

Survival Guide

Training Programme on Economics of Climate Change Adaptation (ECCA)

21 August to 1 September 2017

Asian Institute of Technology Conference Center (AITCC), Thailand

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Training Venue

The Training Programme on Economics of Climate Change Adaptation (ECCA) will be held in training room B108 of the Asian Institute of Technology Conference Centre (AITCC) from 21 August to 1 September 2017.

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) 58 Moo 9, Km 42, Paholyothin Highway P.O. Box 4, Klong Luang Pathumthani 12120, Thailand Tel: (662) 516-2124 Website: www.ait.ac.th; or http://www.rrcap.ait.asia/



Travel Plan and Airport Transfer

Entry to Thailand

All participants should ensure that their passport is valid for at least six months from their travel dates. Participants from countries who will need visa are responsible for obtaining appropriate entry visas to Thailand from a Thai diplomatic or consular mission at their point of origin or en route Thailand. The invitation letter may be regarded as a supporting document and evidence for visa purposes. Hotel booking will be provided by the organisers and will need to be attached to the visa application.

Arrival at Suvarnabhumi Iternational Airport

We suggest the participants to take a taxi to AIT, Pathumthani, from Suvarnabhumi Airport. The public taxi stand is located on Level 1 (Ground level), near entrances 3, 4, 7 and 8.

The metered taxi fare is around THB 600 plus THB 50, airport surcharge, and any expressway fees. The distance from Suvarnabhumi Airport to AIT is about 70 Km.

Below is the complete address of AIT Conference Centre in Thai Language



Getting from Suvarnabhumi Airport to AIT



Getting from AIT to Bangkok

AIT is approximately 20 kilometres from the Skytrain (BTS Mo Chit) and Subway (MRT Chatuchak Park) stations.

By taxi:

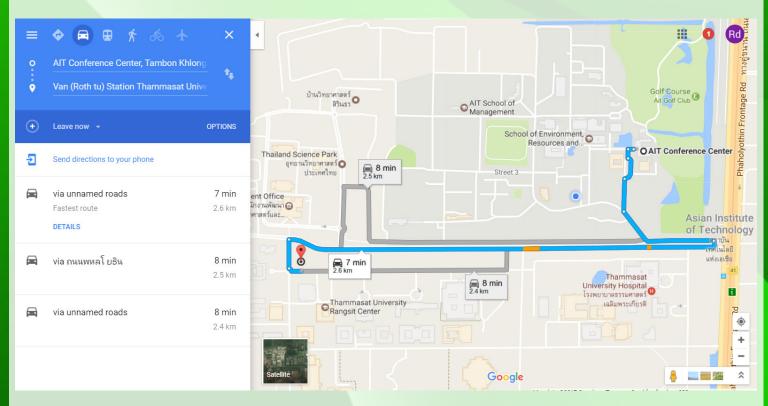
The AITCC staff can help you arrange a taxi to the station, which will give you access to Bangkok city. It will cost anywhere between THB 350 and THB 450.

By van:

There are vans from Thammasat University to Mo Chit (van route 118) and Victory Monument (van route 85) BTS stations till 21:00. These cost around THB 32.

Please see the map below for how to reach the van stations at the Thammasat University

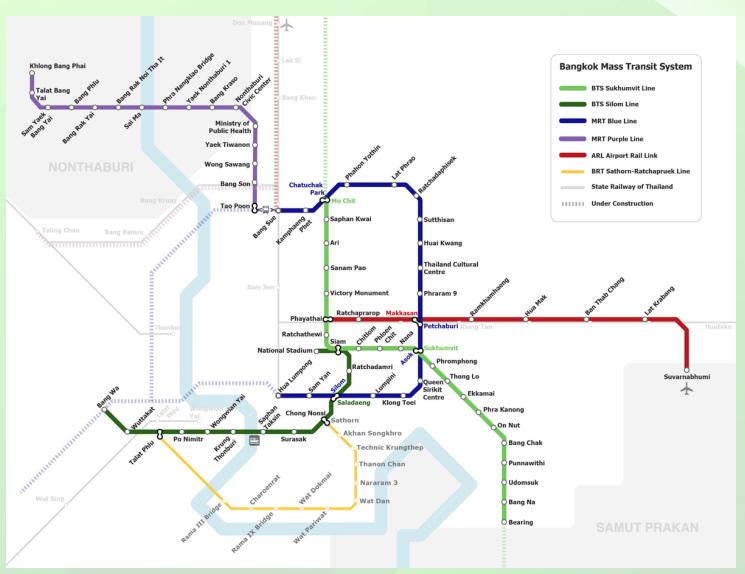
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Getting to Bangkok

You may wish to explore Bangkok using the Bangkok Mass Transit System (BTS) or Skytrain: http://www.bts.co.th/customer/en/06-travelpalace-01.aspx Subway – Metropolitan Rapid Transit (MRT) Route: http://www.transitbangkok.com/mrt.html

Skytrain - BTS Route: http://www.transitbangkok.com/bts.html



Bangkok Mass Transit System Routes

Accommodation

According to your schedule and flight itinerary, the organizers can arrange for your hotel accommodations at the AITCC, which is the same as the venue of the training. Refer below to the address of the hotel and the meeting venue.

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Hotel Check-in: 2:00 pm Hotel Checkout: 12:00 pm

The organisers will book for a single room at the hotel during the period of stay for the training programme. For sponsored participants, the organisers will pay the accommodation costs directly to the hotel. For self-supported participants, the organisers can make the reservations at the promotional rate; however, payments should be made by the respective participant directly to the hotel upon check-in. Payments can be made in cash or by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, UnionPay).

All rooms feature broadband and WiFi internet access, individually controlled air conditioning, electronic locking systems, mini bar, a wide variety of TV channels, and spare jack for modem connection. Guests may avail of the central safety deposit boxes adjacent to the Reception Desk.

All participants are expected to cover all incidentals such as laundry service, domestic and international telephone calls, facsimile and whatever extra facilities they use. Participants should clear them directly with the hotel upon check-out.



Facilities

Dining

There are several restaurants and food outlets on campus.

Main cafeteria and SU Snack Bar provide international cuisine, which includes Indian, South and Southeast Asian (Halal) fare. Cash card system is used at both; the cash card has a deposit of THB 10, which will be returned when the card is returned. The main cafeteria is open from 7:00 am to 8:30 pm and SU Snack Bar is open from 8:30 am to 10:00 pm every day.



West End (Som tum) Restaurant serves local Thai food. It is open from 10:00 am to 8:30 pm every day.

Pla-Too Meklong Restaurant serves local Thai food with a garden view to golf court from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm every day.



Coffee Shops: Hom Krun Coffee (Administration building), UFM Bakery House (Arcade), and Inthanin Garden (near the library)



Facilities

Laundry

AITCC offers laundry and dry cleaning services. These services are also offered by Vichay Laundry Shop, which is open from Monday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Apart from that, there is a coin-operated laundry service located opposite to SU Snack Bar. It costs THB 30 per washing and it is necessary to use THB 10 coins.

Shopping and services

AIT Arcade has several shops including hair salon and bookstore.

- U-Pin grocery shop which sells cleaning supplies and a variety of food items including local (season) fruits, snacks and canned food. It is open from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- Grocery shop at Arcade. It is open from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- 108 Lawson convenience store (24h open)
- 7-Eleven convenience store (24h open)

Bank

There are ATM machines in the Administration building and in the main cafeteria. Two banks are located close to AIT Campus:

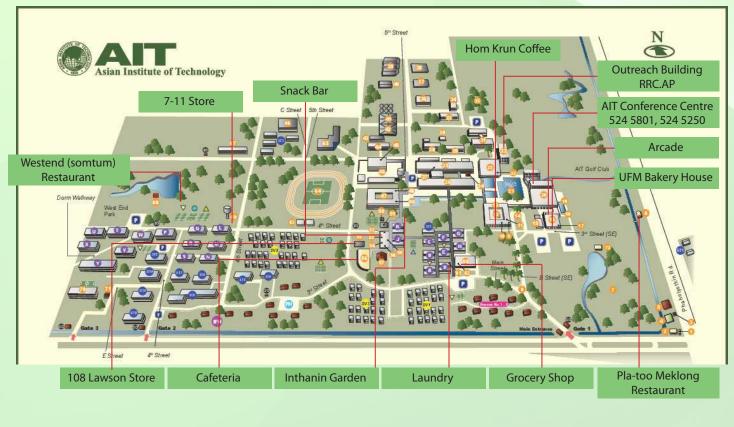
- Kasikorn Bank near the Pahalyothin Road
- Siam Commercial Bank inside Thammasat Hospital



AIT Campus Map

An interactive campus map is available at: http://www.ait.asia/campusmap

An AIT campus map can be downloaded at: http://www.ait.ac.th/about/contact/
campusguide.pdf





General Information

Time Zone and Weather

Thailand is +07:00 hours ahead of GMT. The weather in Thailand is warm and humid; temperatures are expected to range between 30-40 °C. It is also advisable to carry appropriate clothing (a light jacket / shawl or scarf for ladies) for the air-conditioned meeting rooms.

Currency Exchange rate

The currency of Thailand is known as the Thai Baht (THB). Currently, the exchange rate is approximately THB 35 per USD 1.

The participants can exchange currency at the bank outlets or certified exchange booths at the airport, upon arrival. US Dollars can also be exchanged at the banks or certified exchange booths/branches in shopping malls and BTS stations.





10 Baht

5 Baht

2 Baht

1 Baht 50 Satang 25 Satang

General Information

Telephone and Internet Service

The AIT-CC Reception can assist you for telephone calls. A local sim card can also be bought at any convenience store such as 7-Eleven and 108 Lawson upon presenting the passport.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own notebooks/laptops with built-in wireless access. AITCC provides internet through WiFi or LAN cable found in all AITCC rooms. AIT username and password can be claimed for free at the AITCC reception.

Electrical appliances in Thailand operate on 220 Volts. The plugs used have rectangular or round pins as shown in the picture below. If you will be using equipment such as personal computers from your country, you will need to bring an adaptor to fit the indicated power plug.





General Information

Useful Thai Phrases

สวัสดี สวัสดีครับ สวัสดีค่ะ สบายดีหรือ เป็นยังไงบ้าง สบายดี ขอบคุณมาก ขอโทษ พูดไทยไม่ได้ ผมไม่เข้าใจ ถ่ายรูปได้ไหม กี่โมงแล้ว นี่อะไร นี่เท่าไร ขอไม่เผ็ด

sa wat dee sa wat dee khrap sa wat dee kha sa baay dee reuu bpen yang ngai baang saL baay dee khaawp khoon maak khaaw thoht phuut thai mai dai phohm mai khao jai thaay ruup dai mai gee mohng laaeo nee a rai nee thao rai khaaw mai phet khaaw phet phet na khrap

ขอเผ็ด ๆ นะครับ เก็บตังค์ ห้องน้ำอยู่ที่ไหน แล้วพบกันใหม่

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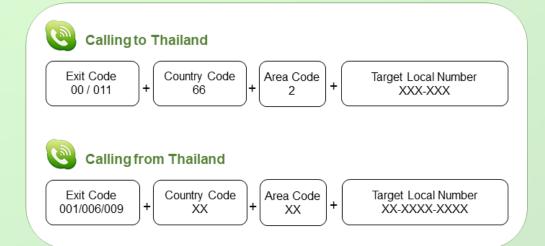
laaeo phohp gan mai

"hello" / "goodbye" "hello" / "goodbye" (spoken politely by a male) "hello" / "goodbye" (spoken politely by a female) "How are you?" "How's it going?" "I am fine" "Thank you very much" "I'm sorry" /"Excuse me" / "Pardon me." "I can't speak Thai." "I don't understand." "May I take a picture?" "What time is it?" "What is this?" "How much is this?" "Please make the food not spicy-hot." "Please make the food spicy-hot" (spoken by a male) "Check, please." "Where's the toilet?" "See you later." / "Until we

meet again."

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Emergency Calls	Telephone
Tourist Police Call	1155
Police (General Emergency Call)	191
Ambulance and Rescue Call)	1554
Medical Emergency Call	1669
Fire	199
Crime	1195

