



ARISE PLUS CIVIL AVIATION PROJECT

Activity Practical Manual

Air Traffic Management: 4.2.2

Activity title: Support ASEAN ATM Master Plan – Workshop 2:

ASEAN-wide Implementation of Agreed Initiatives

ASEAN Lead Partner: Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand

Date and place: 10 – 12 September 2018

Bangkok, Thailand

Final document issued on: 5 September 2018

Table of contents

Contact Persons	2
Meeting venue	3
Draft Agenda	
List of Delegates	
Activity Implementation Sheet	
Accommodation	
Practical Information	14
EU Experts CVs	15
Information Bulletin by Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand	17

Contact Persons

Project Manager: Mr David Waller
European Aviation Safety Agency

Office Telephone number: +32 2 801 3910

E-mail address: david.waller@easa.europa.eu

Operations Manager: Mr Jacinto A. Lopez Navalon

European Aviation Safety Agency

Office Telephone number: +49 221 89990 5024 E-mail address: jacinto-alberto.lopez-

navalon@easa.europa.eu

Operations Assistant: Ms Ksenija Nikolic

European Aviation Safety Agency

Office Telephone number: +49 221 89990 5215

E-mail address: ksenija.nikolic.ext@easa.europa.eu

ATM/ANS Expert: Mr. Anders Hallgren

Office Telephone number: +32 499 942440

E-mail address: ahallgren53@gmail.com

ASEAN Partner Ms. Tawika Huayhongtong

Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand

Office telephone number: +66 2 568 8825

E-mail address: tawika.h@caat.or.th

Meeting venue

The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand will kindly arrange this activity at following venues.

Pathumwan Princess Hotel "Jamjuree 1 Meeting Room"

444 MBK Center Phayathai Road, Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 THAILAND

Telephone: +66 2 216 3700 Fax: +66 2 216 3730 Website: www.pprincess.com

CAA Thailand Contact Person

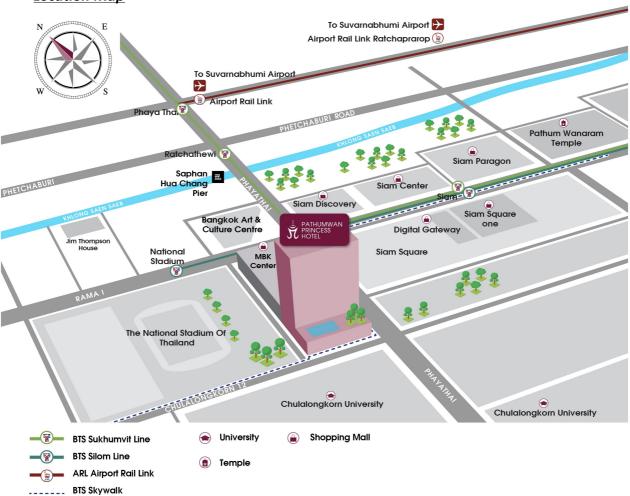
Ms. Vanatta Noipan

Air Navigation Services Standards Department

Telephone: +66 2 568 8825

Email: vanatta.n@caat.or.th

Location Map



Draft Agenda

AH	Opening and Administrative Matters		
АН	Workshop objectives, set-up and expectations		
7.11	vvorkshop objectives, set up und expectations		
PB/DB	General Introduction – ATM Planning in Europe, from Global to regional to local		
	The implementation of the ASEAN ATM Master Plan		
ASEAN	 ASEAN MS to present the status of the plan 		
	 Ensuring compatibility with the ICAO APAC Seamless ATM Plan 		
PB/DB	The European ATM Master Plan Methodology		
	The European Implementation and Monitoring Mechanisms		
РВ	ESSIP (Regional)		
	o LSSIP (Local)		
	The status in Europe with regard to the development of some of the ASEAN first-		
	priority initiatives and possible future inclusions		
DD /DD	 SWIM, AIM and CRV 		
PB/DB	 Cyber security 		
	 Drones 		
	 Civ/Mil cooperation 		
20	Deployment planning		
PB	 The development of road maps 		
	Paper planning exercise		
AH	 Breakout sessions to develop strawman road maps for the five 		
	initiatives		
АН	Conclusions and recommendations		
Miscellane	ous		

List of Delegates

1. European Experts

NAME	ORGANISATION AND POSITION	E-MAIL
Mr. Anders Hallgren	ARISE+ Project / ATM Expert	ahallgren53@gmail.com
Mr. Paul Bosman	EUROCONTROL / Head of Aviation Cooperation and Strategies Division	paul.bosman@eurocontrol.int
Mr. David Batchelor	SESAR JU / Head of International Affairs	david.batchelor@sesarju.eu

2. ASEAN Member States Delegates

Country	Participant Organisation and Position		Email
Brunei Darussalam			
Brunei Darussalam			
Brunei Darussalam			
Cambodia	Ms. Tith Phoumith	State Secretariat of Civil Aviation of Cambodia/ Deputy Director Of Air Navigation Standards And Safety Department	phoumith-tith @civilaviation.gov.kh
Cambodia	Mr. Oun Makara	State Secretariat of Civil Aviation of Cambodia / Deputy Of Air Traffic Service Bureau	omakara93 @gmail.com
Cambodia	Mr. Vichheka Buntong	Cambodia Air Traffic Services / ATM Officer	
Lao PDR	Mr. Thanongdeth Nalisak	Department of Civil Aviation of Lao PDR/ Chief of Air Traffic Management Section Air Navigation Division	thanongdeth @dcal.gov.la
Lao PDR	Mr. Xaygnasith Xouymanivong	Lao Air Navigation Services / ATC Watch Supervisor & ATC Instructor	

Country	Participant	Organisation and Position	Email
Indonesia			
Indonesia			
Indonesia			
Malaysia	ТВС	Department of Civil Aviation of Malaysia	
Malaysia	ТВС	Department of Civil Aviation of Malaysia	
Malaysia	ТВС	Department of Civil Aviation of Malaysia	
Myanmar	Mr. Soe Naing	Department of Civil Aviation of Myanmar/ Assistant General Manager (ATM)	usoenaing@gmail.com
Myanmar	Ms. San San Aye	Department of Civil Aviation of Myanmar/ Manager (ATM)	sansanaye67 @gmail.com
Philippines			
Philippines			
Philippines			
Singapore	Mr. Michael Shee	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore / ATC Manager (ATM Operations Planning)	michael_shee @caas.gov.sg
Singapore	Ms. Peiru He	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore/ ATC Manager (System Architecture)	he_peiru@caas.gov.sg
Singapore	Ms. Yung Tzen Lim	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore / Air Navigation Services Provider	lim_yung_tzen @caas.gov.sg

Country	Participant	Organisation and Position	Email
Singapore	pore Mr. Mohamed Faisal Bin Mohamed Salleh Air Traffic Management Research Institute (ATMRI) / Programme Director		mohd.faisal @ntu.edu.sg
Viet Nam	Mr. Le Quoc Khanh	Vietnam Air Traffic Management/ Deputy Director General	
Viet Nam	Mr. Chu Minh Duoc	Vietnam Air Traffic Management/ Deputy Director Of ATS Department	chuduoc@vatm.vn
Thailand	Mr. Preeda Youngsuksathaporn	Deputy Director General, The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)	preeda.y@caat.or.th
Thailand	Ms. Tawika Huayhongtong	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Air Navigation Services Standards Manager	tawika.h@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Chai Kaewkitinarong	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Head of Navigation Aid Division	chai.k@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Daniel Cruz Bardera	EASA ,The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)	daniel.b@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Jakrin Kutantham	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Aeronautical Information and Charts Standards Division	jakrin.k@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Kittiboon Kongsabay	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Flight Check Division	kittiboon.k@caat.or.th
Thailand	Ms. Papassrin Jirawiwatkul	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Chief of Aeronautical Information, AIS Department	papassrin.j@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Pawat Harnbumrungkit	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Head of ATM Standard Division	pawat.h@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Pongabha Abhakara	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Air Navigation Services Standards Department	pongabha.a@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Sarawoot Rungruengwajiake	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Air Navigation Services Standards Department	sarawoot.r@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Sutat Jongsintawee	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Air Navigation Service Officer	sutat.j@caat.or.th
Thailand	Ms. Thitibhorn Prathumchai	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ Air Traffic Management Standards Division	thitibhorn.p @caat.or.th

Country	Participant	Organisation and Position	Email
Thailand	Ms. Vanatta Noipan	Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand/ ATM Standards Division	vanatta.n@caat.or.th
Thailand	Mr. Debdhanit Yupho	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Chief, Policy and Strategy Management Bureau	
Thailand	Mr. Chonlawit Banphawatthanarak	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Chief, Policy And Strategy Management Bureau (Group of Organization Development)	
Thailand	Miss Siree Vatanavigkit	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Strategic Planning Manager (Engineering)	
Thailand	Miss Amornrat Jirattigalachote	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Strategic Planning Assistant Manager (Engineering)	
Thailand	Mr. Popporn Kosaikanont	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Air Traffic Engineering Manager	
Thailand	Mr. Woraphan Muangsri	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Airspace Design Assistant Manager	
Thailand	Mr. Dhivatbodi Sivajdhanachoti	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Strategic Planning Assistant Manager (Engineering)	
Thailand	Miss Rose Aksornkitti	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Executive Air Traffic Management Network Officer	
Thailand	Miss Onnicha Valeepituckdej	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Internal Audit Assistant Manager	
Thailand	Mrs. Jittima Asawachaiporn	Aeronautical Radio of Thailand/ Aeronautical Information Manager	

^{***} Nomination will be received in due course ***

Activity Implementation Sheet

ACTIVITY THEME: Air Traffic Management			ACTI	VITY NO. (OWP):	4.2	
			Activity T	itle:		
Support AS	EAN ATI	M Master Plan – wo	rkshop 2: ASE	AN-v	vide implement	ation of agreed initiatives
PST	Title	Name	Phone		Fax	E-mail
contact persons	Mr.	Anders Hallgren	+32 499 942	440		ahallgren53@gmail.com
Venue	Bangkok (details TBD)					
Starting	09.00, 10 September 2018					
Ending	14.00, 12 September 2018					

OBJECTIVE:

- support the ASEAN Member States in the continued deployment of the initiatives agreed as priorities in the ASEAN ATM Master Plan;
- share European experiences on issues that needs to be considered when handling region-wide implementation and deployment of agreed ATM improvements; and
- reach ASEAN-wide agreement on the structure and main content of the road maps required for each of the five identified priorities.

ARISE Plus Experts				
Name:		Anders Hallgren		
Expert 1	Organisation	ATM Expert, ARISE+ Project		
	Name:	Paul Bosman		
Expert 2	Organisation	Head of Aviation Cooperation an EUROCONTROL	d Strategies Division,	
Evport 2	Name:	David Batchelor		
Expert 3	Organisation	Head of International Affairs, SESAR JU		
	ASEAN EXPERTS PROFILE Number: 40			
Specialty	Air Traffic Management, from the Civil Aviation Authority and/or the ANSP of the State.			
1) Head of ATM Department or similar. Participants should be in a position to discuss and agree priorities for the implementation of the agreed initiatives in the ASEAN Master Plan on behalf of his/her state. Position				
2) In addition, States are requested to nominate suitably qualified expert(s) who have or may in the future have direct responsibility for the execution of the Development Programs of the Master Plan.				

SUMMARY

In the ASEAN ATM Master Plan there are five initiatives identified that can only be effectively deployed if their development is based on regional cooperation. These five initiatives are therefore considered to urgently require ASEAN-wide harmonised implementation to drive ATM improvements and harmonise the ASEAN region as a whole. There is a need to develop coordinated implementation and deployment plans throughout the region in general, and between adjacent States in particular.

The European ATM Master Plan includes roadmaps for the development and deployment of the identified changes, ensuring that their deployment is planned in a performance-driven and synchronised way to maximise benefits. Based on the experiences in Europe, it is the intention that the workshop should be able to start the development of road maps for the five region-wide initiatives in the ASEAN ATM Master Plan.

The ASEAN ATM Master Plan also contains a description of eight initiatives considered being first-priority implementation. They do not require region-wide harmonised implementation in the way the five other initiatives do, but the ASEAN ATM Master Plan urges Member States to implement these initiatives, and although the emphasis will be on the five region-wide initiatives, the workshop will address also the other eight first-priority initiatives.

It will be not possible to develop entire road maps for all the five initiatives, but it is the intention that the workshop will provide the necessary vehicle for the nominated lead countries to get together and discuss the process with experts from the other ASEAN member States. The workshop will also allow the ASEAN experts to take advantage of the presence of the expertise from Europe that have extensive experience of the development and consultation processes in Europe.

It is well-known that there are various links between the different initiatives. One important such link is the fact that the Distributed Multi-Nodal ATFM Network in ASEAN will require information sharing through SWIM-based technology to ensure effective information sharing among ATFM Nodes. As such, the development of two of the other initiatives, the one on AIM and the one on the development of a common aeronautical virtual private network are very important. Mr. Bosman, who has extensive experience in the fields of AIM and SWIM, will also talk about the status of SWIM in Europe, and how Cross-Border ATFM implementation eventually can be based on a SWIM-like communication network.

An ATM Master Plan is a living document and should be updated regularly based on evolution in ATM. Two issues featuring high on the agenda today are drones and cyber-security, and since they both are candidates to be included in a future version of the ASEAN ATM Master Plan, Mr. Bosman, who is responsible for the these issues in the Aviation Cooperation and Strategies Division at Eurocontrol will update the experts from ASEAN on the developments in these areas in Europe.

The following subjects will be discussed at the workshop:

- The status and developments of the ASEAN ATM Master Plan;
- EUR ATM Master Plan, an overview;
- Deployment planning;
- The status in Europe with regard to the development of some of the first-priority initiatives;
- The development of road maps for the five region-wide initiatives.

АН	Opening and Administrative Matters
АН	Workshop objectives, set-up and expectations
PB/DB	General Introduction – ATM Planning in Europe, from Global to regional to local
ASEAN	The implementation of the ASEAN ATM Master Plan O ASEAN MS to present the status of the plan O Ensuring compatibility with the ICAO APAC Seamless ATM Plan
PB/DB	The European ATM Master Plan Methodology
РВ	The European Implementation and Monitoring Mechanisms
PB/DB	The status in Europe with regard to the development of some of the ASEAN first-priority initiatives and possible future inclusions SWIM, AIM and CRV Cyber security Drones Civ/Mil cooperation
РВ	Deployment planning The development of road maps
АН	Paper planning exercise o Breakout sessions to develop strawman road maps for the five initiatives
АН	Conclusions and recommendations

Accommodation

1. Hotel Accommodation

Pathumwan Princess Hotel

444 MBK Center Phayathai Road, Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 THAILAND

Telephone: +66 2 216 3700 Fax: +66 2 216 3730 Website: www.pprincess.com

Hotel Contact Person

Ms. Iksanee Ngamwilaiphorn / Sales Coordinator – MICE & Event

Tel: + 66 2216 3700 ext. 20613

Email: iksanee@mbk-ht.com | cc: cherdsuk@mbk-ht.com

2. Payment of hotel bills

Unless ASEAN MS Delegates are sponsored by the project, the delegates will be responsible for their own hotel bills.

Room Rate at Pathumwan Princess Hotel

Superior Room — Single Occupancy at THB 3,600 nett/room/night

- Twin/Double Occupancy at THB 3,900 nett/room/night

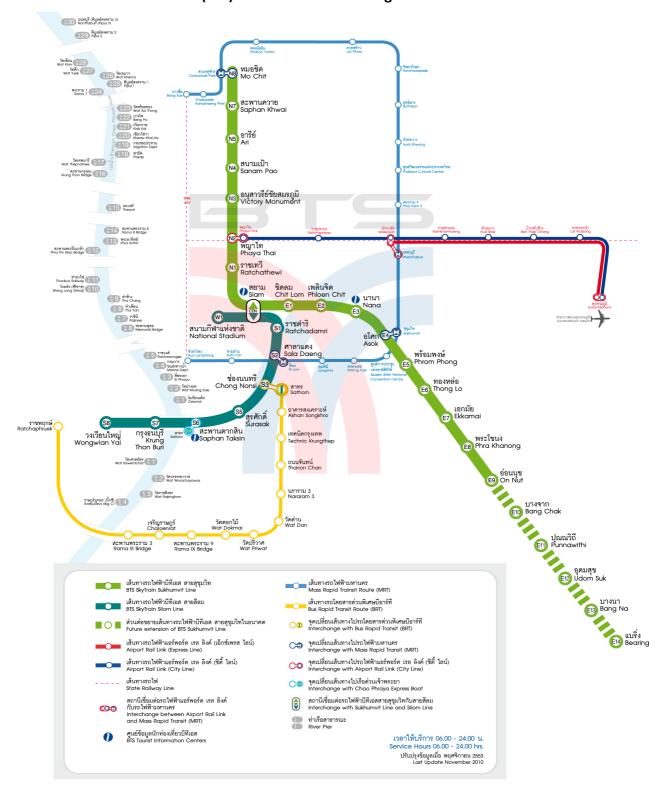
NOTE:

- Pathumwan Princess is a non smoking hotel
- The rates are quoted / room / night including daily breakfast at CiTi BiSTRo restaurant from 06:00-10:30 hrs.
- The rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 7% Government Tax.
- No guaranteed for bed type, all special requirements subject to room availability upon arrival date.
- No booking will be accepted without credit card details or one night deposit. In case of no show for a guaranteed booking, one night's deposit will be charged.

3. Meals

- CAA Thailand will provide Lunches and Coffee/Tea-Breaks for every working day.
- A welcome dinner will be hosted by the project in the evening of the 10th of September 2018 at Pathumwan Princess Hotel "Jamjuree Balloom A"
- Other meals to be taken care of by the delegates themselves.

4. Map to the meeting venue by BTS, MRT, BRT and Airport Link: To BTS National Stadium (W1) with 5 minutes walking distance



Practical Information

Thailand Currency

Thailand Baht (THB)

Exchange rate indicators taken in September 2018 (indicative):

1 EUR = 38.23900 THB 1 USD = 32.70527 THB

Indicative: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm

Credit cards:

MasterCard, Visa, Diners Club and American Express are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, shops and supermarkets. Credit cards may be used to obtain local currency at the airport and at all the cash dispensers.

Medical and Insurance Coverage

The project does not provide medical and insurance cover for the delegates. We recommend that delegates take out necessary insurance in their home country to cover accidents, medical expenses and loss of personal belonging during the visit.

EU Experts CVs

Anders Hallgren

ARISE+ ATM EXPERT

Anders Hallgren has an operational ATC background, with a long experience as an Air Traffic Controller/Supervisor in Malmoe ATCC in Sweden. He also has extensive experience from various ATM projects, such as the ICAO Saudi-Arabia Project, as well as projects run by the Swedish CAA in Botswana and Zimbabwe with the aim to modernise ATM in those States.

He joined the Network Management Directorate of the EUROCONTROL Agency in July 1998. There Mr. Hallgren was part of the Airspace Management Division, managing activities related to Airspace Management (ASM) and ATC Procedures.

After retiring from Eurocontrol, Mr. Hallgren joined the EU-AATIP Project Support Team where he was responsible for the ATM part. Mr. Hallgren is now active in the ARISE+ and the EU-SEA Aviation Partnership projects, where he is responsible for developments in the area of ATM.

Paul Bosman

Paul Bosman is the Head of Aviation Cooperation & Strategies Division at EUROCONTROL.

He worked for seven years as Technical Project Manager on Surveillance Analysis products in EUROCONTROL's Research and Development Centre in Brétigny. He joined the EUROCONTROL Aeronautical Information Management Domain in 2000, where he worked on Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) improvement projects such as ISO9000, Aeronautical Information Regulation and Control (AIRAC) Adherence and SLAs, and created AIS Agora.

He then moved on to work as Special Advisor to the Director ATM Programmes and was, consequently, seconded to the SESAR Definition Phase Content Integration Team where he managed the delivery of the very first European ATM Master Plan and associated Work Programme.

Returning to the Agency in 2008, he was appointed system-wide information management (SWIM) & Architecture Unit Manager. He is now the Head of Aviation Cooperation & Strategies Division, managing a group of over 100 experts and responsible for EUROCONTROL's contributions to the European ATM Master Plan, Architecture, Performance, Digitalisation, Cyber Security, Drones, Environment, EASA/SESAR/FAA/ICAO/International Cooperation, Standardisation and Support to Stakeholders.

Paul has a Master's degree in information management from the Technical University of Delft, the Netherlands.

David Batchelor

David Batchelor is Head of International Affairs at the SESAR Joint Undertaking (SJU) in Brussels. He is responsible for developing and managing the SJU's relations with relevant stakeholders worldwide in order to articulate and promote SESAR, Europe's programme to modernise air traffic management, and to build cooperation in support of global interoperability.

He previously spent four years from 2012 to 2016 in Washington DC, representing the SJU in the US and fostering relations with the FAA's NextGen programme, with the overall objective of supporting interoperability between SESAR and NextGen.

Prior to this, David worked in the European Commission's Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE). From 2008 to 2012, he worked on aviation noise and emissions, and was the European Union Observer to the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP). From 2003 to 2007, he worked on the EU-US air transport negotiations, which culminated in the EU-US "open skies" air transport agreement in 2007.

David's career began at the UK Civil Aviation Authority as an economist, before becoming Head of International Aviation Policy in the CAA's Economic Regulation Group in 1995.

David graduated from Oxford University with a BA (Hons) in Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

Information Bulletin by Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand

ARISE Plus Project: Workshop ASEAN ATM MASTER PLAN -

Workshop 2: ASEAN - Wide Implementation of agreed initiatives

10 - 12 September 2018

Pathumwan Princess Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

MEETING VENUE



Pathumwan Princess Hotel 444 MBK Centre, Phayathai Road Wangmai, Phathumwan, Bangkok 10330, THAILAND

Tel: +66 (0) 2 216 3700

Website: www.pprincess.com

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



By Taxi from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Hotel

- Taxi stands are available on the Level 1 exits of the airport en route to the hotel.
- Take the expressway for approximately 30 minutes into Rama 4 exit.
- Turn left and drive straight along Rama 4 road and take right turn on the Sam Yan intersection. The Pathumwan Princess Hotel is about 800 metres away on your left.



- From the Basement Level of the airport and go all the way to the Phayathai terminal station.
- Interchange to Phayathai BTS station from there.



- From the airport link's Phayathai terminal, take the BTS to Siam Station, interchange trains going to the National stadium station where you will get off.
- Walk towards the exit 4 straight to MBK shopping center's second floor.
- Head to the hotel's second floor entrance which is approximately 3 minutes away only.

MAP of Pathumwan Princess hotel



ACCOMMODATION

	Hotel Name	Address	Contact Detail	
1	Pathumwan Princess Hotel (Meeting Venue)	444 MBK Centre, Phayathai Road Wangmai, Phathumwan, Bangkok 10330	Tel: +66 (0) 2 216 3700, +66 (0) 9 7230 9943 Fax: +66 (0) 2216 3730 Email: ppb@pprincess.com Website: www.pprincess.com Contact person: Ms. Pensiri Mala	
		Corporate Rate for Superior Single Room for 3,400 THB Net Corporate Rate for Superior Twin Room for 3,700 THB Net		
2	Siam@Siam Design Hotel Bangkok	865 Rama 1 Road, Opposite National Stadium, Wang Mai, Patumwan, Bangkok, 10330	Tel: +66 (0) 2217 3000, +66 (0) 9 6932 4636 Fax: +66 (0) 2217 3047 Email: rsvn@siamatsiam.com Website: www.siamatsiam.com Contact person: Ms. Natkhanit Chirawacharanant	
		·	Single Room for 3,150++ THB Double Room for 3,500++ THB	
3	Mercure Bangkok Siam Hotel	927 Rama 1 Road Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330	Tel: +66 (0) 2874 7182, +66 (0) 8 1836 8615 Fax: +66 (0) 2874 7139 Email: mercure.erawan@accor.com Website: www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel- 8015-mercure-bangkok-siam/index.shtml Contact person: Mr. Krit Thuesat	
		Corporate Rate for Superior	Room for 2,800++ THB	
4	Ibis Bangkok Siam Hotel	927 Rama 1 Road Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330	Tel: +66 (0) 2874 7182, +66 (0) 8 1836 8615 Fax: +66 (0) 2874 7139 Email: ibis.erawan@accor.com Website: www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel- 8016-ibis-bangkok-siam/index.shtml Contact person: Mr. Krit Thuesat	
		· ·	d Single Room for 2,200++ THB d Twin Room for 2,500++ THB	

Remark: We strongly recommend you to make your own reservation directly to the hotel as soon as possible in order to guarantee the space availability.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Passport, Visa and Customs



All foreign nationals entering Thailand must have valid passports or other valid documents for travel. Participants from certain countries are not required to obtain visas for a temporary visit not exceeding 15 days. It should be, however, noted that the temporary visas issued upon arrival at the Airport cannot be extended beyond the period of 15 days except under extraordinary circumstances. Therefore, it is suggested that all participants consider obtaining official visas from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate prior to their arrival in Thailand.

International certificates of vaccination against yellow fever are required if arriving within 6 days after leaving or transiting an infected area.

Following items such as brought in duty free:

- a) Personal effects such as clothing etc.
- b) 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of cigar or smoking tobacco
- c) 1 litre of alcoholic beverages.

There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency you can bring in or out of Thailand. However, you must declare it to Customs if you carry foreign currency with aggregate amount exceeding USD 20,000 or its equivalent. (Current exchange rate US\$1 = Baht 33 approx.)

Time

Time in Thailand is 7 hours ahead of Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC+7).



Climate

Weather in Bangkok is generally hot with high humidity. September is part of the wet season in Thailand, which lasts from May until October. More weather information can be obtained from the web site of the Thai Meteorological Department: http://www.tmd.go.th/en/

Bank/Credit Card

- All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open from 0830 to 1530 hours from Monday through Friday and some keep the foreign exchange counter open until 2000 hours during weekdays. Foreign exchange counters operated by various commercial banks are located at several places in the city and are also open during Saturdays and Sundays and on public holidays from 1000 to 2000 hours. To change travellers' cheques you are required to show your passport.
- All major credits cards are accepted in most hotels, shops, and restaurants.
- The most widely accepted credit cards are Visa and Master Card.

Tipping

Tipping is expected but not compulsory. Most restaurants already levy a 10% services charge on the bill.

Electricity

The electricity in Thailand is 220 volts, 50 cycles/sec. Power outlets most commonly feature two-pronged plugs, though some feature holes for round plug ends. So, it is necessary to have a two prong adapter when going to Bangkok.



Other

Although the tap water in Bangkok is chemically treated, it is recommended to drink only bottled water and beverages.

BANGKOK ATTRACTION

Temples







Wat Phu Khao Thong



Bangkok is the capital of Thailand since 1782 and boasts many of majestic temples that revered by Thai Buddhists which is 95% of its over 68 million populations. The temples are a unique part of the capital's heart and soul. The architecture is awe-inspiring and the glittering decoration like no other. There are a great variety of tourist places in Bangkok, mostly historical attractions and temples with elaborate architecture and art. Famous temples are Wat Phra Kaew, Wat Pho, Wat Arun, Wat Phu Khao Thong, Wat Ratchanadda, Wat Traimit, Wat Benchamabophit, Wat Bowon, and Wat Sutat.

Please noted that it is the place of worship and dress code must be followed (No sleeveless, no shorts/short skirts, no flip flop is allowed in the premise).

Shopping Centers













Platinum Fashion Mall

Check out the city's latest opulent offering, the snazzy EmQuartier, which features a waterfall, some of the highest end shops in town, and even an entire set of floors dedicated to fine dining. Siam Paragon, Terminal 21, and CentralWorld also all have luxury cineplex theatres, tons of dining options, and plenty to do other than just shop.

For more specific items you'll need to head to specific malls. For mobile phones, head to MBK, and for high end designer goods, Gaysorn is a fine choice. If you want cheap fashion accessories and clothing, or a great selection of baby and children's clothing, head to Platinum Fashion Mall. All of the Central Malls, from CentralWorld to Central Childom, are renowned for their gourmet markets with food and drink from around the world.

