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Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific

Bangkok, 17-20 December 2013

Information for participants

Note by the Secretariat

I. General

1. The Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific is scheduled to be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok from 17 to 20 December 2013.

- 2. The Conference will comprise two segments:
 - (a) A senior officials segment on 17 and 18 December 2013;
 - (b) A ministerial segment on 19 and 20 December 2013.

II. Conference schedule

3. The tentative schedule for the Conference is as follows:

(a) **Senior officials segment**: the opening of the senior officials segment will take place at 0930 hours on Tuesday, 17 December 2013, in Conference Room 3 on the 1st floor of UNCC, where all subsequent meetings will be held. Unless otherwise advised, all meetings during the senior officials segment will be held from 0930 to 1230 hours and from 1400 to 1730 hours.

(b) **Ministerial segment**: the opening session of the ministerial segment will take place at 0900 hours on Thursday, 19 December 2013, in Conference Room 3 on the 1st floor of UNCC, where all subsequent meetings will also be held. Unless otherwise advised, all meetings during the ministerial segment will be held from 0900 to 1300 hours and from 1400 to 1730 hours.

4. Any variations in the schedule will be indicated in the tentative programme.

III. Registration and identification badges

5. Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the registration counter, which is located on the ground floor of UNCC, between



0800 and 0915 hours for the senior officials segment and between 0800 and 0845 hours for the ministerial segment on the opening day of each respective event. Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at UNCC before going to the conference room. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

6. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their meeting badges at all times while in the United Nations complex and during meetings and social functions. The loss of a badge should be communicated to the Conference Management Unit, which is located on the ground floor of UNCC behind the registration counter, so that a new one can be issued immediately.

IV. Visa requirements

A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 14, 30 or 90 days for ordinary passport holders

7. According to the Immigration Bureau of Thailand, nationals of the following countries/areas holding ordinary passports may enter and stay in Thailand for a period not exceeding 14, 30 or 90 days, as per the list below, without a visa:

Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days

Cambodia

Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

- 1. Australia
- 2. Austria
- 3. Bahrain
- 4. Belgium
- 5. Brunei Darussalam
- 6. Canada
- 7. Czech Republic
- 8. Denmark
- 9. Finland
- 10. France
- 11. Germany
- 12. Greece
- 13. Hong Kong, China
- 14. Hungary
- 15. Iceland
- 16. Indonesia
- 17. Ireland
- 18. Israel
- 19. Italy
- 20. Japan
- 21. Kuwait
- 22. Lao People's Democratic Republic
- 23. Liechtenstein
- 24 Luxembourg
- 25. Macao, China

- 26. Malaysia
- 27. Monaco
- 28. Mongolia
- 29. Netherlands
- 30. New Zealand
- 31. Norway
- 32. Oman
- 33. Philippines
- 34. Poland
- 35. Portugal
- 36. Qatar
- 37. Russian Federation
- 38. Singapore
- 39. Slovakia
- 40. Slovenia
- 41. South Africa
- 42. Spain
- 42. Span
- 43. Sweden
- 44. Switzerland
- 45. Turkey
- 46. United Arab Emirates
- 47. United Kingdom of Great Britain
- and Northern Ireland
- 48 United States of America
- 49. Viet Nam

Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

- 1. Argentina
- 2. Brazil 3.

Peru Republic of Korea

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- Chile

B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 or 90 days for diplomatic/official passport holders

Nationals of the following countries holding a valid diplomatic or 8. official passport may enter and stay in Thailand for a period of 30 or 90 days, as per the list below, without a visa:

Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

- 1. Cambodia
- 2. China
- Hong Kong, China 3.
- 4. Indonesia
- 5. Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Macao, China 6.

Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

- 1. Argentina
- 2. Austria
- 3. Belgium
- 4. Bhutan
- 5. Brazil
- Chile 6.
- Costa Rica 7.
- 8. Croatia
- 9. Czech Republic
- Estonia (diplomatic passport only) 10.
- France (diplomatic passport only) 11.
- 12. Germany
- Hungary 13.
- 14. India
- 15. Israel
- 16. Italy
- 17. Japan
- Liechtenstein 18.
- 19. Luxembourg
- 20. Malaysia

- 21. Mexico 22. Nepal
- 23. Netherlands
- 24. Oman
- 25. Panama
- 26. Peru
- 27. Philippines
- 28. Poland
- 29. Republic of Korea
- 30. Romania
- 31. Russian Federation
- 32. Singapore
- 33. Slovakia
- 34. South Africa
- 35. Spain (diplomatic passport only)
- 36. Switzerland
- 37. Tunisia
- 38. Turkey
- 39. Ukraine
- 40. Uruguay

С. Visa on arrival for a maximum of 15 days' stay

9. Nationals of the following countries holding a valid ordinary passport may apply for a visa, not exceeding 15 days, on arrival, at Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Don Mueang International Airport, conditional on meeting the requirements mentioned below:

- 7. Mexico

- 11. Viet Nam
- 8. Mongolia

9. Myanmar

10. Oman

- 1. Andorra
- 2. Bhutan
- 3. Bulgaria
- 4. China
- 5. Cyprus
- Estonia
 Ethiopia
- 7. Euliop 8. India
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- 9. Kazakhstan
- 10. Latvia

- 11. Lithuania
- 12. Maldives
- 13. Malta
- 14. Mauritius
- 15. Romania
- 16. San Marino
- 17. Saudi Arabia
- 18. Ukraine
- 19. Uzbekistan

10. The requirements for a visa on arrival are as follows:

(a) The applicant must be in possession of a passport with a validity of at least six months or an appropriate travel document recognized by the Government of Thailand;

(b) The applicant must be in possession of a confirmed onward or return air ticket that is usable within 15 days of the date of entry;

(c) The applicant must submit a duly completed application form (TM.88), which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at Suvarnabhumi International Airport or at Don Mueang International Airport, together with one recent passport-sized photograph. There is an application fee of 1,000 baht.

11. Participants from countries other than those listed above are requested to obtain an appropriate entry visa from a Thai diplomatic or consular mission before entering Thailand.

12. In line with security procedures for United Nations staff, travel notification through the Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) is required prior to any official travel to a non-phase area. Upon notification of travel on TRIP, United Nations staff members will automatically receive an updated security advice for United Nations visitors to Thailand. Please log on to https://dss.un.org to apply for this travel notification. United Nations staff and those receiving a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) from the United Nations should complete the "Basic security in the field" training before travelling.

The information provided above is accurate as at 9 September 2013. All participants are advised to consult with the diplomatic mission/embassy of Thailand in their respective country regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure.

V. Weather

13. The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate. The conference rooms where the meetings are to be held are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-24 degrees Celsius (73-75 degrees Fahrenheit).

VI. Health and vaccination

14. Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, participants who have travelled from or through countries listed below, which have been declared yellow fever infected areas, must provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received a yellow fever vaccination.

15. Nationals of the countries listed below who have not travelled from/through those countries do not require such a certificate. However, they should be able to provide evidence to show that their domicile is not in an infected area so as to prevent unnecessary inconvenience.

The countries/areas listed below have been declared yellow fever 16. infected areas:

4.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	27.	Mali
5.	Brazil	28.	Mauritania
6.	Burkina Faso	29.	Niger
7.	Burundi	30.	Nigeria
8.	Cameroon	31.	Panama
9.	Central African Republic	32.	Paraguay
10	Chad	33.	Peru
11	Colombia	34.	Rwanda
12	Congo	35.	Sao Tome
13	Côte d'Ivoire	36.	Senegal
14	Democratic Republic of the Congo	37.	Sierra Leo
15	Ecuador	38.	Somalia
16	Equatorial Guinea	39.	Sudan
17	Ethiopia	40.	Suriname
18	French Guiana	41.	Togo
19	Gabon	42.	Trinidad a
20	Gambia	43.	Uganda
21	Ghana	44.	United Re
22	Guinea	45.	Venezuela

23 Guinea Bissau

1. Angola

Argentina

Benin

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- 24. Guyana
- Kenya 25.
- Liberia 26.
- ia
- e and Principe
- one
- and Tobago
- epublic of Tanzania
- - (Bolivarian Republic of)

17. First aid and limited emergency medical services are available at the ESCAP Medical Centre, which is located on the 4th floor of the Service Building. The ESCAP Medical Officer and Nurse are available Monday through Friday from 0730 to 1200 hours and from 1245 to 1545 hours. Appointments may be made through the receptionist at extensions 1352 or 1353.

The United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is 18. permitted only in the designated areas outside of the buildings.

VII. **Foreign currency declaration**

19. Any person who brings into or takes out of Thailand an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$ 20,000 or its equivalent is required to declare the amount to a customs official. Failure to do so or making any false declaration to a customs officer is a criminal offence.

20. Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and at other locations throughout Bangkok. Such services are also available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, which is located on the 1st floor of the Service Building (extensions 2159 and 2160). The branch is open from 0830 to 1530 hours, Monday to Friday.

VIII. Airline reservations

21. Many international airlines operate regular services to Bangkok. Participants are advised to secure their return bookings prior to their departure for Bangkok. If this is not possible, they should make firm return bookings immediately upon arrival in Bangkok. Travel services are available (0800 to 1630 hours on weekdays) through the American Express Travel office located on the 1st floor of the Service Building, adjacent to the Siam Commercial Bank. The office can be contacted on extensions 2820, 2821, 2822, 2823 and 2824.

IX. Hotel accommodation

22. The following hotels, located relatively close to UNCC, have been designated as recommended hotels for which the room rates indicated below are inclusive of service charge and value added tax.

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (minutes)	Room type	Daily room rates (baht)	
			Single	Double
Shangri-La Hotel**** 89 Soi Wat Suan Plu, New Road Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 236 7777 Fax: (66-2) 236 8579 E-mail: kussarin.amonthakonsuwet@shangri-la.com Website: www.shangri-la.com <i>Contact person</i> : Ms. Kussarin Amonthakonsuwet	30-40	Deluxe	5,300 ^{a/c}	5,300 ^{a/c}
The Sukosol***** 477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 247 0123 Fax: (66-2) 247 0165 E-mail: ratchanikrit@sukosolhotels.com Website: www.sukosolhotels.com <i>Contact person</i> : Ms. Ratchaneekrit Khankath	15-25	Deluxe	2,700 ^{a/c}	2,900 ^{a/c}
Amari Watergate Hotel and Spa***** 847 Petchaburi Road Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 653 9000 Fax: (66-2) 653 9045 E-mail: kanokwan.t@amari.com Website: www.amari.com/watergate <i>Contact person</i> : Ms. Kanokwan Tangkiattrakul	20-30	Deluxe	2,900 ^{a/b/c}	3,100 ^{a/b/c}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (minutes)	Room type -	Daily room rates (baht)	
			Single	Double
Pullman Bangkok King Power*****8-2 Rangnam Road, Thanon PhayathaiRatchathewiBangkokTel: (66-2) 680 9999Fax: (66-2) 680 9998E-mail:convention@pullmanbangkokkingpower.comWebsite: www.pullmanbangkokkingpower.comContact person:	20-25	Superior Deluxe Executive Executive suite	2,996 ^{a/c} 4,066 ^{a/c} 5,136 ^{a/c} 6,206 ^{a/c}	3,210 ^{a/c} 4,280 ^{a/c} 5,350 ^{a/c} 6,420 ^{a/c}
Ms. Ranithsorn Nitinopparatt Four Seasons Hotel**** 155 Rajadamri Road Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 126 8866 Fax: (66-2) 253 9195 E-mail: ak-on.ratsathanuwat@fourseasons.com Website: www.fourseasons.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Ak-On Ratsathanuwat	30	Deluxe	3,900 ^{a/c}	4,600 ^{a/c}
Crowne Plaza Bangkok Lumpini Park Hotel***** 952 Rama 4 Road Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 632 9000 Fax: (66-2) 632 9001 E-mail: nantawan.rooncharoen@ihg.com Website: www.crowneplaza.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Nantawan Rooncharoen	30	Superior	4,238 ^{a/c}	4,238 ^{a/c}
Novotel Bangkok Siam Square Hotel**** 392/44 Siam Square Soi 6 Rama 1 Road, Pathumwan Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 209 8888 Fax: (66-2) 255 1824 E-mail: jarunun_sales@novotelbkk.com Website: www.novotel.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Jarunun Sripromma	30	Standard Superior Superior corner Junior suite	3,237 ^{a/c} 3,473 ^{a/c} 4,296 ^{a/c} 5,291 ^{a/c}	3,237 ^{a/c} 3,473 ^{a/c} 4,296 ^{a/c} 5,291 ^{a/c}

Nome or de direct	Driving distance to UNCC (minutes)	Room type	Daily room rates (baht)	
Name and address			Single	Double
Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel**** 269 Larn Luang Road Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 281 3088 Fax: (66-2) 280 1314 E-mail: rsvn@royalprincesslarnluang.com Website: www.royalprincesslarnluang.com	5-10	Superior Deluxe Suite 1-bedroom	2,500 ^{a/b/c} 2,800 ^{a/b/c} 7,000 ^{a/b/c}	2,700 ^{a/b/c} 3,000 ^{a/b/c} 7,500 ^{a/b/c}
Ms. Benjarat Rusakul Grand China Hotel**** 215 Yaowarat Road Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 224 9977, (66-2) 224 7997 Fax: (66-2) 224 7999 E-mail: sale@grandchina.com Website: www.grandchina.com <i>Contact person</i> : Ms. Phet-Anong Naksuthi	15-20	Deluxe	2,500 ^{a/b/c}	2,700 ^{a/b/c}
Prince Palace Hotel**** 488/800 Bo Bae Tower Damrongrak Road, Klong Mahanak Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 628 1111 Fax: (66-2) 628 1000 E-mail: wannajit@princepalace.co.th Website: www.princepalace.co.th <i>Contact person</i> : Ms. Wannajit Chulamakorn	10-15	Superior	1,700 ^{a/b}	1,900 ^{a/b}
Siam@Siam Design Hotel and Spa**** 865 Rama 1 Road Wangmai, Patumwan Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 217 3000	15-20	Superior	2,800 ^{a/c}	3,000 ^{a/c}

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