

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Registered Colleague,

Wishing you all a very Happy Conference Year 2007!

We are delighted to receive paper proposals numbering around 300 so far from as many as 53 countries. Meanwhile, you may be aware of the great honour bestowed upon our SSEASR as **HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn** of Thailand has kindly consented to grace the occasion by presiding the Conference. As we now update the website with new information, may I pass on some of these in advance to help you in shaping your plans? Please ignore the mail if you have already received it or our **apologies to those who are not registered and do not intend to attend:**

### VENUE

The conference will be held in the serene campus of the Mahidol University, at Nakhon Pathom, a twin city coterminous with the boundaries of the Bangkok Metropolis( 36 km from the new Suvarnabhumi Airport; 18 km from the main downtown area, and regularly connected with A/C Bus). Nakhon Pathom has a very significant historical background in the history of Buddhism in Thailand. It is believed to be the first place where the two Indian monks (sent by Mauryan Emperor Asoka), Sona and Uttara landed up to bring the wisdom of Buddhism in the third century BC. A highly revered Buddhist stupa under the Royal Patronage is there known as Pathom Chedi (*Prathama Chaitya*).

### REGISTRATION

The registration amount (as mentioned in the web page link REGISTRATION) can be sent to us by a US\$ or Euro bank draft/personal cheque payable to the **Institute of Language and Culture for Rural Development, Mahidol University, Thailand** and sent to us **by post** at the Conference office in Thailand:

Dr. Sophana Srichampa, Secretary General and Chair, SSEASR Conference Organising Committee, Institute of Language and Culture for Rural Development, Mahidol University, Phutthamonthon 4 Road, Nakornpathom 73170 THAILAND

The registration money and accommodation ADVANCE can be sent through electronic transfer also:

#### DETAILS OF E-TRANSFER

1. BANK NAME	THE SIAM COMMERCIAL BANK P.C.L.,
2. BRANCH NAME	MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY SUB BRANCH
3. BANK ADDRESS	999 MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY PHUTMONTHOL SAI 4 ROAD TAMBOL SALAYA, AMPHUR PHUTMONTHOL PROVINCE NAKHONPATHOM, ZIP CODE 73170
4. ACCOUNT NAME	INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
5. ACCOUNT NO.	333-2 21774-5
6. SWIFT CODE	SICOTHBK

(Kindly add in your transfer amount the processing fee of the bank also which varies from bank to bank (would not be more than US\$ 20 per transaction). Please send an email informing us of such transfer with the details of the payments and its purpose (such as registration, hotel or Cambodia trip advance)

## REGISTRATION RATE (w.e.f. January 1 2007)

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS		FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS	
	Baht 3,000		US \$250
Fulltime Students:	Baht 1,500	Fulltime Students:	US \$ 100
Foreigners in Thailand:	Baht 4,000	Developing Countries:	US \$ 150

Everybody coming to the Conference has to be registered by paying separate registration amount (the child below 5 is not required to do so). Those who are registered with us will be received at the airport by us. The registration amount would cover a conference kit, SSEASR souvenir book, a local sightseeing tour and coffee/tea breaks, 4 lunches and two dinners during the Conference.

### NOTE FOR INDIAN PARTICIPANTS:

The Indian delegates may pay the amount in Indian Rupees to SSEASR office in India. Please get in touch with Delhi([secretariat@sseasr.org](mailto:secretariat@sseasr.org)).

## ACCOMMODATION

We have made arrangements for the on-campus air-conditioned Studio stay which would cost only US\$ **30** for a single (with breakfast and VAT), double/twinshare US\$ **40**(distance 1 km form the venue but regular pick-up and send-back facilities available). All of these rooms/beds have the **internet connection** and can be accessed by your laptop computer.

The SALAYA PAVILION HOTEL has **no more rooms left**. Other hotel choices (a bit far, 18 km away but with a possibility to pick up in the morning) have been negotiated and we have come out with fabulous discount (breakfast included) which are as follows.

### Royal City Hotel (4 Star):

Borommaratchachonnani Road, Bang Bamru, Bang Phlat Bangkok 10700

Deluxe Single 1,600 Baht, Double 1,800 Baht  
Superior Single 1400 Baht, Double 1600 Baht

Reserve room: Email: [rsvn@royalcityhotel.com](mailto:rsvn@royalcityhotel.com)

Tel: 662-435-8888, 661-914-8615 Reserve a room: Attention to Ms. Tewin (refer to Mahidol Conference in May)  
(We have kept 30 rooms reserved there, and you have to pay them directly).

### S.D. Avenue Hotel (3 Star):

Deluxe single 1,500 Baht, Double 1,600 Baht

Attn. Ms. Nipa (refer to Mahidol Conference in May)

94 Borommarat Chachonnani Road, Bang Bamru, Bang Phlat, Bangkok 10700

email: [hotel@sdavenue.com](mailto:hotel@sdavenue.com) Tel: 662-02-4340400-2, 666-338-4872

Single 1000 Baht and double 1200 Baht

Tel: 662-02-4340400-2, 666-338-4872

(We have kept 40 rooms reserved there, and you have to pay them directly)

**For accommodation at our Campus, please send one night deposit along with the registration money.** FOR THE OFF CAMPUS HOTELS MENTIONED ABOVE, YOU CAN MAKE PAYMENT DIRECTLY through their email.

## OFFICIAL CARRIER

The Thai Airways is the **Official Carrier** of the **SSEASR**, and is giving **discount for the registered participants of the SSEASR conference**. The code is: **TG 0705014**. The level of discount varies from country to country. Better check it up with the office of the THAI in your country/town. Those flying from India can have competitive internet fare from the Indian Airlines and the AIR INDIA for Bangkok. It can be bought online by debit/credit card ONLY.

## TRAVEL TO CAMBODIA (Angkor Vat & Phnom Penh)

**The travel programme for Cambodia (Angkor Vat and Phnom Penh) is worked out.** We have made it economically viable for most of us, and in particular, for the South and Southeast Asian participants from developing countries. It would last for 3 nights and 4 days. It would start on **May 28 at 7 A.M.** to end on **May 31 at 10 A.M.** (back to Bangkok airport). Our plane would land at Phnom Penh on May 28, and then we would move to Siem Reap by a/c luxury bus (4 1/2 hours ride) passing through rural Cambodia. On May 30, we would come back to Phnom Penh for a visit to the National Museum, the Royal Palace and of course, the mighty Mekhong River. On May 31, we all board the flight early morning to reach Bangkok by 10 AM. Please send your intention if you plan to join this trip **by March 15, 2007. AN ADVANCE DEPOSIT OF US \$ 200 per person is required BY THAT TIME along with full name and passport details.**

**The cost is being worked out and would range between 15,000 Baht to 17,500 Baht (US \$ 1= Baht 36) depending upon the shared room/single accommodation (airfare, the simple air conditioned twinshare room, luxury air-conditioned coaches, entry fees, breakfast and three lunches are covered). The visa and the airport tax in Cambodia is not part of the package. Kindly note, the package is prepared with a group fare, and those who want to prolong their stay in Cambodia must tell us before Feb 21. The air tickets, once issued, are non-changeable.**

**PLEASE TRANSFER Cambodia trip money advance into the following account ONLY:**

Name OF THE ACCOUNT: SSEASR, THAILAND  
Name of the Bank: SIAM COMMERCIAL BANK PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED  
Sub-branch: Mahidol University  
Savings Account No: 333-2 16503-7  
SWIFT CODE: SICOTHBK

**Please inform us through email after such e-transfer.**

Domestic travel assistance is being provided through a Travel Desk at the Conference Venue.

## VISA

The visa for Thailand is available on arrival for all (except those from Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan) at Bangkok airport, and it takes not more than 20 minutes to acquire it. Please keep a passport size photo ready and 1000 Thai Baht (only Baht is acceptable, and you can change any currency into Thai Baht in a bank counter near VISA ON ARRIVAL office 24 hours a day),. **For Cambodian visa, we recommend you to buy before coming though there is a provision to buy the same on**

**arrival (like Thai visa) and the amount is US\$ 20( only cash US\$) along with a passport size photo.**

### **CRUISE DINNER ON CHAO PHYA RIVER**

There is a River Cruise dinner on May 26. The cruise dinner would be having both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food and its rate would be known only when we know the total number of participants (the rate varies on the basis of the size of ship). It can be paid on arrival; you can inform us of your intended participation in advance by email. [Please join this wonderful experience of seeing Bangkok sky line by night!](#)

### **WEATHER**

Bangkok is a tropical city so it is pretty warm throughout the year! In the end-May it has a spray of rain (lasting mostly from 30 to 40 minutes) and the temperature fluctuates between maximum 33°C (91.0°F) to minimum 27°C (80.0°F). It may be pleasantly hot for the South Asians but very hot for the people from the West. Therefore, prepare your umbrella and clothing accordingly.