



16th World Sanskrit Conference, Bangkok

June 28-July 02, 2015

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

Swasdee! 16th WSC Secretariat is back after a long break of Sankranti Holidays in this part of the world. We are delighted to receive quite a good number of paper proposals so far from as many as 55 countries. The 16th WSC is going to be inaugurated by **Mrs Sushma Swaraj, the Minister of External Affairs, Government of India** on June 28, 2015 morning 09:00. It will be graced by our Patron **HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand**.

As we go now busy to give final touch to the logistics, the following information would facilitate your plan to be here:

ABOUT REGISTRATION and ONLINE DETAILS FORM

We have stopped taking any call for a request to new paper proposal. If some of you have not received the acceptance letter, it would mean that the paper was not accommodated. We have received 1499 paper proposals and out of which 800 got accepted. It is impossible for us to adjust the total presentation despite running 10 parallel sessions. Therefore, papers of those scholars would be removed from the Final Schedule after May 31, 2015 who fail to complete their registration.

A new ONLINE Form is ready at the website. Please fill in when you have full and final information about your visit which requires to give us all details of your visit. Please visit it and fill in:

<http://www.sanskrit-silpakorn.org/registration-form-wsc.php>

The columns for uploading files at this weblink are important for those who would go to Cambodia tour.

PAPER PRESENTATION

Personal requests about the presentation time have been taken care of. However, we are not able to take further request for any time/date change in this regard. We request all to follow the time slot strictly which would enable other presenters to get his/her slot. In case, a paper presentation takes about 30 minutes, there shall be no discussion on the paper. Sessions are generally divided into a slot of 150 minutes (2.5 hours) with 5 presentations (20 minutes presentation, and 10 minutes discussion).

ACCOMMODATION & VISA

The conference will be held in one of the city's premier Hotels, the **Renaissance Rachaprasong, a Marriott Group property**. The Inauguration and parallel sessions would run there. The other two designated Hotels (**Holiday Inn**, and **Bangkok City Inn**) are maximum at a distance of 15 minutes by metro and walk. All of our Hotel rooms are sold out except few rooms left at Holiday Inn.

Located in the heart of city, the venue is approximately 45 minutes from the Suvarnabhumi airport of Bangkok. It can be reached best by the Metro route from airport by changing it once. The details of these would be informed in the next and final announcement to be made in late May.

You are required to give the address of stay during visit in Thailand when you apply for visa). The following details and a copy of the paper's acceptance cum invitation letter (sent already to you) would suffice the issuance of visa:

1. Renaissance Bangkok Ratchaprasong Hotel, 518/8 Ploenchit Road, Bangkok 10330 **Phone:** 02 125 5000
2. Holiday Inn Bangkok Silom, 981 Silom Rd, Bangkok, 10500 **Phone:** 02 238 4300
3. Bangkok City Inn Hotel, 43/5 Rajdamri Road, Pratumwan Bangkok 10330

Note: you will not find your name as booked guest until June 15, 2015 when we supply the name list of our guests. Your room nights are fully paid by us in advance and hence, any inquiry about your room would be in the name of the 16th World Sanskrit Conference, Silpakorn University.

If you plan to take Visa-on-Arrival, please check the list of the countries which are allowed to avail such facility at Bangkok airport. www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/123 For it, you should keep a passport size picture with light background and an amount of 1000 Baht(Thai currency ONLY which can be bought very easily by Bank exchange booths just next to Visa-on-Arrival counter).

Your passport should be minimum valid till December 27, 2015 to seek entrance at Bangkok airport. Please check the date of your passport's validity.

POST-CONFERENCE CAMBODIA TOUR

Those scholars going on post-Conference tour to Cambodia on July 03, 2015 morning **must make their own visa** to visit Cambodia by filling in at: <https://www.evisa.gov.kh/ContactInformation.aspx>

Participants from ASEAN countries are not charged any visa fee. The rest has to cover its cost by themselves as it does not include in our cost.

The port of entry in Cambodia is Siem Reap(REP) on July 03 and the exit point is Phnom Penh(PNH.) on July 06. As mentioned in the SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT, while coming back from Cambodia trip, the arrival point in Thailand is Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Bangkok on July 06 at 17:00. Therefore, ensure that your next connecting flight should be from there only after 18:30. For those flying out of Bangkok on the same night of arrival (July 06), the **through check-in is possible ONLY IF THE NEXT FLIGHT IS WITHIN NEXT 11 HOURS OF YOUR ARRIVAL AT SUVARNABHUMI AIRPORT AND IT IS NOT ON A LOW-COST AIRLINE**(such as Tiger Airways, Air Asia, Indigo Air, Goair, Spicejet). **In the case of low-cost flight, the person would be required to collect the Baggage in Arrival hall and then check-in again from Departure Area.** It would mean at least 4 hours or more to be able to take the onward flight for home.

FULL PAPER'S SUBMISSION

All papers presented at the 16th WSC are not automatically published. Therefore, the 16th WSC Organising Committee, Bangkok would follow the practice of publishing the select articles of the WSC (as in the past) after receiving the final draft from the editors in due course of time.

WEATHER

Bangkok is characterized by a tropical climate, with temperature ranging from 20 to 36 degrees Celsius. Humidity levels may be usually normal especially during the month of June-July. The rainy season typically begins in May-end and continues till July-end. Please check the weather forecasts as the conference dates draw closer. **However, you are requested to carry umbrella and cap which is important for those who are going on tours(both Ayuthaya pre-conference and post conference Tour to Cambodia).**

ELECTRICITY/INTERNET/TELEPHONE

The common standard of voltage used is 220 volts AC, 60Hz. **Two-pin flat blade attachments** and two-pin round plugs are widely used. Hotels have wi-fi access, and in the hotel arranged by us, it is included in the tariff.

Fixed telephone line, mobile telephone, dial-up and wireless broadband Internet services are available. You can also pick up a local SIM card at the airport in arrival area at a very nominal price. The rates and charges on mobile telephone are very competitive among the major service providers if you use various international access codes(such 006+country code). **The international telephone access code for Thailand is +66 and the Bangkok area code is 02.**

CURRENCY/CREDIT CARD/ATM

The currency of Thailand is Baht (THB.). At present, 32 THB is equivalent to one (1) US Dollar. Money-changing facilities are available at all hotels and at banks (08:30-15:30). **ATM** machines are easily found at every corner. Please note, any currency can be brought inside Thailand provided it is less than US\$ 10,000. All major currencies are easily exchanged. **However, such facility is not available in the case of Indian Rupees.**

CONFERENCE TOURS

All conference tours are closed now. We are unable to take any other requests. Those planning to undertake any other tour, would find travel desk at the hotels of their stay.

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