bangkok was founded in 1782 by the first monarch of the present Chakri Dynasty. It is now the spiritual, cultural, diplomatic, commercial and educational hub of the country. It covers an area of more than 1,500 square kms, and it is home to approximately ten million people or more than 10% of the population.

Over the last few decades, Thailand's capital city, Bangkok, has changed into a modern, exciting and sophisticated city. It offers to visitors not only the cosmopolitan amenities they would expect from other big cities, but also a unique treasure trove of cultural attractions. Thailand, in the heart of Southeast Asia, kept its unique culture and heritage intact. Bangkok offers visitors the opportunity to experience fascinating glimpse of Thailand's gentle culture amidst the bustle of a great and dynamic metropolis. This great city has had astounding success in combining the ancient and modern world.

For tourists, Bangkok has a feast of attractions to offer. The city is dotted with 400 glittering Buddhist temples of great beauty and fascination, magnificent palaces, classical dance extravaganzas, numerous shopping centres and traditional ways of life, especially along the "Venice of the East" timeless canals and the Chao Phraya River, the "River of Kings" winding through the city. It is worth taking a trip along its waters before exploring further into different canals to take a glimpse of old Bangkok.

11. Climate

Thailand enjoys a tropical climate with three distinct seasons - hot and dry from February to May (average temperature 34 degrees Celsius and 75% humidity); rainy with plenty of sunshine from June to October (average day temperature 29 degrees Celsius and 87% humidity); and cool from November to January (temperatures range from 32 degrees Celsius to below 20 degrees Celsius with a drop in humidity).

Much lower temperatures are experienced in the North and Northeast during nighttime. A tropical rainforest climate is in the South with temperatures averaging 28 degrees Celsius almost all year round.

12. Time

The time in Thailand is seven hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (+7 hours GMT).

13. Electricity

The electric current is 220 volt AC (50 cycles) throughout the country. Many different types of plugs and sockets are in use. Travellers with electric shavers, hair dryers, tape recorders and other appliances should carry a plug adapter kit. The better hotels will make available 110-volt transformers.

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14. Area Code

Country code of Thailand is 66 and city code of Bangkok is 02.

15. Currency

The Thai currency unit is the Baht which is divided into 100 satang.

Coins are valued at 25 and 50 satang, 1, 2 and 5 and 10 baht. Notes are in 20 (green), 50 (blue), 100 (red), 500 (purple) and 1,000 (grey) denominations.

Major currency bills and travellers' cheques are cashed easily at hotels, tourist shops, all provincial centres and money changers. Travellers' cheques are best changed in banks.

**Programme for
Regional Consultation on Climate Change and Tourism
Thursday 1- Friday 2 May 2008, Bangkok, Thailand**

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Tuesday – Wednesday 29 – 30 April 2008: PATA 2008 CEO Challenges

Thursday 1 May 2008

Morning **Presentation of Best Practices for Climate Change and Tourism**

1. Eco – friendly vehicles
2. Low energy accommodation
3. Low emission aviation

12.00 – 13.00 hrs Lunch

Afternoon

13.00 – 17.00 hrs **Visit to an eco – tourism destination** managed by local government called Bangnampheung Community in Samutprakan Province, the biggest green area near Bangkok, the lung of Bangkok conserved according to H.M. the King's initiative, surrounded by commercial and industrial areas, with community participation, support of the Governor, easy access, identity of lifestyle on river banks, environment conservation, using non pollution vehicles as bicycles, row boats and battery cars, various activities – floating market selling products of local wisdom, traditional massage, rowing boats, bicycling, etc.

18.00 - 20.00 hrs Welcome Dinner hosted by Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand

Friday 2 May 2008

Morning Delegates are divided into 2 groups for **technical visits** to **Route 1 Low energy accommodation**
Accommodation is another factor of impact on climate change, causing electricity and water consumption and wastes to be managed, therefore, measures to decrease impacts from climate change should be encouraged.

Participants will visit various parts of a hotel and be briefed of the implementation.

Route 2 Low emission aviation

Aviation is one of the most important sectors for tourism industry but causes impact on climate change more than other modes of transportation. Therefore, it is necessary to study on the impact of aviation on Climate Change which includes airports, aircrafts and airline management. On the first day of the meeting a case study will be distributed and on the second day, delegates will visit the Suvarnbhumi Airport for a technical tour on how airlines and airport manage their aviation business to minimize climate change impacts. At the airport, delegates will have a chance to discuss with the staff of Thai Airways International Public Company Limited and Airport Authority of Thailand Public Company Limited about the aviation and climate change. Moreover, participants will explore the airport in order to learn more about the management of aviation business to minimize climate change impacts.

12.00 – 13.00 hrs

Afternoon

Lunch

Conclusion

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Typing letters)

Dr. Mr. Ms. Other _____ Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province/ State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Fight Information

	Date	Flight Number	Time
Arrival			
Departure			

Hotel Reservation

No. of Rooms	Type of Room	Check-in Date	Check-out Date

Credit Card Details

Type of Card	Card Number	Expiry Date

Date: _____

Please fax or email the completed form by **1 April 2008** to:

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Programme (1)

- 1 May 2008
 - Morning - Presentation of Best Practices for Climate Change and Tourism
 1. Eco – friendly vehicles
 2. Low energy accommodation
 3. Low emission aviation

Programme (2)

- **1 May 2008**

Afternoon - Visit to an eco – tourism destination managed by local community in Samutprakan Province conserved according to H.M. the King's initiative using non pollution vehicles

Welcome Dinner hosted by Permanent Secretary

Programme (3)

- **2 May 2008**

Morning – technical visits

Route 1 Low energy accommodation
visit various parts of a hotel

Route 2 Low emission aviation – visit
Suvarnbhumi Airport, study
airport, aircraft and airline
management to decrease impact

Afternoon - Conclusion