



**OSCE-Thailand Conference on Challenges to
Global Security: From Poverty to Pandemic
Bangkok, 25-26 April 2006**



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

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Section for External Co-operation

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**To: Delegations of the OSCE participating States
Asian Partners for Co-operation
Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation**

**Subject: Practical arrangements, registration form, and hotel reservation forms –
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I PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

With reference to PC.DEC/718 of 19 January 2006, the Section for External Co-operation would like to inform all participants in the 2006 OSCE-Thailand Conference, to be held in **Bangkok, Thailand, 25-26 April 2006**, about the following:

I.1 Venue

The Conference will be held at the Dusit Thani Hotel. The address is as follows:

946 Rama IV Road, Bangkok 10500, THAILAND
Tel: (+66 2) 200 9000
Fax: (+66 2) 236 6400

I.2 Registration form for the participants in the Conference

Please find the attached registration form to be completed by participants and to be sent with two passport-sized photos (3.5 x 4.5 cm, photo taken within six month; digital photos may also be submitted) to the OSCE Secretariat as indicated on the form, **no later than 1 April 2006**.

I.3 Hotel accommodation and reservation form

The host country has made block reservation at the Dusit Thani Hotel, the conference venue, at special corporate rates. To make a reservation, participants are kindly requested to fill in the hotel reservation form and to forward it directly to the hotel at the fax number indicated on the form. The room rates are shown on the hotel reservation form.

Homepage: www.dusit.com

Reservation Department

Tel: (+66 2) 636 3600 ext. 3094

Fax: (+66 2) 636 3587

E-mail: nopporn.br@dusit.com

II TRAVEL

II.1 Visa Requirement

Participants holding diplomatic or official passport of those countries that conclude an agreement on exemption of visa requirement with Thailand do not require to apply for a visa. Participants of other countries are kindly requested to make their own visa arrangements with a local Thai Embassy or Consulate prior to their arrival. In countries where there is no Thai Embassy or Consulate, participants may apply visa for a visa upon their arrival at International Bangkok Airport. However, the countries concerned must submit the names, passport numbers and flight details of all participants wishing to apply for visa on arrival to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs well in advance.

II.2 Travel arrangements

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. However, the Royal Thai Embassy in Vienna has negotiated special prices with the *Lucky Tours* travel agency for participants in the conference travelling from Vienna:

1. Austrian Airlines – direct flight daily
Business Class: EUR 1,610 (6 days/2 months) + taxes (around 144 EUR)
Economy Class: EUR 659 (6 days/2 months) + taxes
2. EVA Air – direct flight but not daily
Business Class: EUR 1,810 (1 year) + taxes (around 114 EUR)
Economy Class: EURO 656 (6 days/3 months) + taxes
3. Thai Airways International via Frankfurt daily
Business Class EURO 2,250 (10 days/1 month) + taxes
Economy Class EURO 760 (6 days/1 month) + taxes

When contacting the travel agency, participants are kindly requested to refer to the OSCE-Thailand Conference.

The contact person at Lucky Tours travel agency is:

Mr. Vatith Uruvatin
Franzensbrückenstrasse 19
1020 Vienna

Tel.: 214 39 47
Fax: 216 43 63

II.3 Arrival / Departure

II.3.1 Transportation from and to the airport

Taxis: Taxi-meters are available at the airport (the taxi desks are located in the arrival hall of each terminal). The fare starts at 35 Baht, and will not exceed 300 Baht. Because of airport regulations on taxis, an additional 50 Baht surcharge will be added to the total fare. Passengers are responsible for the expressway fees.

Airport Limousines: The airport limousine desks are adjacent to the taxi desks at all terminals. A flat fee of 500 Baht (smaller car, ex. Mitsubishi) or 650 Baht (luxury car, ex. Benz or Volvo) is charged for delivery to and pick-up from the hotel. There will be no surcharges, but passengers are still responsible for the expressway fares.

Hotel Limousines: The Dusit Thani Hotel will provide a hotel limousine service from airport to hotel and from hotel to airports. The types and rates of vehicles are given below:

Mercedes Benz (Max. 3 passengers) at 1,400 Baht (one way) both directions at 2,800 Baht
Executive Van (Max. 6 passengers) at 2,400 Baht (one way)

II.3.2 Airport Tax

All passengers departing from Thailand's international airports are required to pay an airport tax of 500 Baht per person.

III Field Trip to Ayutthaya

III.1 Application

Participants who are interested in taking part in the field trip are kindly requested to submit the attached application form to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand as indicated in the form, **not later than 1 April 2006**.

Information provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand on the tour and the application form is attached.

III.2 Field Trip Details

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with Bang Sai Royal Folk Art Centre and Ayutthaya Province, will organize a one-day field trip to Ayutthaya, **free of charge**. All expenses will be taken care of including transportation (coach and river cruise), lunch and tour fees to Bang Pa-in Summer Palace and Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Craft Centre.

IV GENERAL INFORMATION

IV.1 Rate of Exchange

1 US Dollar = THB 39.69 (as of February 2006)

1 Euro = THB 47.79 (as of February 2006)

IV.2 Weather

April is the hottest month in Thailand. The central part of the country will be very hot in the day time and slightly humid at night. A hat and light clothes are recommended. Average day temperature will be about 35-38° C (95-100.4° F).

IV.3 Time Difference

Bangkok's standard time zone is UTC/GMT + 7 hours

IV.4 Tourism

Useful tourism information on Thailand and other practical information can be found on the following websites:

www.tourismthailand.org

www.thailandguru.com

www.unseentourthailand.com

IV.5 Points of Contact

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IV.6 Website

For updates on the event please check the following link: <http://www.osce.org/ec/>.



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REGISTRATION FORM

State/Delegation/International Organization

Ms. Mr. Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Title and Position (as to appear on the list of participants):

Two passport-sized photos
 3.5 x 4.5 cm

Street or Mail address:	City Code:	City:	Country:

Tel. No. with all prefixes:	Fax No. with all prefixes:

Mobile No. with all prefixes:	E-mail address:
	@

Arrival date:	April 2006	Departure date:	April 2006
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In Bangkok, I will stay at the Dusit Thani Hotel

Alternatively, I can be reached under the following address/tel./fax #:

Field Trip to Ayutthaya:
 Yes I will be accompanied by person(s) No

Date: _____

Signature: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

The Registration Form should reach the OSCE Secretariat **not later than 1 April 2006**, either by mail, fax or e-mail:

OSCE Secretariat
 Section for External Co-operation
 Kärntner Ring 5-7, A 1010 Vienna, AUSTRIA

Tel.: (+43-1) 514 36-190 Fax: (+43-1) 514 36-96 E-mail: pm-ext-coop@osce.org

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25-26 April 2006
The Dusit Thani, Bangkok



RESERVATION FORM

Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Family Name:	First Name:

Representing State/International Organization

Street or Mail address:	City Code:	City:	Country:

Tel. No. with all prefixes:	Fax No. with all prefixes:
Mobile No. with all prefixes:	E-mail address:
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Arrival			Departure		
Date:	Time	Flight number	Date:	Time	Flight number
April 2006			April 2006		

Room Type		No. of room (s)	Room Rate	(for Hotel only) Confirmation Code
Dusit Deluxe room	Single		USD 135	
	Double		USD 145	
Dusit Club room	Single		USD 166	
	Double		USD 176	
Dusit Grand room	Single		USD 186	
	Double		USD 196	

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Non Smoking <input type="checkbox"/>	Smoking <input type="checkbox"/>	King Bed <input type="checkbox"/>	Twin Bed <input type="checkbox"/>
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Remark: (1) The above rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 7% government tax. Per room per night including Buffet Breakfast. (2) Dusit Club room and Dusit Grand room will provide complementary high-speed internet in room, laundry and pressing at Baht 400 per stay, 1 hour use of meeting rooms at Dusit Club per stay, and many more services at Dusit Club.

Airport transfer – Yes, please arrange airport transfer	
From airport to hotel (Baht 1,400-net per car) <input type="checkbox"/>	Round trip transfer (Baht 2,800-net per car) <input type="checkbox"/>

Payment by: Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Please note: A deposit equivalent to one night's accommodation is required to guarantee your booking, non refundable in case of cancellation.			
Type of credit card:	Name as shown on credit card:	Credit card number:	Expiration date :

_____ Date _____ Signature _____

Reservation: Ms. Pornvijit Kowkachaporn
(Revenue Manager)
E-mail : pornvijit@dusit.com
Tel. : (66) 2200-9000 Ext. 2235, 2168-9
Fax. : (66) 2636-0284

Sales Contact: Ms. Nopphan Thiraprawat
(Director of Sales)
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Field Trip to Ayutthaya

I. Introduction of Ayutthaya

The Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya or Ayutthaya in short, is one of Thailand's historical and majestic highlights. Serving as the Thai capital for 417 years (from the year 1350 to the year 1767), it was once glorified as one of the biggest cities in the world, a Southeast Asia center for civilizations. During the 17th century, most foreign visitors to Ayutthaya, traders or diplomats alike, claimed Ayutthaya to be the most illustrious and glittering city that they had ever visited. The map of Ayutthaya published in 1691 by Simon de la Loubre in *Du Royaume De Siam* is proof of such recognition. Ayutthaya even had diplomatic relations with Louis XIV of France and was courted by Dutch, Portuguese, English, Chinese and Japanese merchants.

Visitors can explore and appreciate Thai history in Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, which is situated only 86 kilometers north of Bangkok. Visitors to Ayutthaya can marvel at its grandeur reflected through numerous magnificent structures and ruins concentrated in and around the city island surrounded by Chao Phraya River, Pa Sak River and Lopburi River.

I.1 Bang Pa-in Summer Palace

A few miles down the Chao Phraya River from Ayutthaya is the Bang Pa-in Summer Palace. The site was first used by the royal court as a summer retreat in the 17th century. However, the Palace was destroyed with the fall of Kingdom of Ayutthaya and was restored by King Rama IV in the mid-19th century. Most of the buildings that exist today date from the reign of King Rama V, who regularly spent his summers there. The structures represent a variety of architectural styles, set in a large park around ponds and waterways.

The only royal residence open to the public is the Chinese-style Wehat Chamroom Palace, constructed entirely of materials imported from China. In addition, there is an Italian-style palace, a circular pavilion with steps leading down to a pool, the graceful Thai-style Aisawan Tippaya Asna Pavilion in the middle of a lake, and, across one of the waterways, a Buddhist chapel in the neo-Gothic style with stained-glass windows. Scattered around the extensive gardens are European statues as well as monuments ordered to be built by King Rama V in memory of members of his family, one of them a much-loved Queen who drowned in a boating accident.

I.2 Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Craft Centre

The Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Crafts Centre occupy an area of 14 acres and can be visited either by road or river. Established under the royal patronage in 1976, this project of Her Majesty the Queen is designed to keep the traditional Thai crafts alive. The center offers a glimpse of how farmers in the four regions of Thailand live and work, and how Thai folk arts and crafts are produced. It also offers training to farmers and villagers in folk arts and crafts as a means to preserve traditional Thai art forms, as well as to live in sustainable economy.

Products and activities on view include fern vien basketry, woven basketry, artificial flowers, hand-woven silk and cotton, silk dyeing, wood carving, miniature hand-modeled dolls, furniture production and cloth-made products. The products are sold at the center and all branches of Chitralada Stores.

II. Tour Preparation

II.1 Personal Preparation

Visitors are recommended to bring a hat or an umbrella since the weather in Ayutthaya will be very hot (around 35-38°C) in the day time. Visitors should also dress properly when visiting the Palace. Shorts, hot pants, or tank top are discouraged.

II.2 Tour Fee

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with Bang Sai Royal Folk Art Centre and Ayutthaya Province, will organize the field trip **free of charge**. All expenses will be taken care of including transportation (coach and river cruise), lunch and tour fees to Bang Pa-in Summer Palace and Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Craft Centre.

III. Tentative Programme

Participants will be transferred from Bangkok to Ayutthaya by air-conditioned coaches, and returned from Ayutthaya to Bangkok by a river cruise. A tentative programme is as follows;

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| 07.00 hr. | - | Depart from the Dusit Thani Hotel |
| 08.30 hr. | - | Arrive at Bang Pa-in Summer Palace |
| 11.45 hr. | - | Depart for Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Craft Centre |
| 12.00 hr. | - | Arrive at Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Craft Centre |
| | - | Lunch hosted by Director of Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Craft Centre |
| 13.00 hr. | - | Visit Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Craft Centre |
| 15.30 hr. | - | Depart from Ayutthaya on a river cruise along the Chao Phraya River |
| 17.00 hr. | - | Arrive at the Dusit Thani Hotel |

**2006 OSCE-Thailand Conference
Field Trip to Ayutthaya
27 April 2006**

APPLICATION FORM

Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Family Name:	First Name:

Title and Position:

State/Delegation/International Organization

Street or Mail address:	City Code:	City:	Country:

Tel. No. with all prefixes:	Fax No. with all prefixes:

Mobile No. with all prefixes:	E-mail address:
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Please indicate, if applicable, information on your physical condition, dietary restriction or medication

Date

Signature

Please submit the completed form to the attention of:

Ms. Chitrachawee Pakdi-arsa
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