

Second meeting of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint Bangkok, Thailand, 9-11 July 2012

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION For UNEP SUPPORTED PARTICIPANTS

Introduction

UNEP and WHO would like to welcome you to Bangkok, Thailand, for the Second meeting of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint on 9-11 July 2012. In this information document you will find practical details related to conference venue, transport and accommodation.

Venue and Date

The meeting will be held from 9-11 July 2012 at the Siam City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

The meeting will begin with the registration at 08:30 a.m. on Monday 9 July 2012 and will be concluded on Wednesday 11 July 2012 after a field visit which will be taking place in the morning of Wednesday 11 July 2012.

On Tuesday 10 July 2012, the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN) will be hosting an event in relation to its current Asian Lead Paint Elimination Project. Further information will be given during the first day of the meeting.

Accommodation

UNEP will make reservations at the meeting venue for participants who are not from Bangkok.

For sponsored participants, UNEP will cover directly room charge only; participants are expected to settle directly with the hotels for other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, Internet use, business center use, laundry, room and hotel transportation services, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given. For sponsored participants UNEP will cover accommodation cost

Co-host

for the nights of 8-11 July 2012. Participants arriving earlier or departing later should cover the extra overnights from their personal account.

Transportation from the Airport

A. Airport Limousine:

Please contact the Limousine Counter, in the Baggage Claim Hall and the Arrival Hall.

B. Metered Taxi:

A more economical, but still fast and reliable is the Public Taxi system. After leaving customs, please exit and follow the signs Public Taxi - take the escalator and go one level down to the Public Taxi counter which is outside the building.

Fares are according to the meter (ask the driver to use the meter) approximately Baht 350-400 each way (US\$10-12), with an additional 50 Baht airport surcharge, and expressway fees (up to 100 Baht) if the driver will use the highway. The ride from the airport will take about 45-60 minutes.

C. Suvarnabhumi Airport Rail Link:

The station located on the basement level of the passenger terminal. Airport Rail Link offers a high-speed train service to downtown Bangkok. Two different services are operated.

The non-stop **Express Line** brings you directly to Makkasan station in 15 minutes for 150 baht. From Makkasan station please change to City Line for Phayathai Station. The Siam City Hotel is 3 minutes across the road from Phayathai Station.

The **City Line** stops at all stations, and after Makkasan continues to Ratchaprarop and Phaya Thai. The ride to Phaya Thai takes about 30-45 minutes costs 15-45 baht, after which a graduated fare depending on distance travelled, will be introduced.

For more information regarding to the time table and fare, please visit the website www.bangkokairporttrain.com.



Travel / entry visa Formalities

For information regarding visa and/or travel documents to Thailand, please consult the Royal Thai Embassy or Consular mission in your country by presenting the formal invitation letter. In case if there is any participant would like UNEP ROAP issue the letter for presenting to the Embassy, please kindly contact us.

For some ASEAN member countries and many other nationalities, there is no need for entry visa. Nationals of eligible countries can also apply for a visa on arrival at the airport.

For more information please check the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Thailand website at <http://www.mfa.go.th/>. Participants requiring a visa for entering Thailand are advised to confirm their travel arrangements as soon as possible since they may require airline return tickets in order to obtain a visa.

Participants provided support by UNEP

1. As UNEP supported participants who are not in Bangkok and Bangkok Metropolitan Region, you will receive a reduced UN Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for 8, 9, 10, 11 July 2012. In addition you will receive DSA for one extra day to cover all terminal expenses, such as ground transportation and other expenditures associated with your travel to the meeting. This includes the cost of visa and meals consumed during travel.
2. Each person will be responsible for his/her incidental charges posted to the room account during the stay. This includes meals, any telephone charges, salon or spa charges, gift shop purchases, mini-bar, room services, etc. and any alcoholic beverages or meals that you charge to your room from other locations within the hotel that are outside of the official meeting events.
3. In order to facilitate the payment of the DSA, eligible participants are requested **to submit the original boarding passes of all in-coming flights, as well as copies of the air ticket and passport** (showing photograph and name) during registration.
4. You are advised to arrange (at your own expense or that of your organization) insurance against sickness, accident, permanent or temporary disability, death and third party risk for the period of the meeting including the journey to and from Bangkok, Thailand. UNEP will not assume responsibility for any other expenditure.

Weather

The average maximum temperature in Bangkok in July is 31-35 °C.

Time Zone

Bangkok is +7:00 hours ahead of GMT.

Electricity

The electric voltage in Thailand is 220 volts, 50 Hertz.

Currency

The official currency of Thailand is the Thai Baht (THB). 1 US\$ is approximately equal to about THB 31.29. Currency exchange services are available at the hotel, banks, ATM and currency exchange booths scattered in the vicinity of the hotel. The use of Credit Cards is widely accepted in Bangkok.

Yellow fever: country requirements

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over 1 year of age arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for all travellers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission (Please consult: WHO: International travel and health <http://www.who.int/ith/en/> for further information about yellow fever and/or vaccinations.

Travel Assistance

Should you need any clarification or have further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact:

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You can also visit the following web site for more information regarding the Siam City Hotel Bangkok. Thailand

<http://www.siamhotels.com/siamcity/>
