

16th World Sanskrit Conference, Bangkok

June 28-July 02, 2015

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

My Dear Colleagues,

We are only a fortnight away from the actual dates of the Conference! Therefore, please see the details as mentioned below.

SUARNABHUMI BANGKOK AIRPORT: ARRIVAL, BANK AND PHONE CARD

Our volunteers would be available at Suvarnabhumi International Airport Arrival Hall near Gate 5(next to Siam Commercial Bank Money Changing Counter). Here, you would find a Counter of TRUEMOVE which provides you free SIM card. It can be topped up with fantastic offer to call us, back home(USA: 2 Baht; India: 3 Baht, Europe: 4-8 Baht ASEAN 2 Baht-4 Baht per minute). Money changers at the airport give you the best rate, and certainly much better than your Hotel. US\$1 is at present equal to 32-33 Baht; 1 Baht is equal to 2 Indian Rupees; Euro 1 is equal to 36-37 Baht.

Our volunteers would guide you to Airport Link Metro Train station. The Airport Link brings you to the station **PHAYA THAI** and there is an interchange to connect you directly to **CHIDLOM** Metro station which brings you to the door of the Renaissance Hotel, the main venue of the 16th WSC.



Those staying at Bangkok City Inn may also alight there and walk about 300 meter to reach the Hotel. Those staying at Holiday Inn would take interchange from **Phaya Thai** yellow line station CENTRAL

and then hop into BLUE LINE and alight at Surasak station(2 stations after *Sala Daeng*) Exit no.4(total time of journey 12 minutes after arriving from airport at Phaya Thai). Then turn right at the first corner (at the corner you can see Honda Showroom) and walk straight around 5-8 minutes , the hotel will be on the right side. **Each changing point in metro**, our volunteers holding the **16th World Sanskrit Conference Flag** would be visible to help you reach your destination. **This facility of volunteers would be available ONLY from June 26 morning 05:00 till June 28 06:00.** Those coming to Bangkok by **Don Mueang Airport** are requested to take at airport the pre-paid general taxi (maximum 4 people) to the Hotels (Renaissance=approx. Baht 300; Bangkok City Inn=approx. 320; Holiday Inn= 300-350). Many of the flights are coming at wee hour of the morning; hence please delay going to the Hotel booked through us till 10 AM as they would not be available to be checked-in before noon.

VISA ON ARRIVAL

Those who are taking any of our tours may go for visa-on-arrival. It is easier and cheaper(Baht 1000= US\$ 30). It never takes more than 30 minutes to get it. **Taking Conference visa** is a long process and takes more than a week. The visa policy of Kingdom of Thailand permits people from 48 countries to enter Thailand without a visa for **30-day visa-free stay**. In addition to this, travellers from 28 countries can have the facility of visa-on-arrival(which includes India as well) for a **14-day maximum stay**. If you are taking the visa on arrival, please see whether your country is permitted to avail this facility on arrival. Its list is available on this link: www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/123 You are required to carry a passport size photo, return air ticket, US\$ 300 to 400 cash or a credit card with that value(a copy of monthly statement of your Card is sometimes desirable). The Hotel's name and address with phone no.(provided by us in the THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT) is required to be filled in the Visa Application Form. The visa fee (Baht 1000) Is required ONLY IN THAI BAHT. There is a bank exchange desk next to the Visa-On-Arrival counter. An advice. PLEASE DO NOT CARRY INDIAN RUPEES FOR CHANGING. IT CAN NOT BE EXCHANGED EASILY.

VENUE

As notified earlier, the 16th World Sanskrit Conference would be held at the Renaissance Hotel. There will be daily pick-up and dropping back for our participants from Hotel Holiday Inn(4km) to venue and back every day . The pick-up on June 28 would be at 07:30 AM to bring you to the Conference Hall which would eb shut down by 08:15 for security reasons. Those staying on their own, please reach the venue accordingly. NO ENTRY WOULD BE POSSIBLE AFTER 08:30.

WEATHER

It is humid in Bangkok with about 24-36 degree C temperature range during the days of the Conference. There is rain too. Therefore, you are requested to carry umbrella. There may be some mild rain in Cambodia too.

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE, PRESENTATION & PUBLICATION

To see the schedule of the Conference, please [click here](#). Any re-scheduling is not possible due to each paper's sequence is arranged thematically by our conveners. Each paper has been scheduled with 20 minutes presentation and 5 minute discussion. We have taken sincere efforts to see all confirmed papers are listed in the Academic Programme. However, if you find your paper is not there in Schedule, let us know that immediately.

The publication of the presented papers is subject to the scrutiny and discretion of the Editorial Board which would consist of the convenors of each section. Therefore, ***please do not expect*** that ALL PAPERS are being published. Selected papers would be published as a Book by the Sanskrit Studies Centre within a couple of months after the final draft is approved by the respective Board.

PAYMENT, RECEIPT & PRESENTATION CERTIFICATES

Those who have made payments of whatsoever nature related to the Conference and have not yet received any Invoice/Receipt already would be provided receipts from 16th WSC Payment desk. Such receipts would be issued **only on June 30 onwards**. Paper presentation certificate will be also issued **on July 1**. In case of joint authors, the presentation certificate would be issued only if the registration fee is paid.

CONFERENCE TOURS

If you are living in any of three designated hotels of ours, you will be picked up at your respective Hotel. **Some of you might have made their own stay arrangement. In that case, please let us know by mail which of the three Hotels of ours will be your boarding point.** For the pre-conference tour, you are required to report by 08:00(June 27) sharp. If you decide to take from us a pre-conference tour on arrival, please note, it shall not be possible AT ALL.

People going on **post-conference** tour have to report at Hotel Renaissance only by 07:30. The bus to the airport would not wait after 07:45. If you have connecting flight to your final destination on July 6 night, please carry your luggage with you. Our flight to and from Cambodia does not allow to carry more than **20kg**, and a hand baggage of **5 kg only**. Any extra kg would be charged by the airlines. Therefore, please arrange your baggage accordingly.

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