

**Regional Consultation on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS**  
**Evidence, lessons and recommendations for action in**  
**South-East Asia**  
**Bangkok, Thailand**  
**8-11 October 2007**

## **Information Sheet**

The Regional Consultation on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS will be held in Bangkok. Bangkok is a national treasure house and Thailand's spiritual, cultural, political, commercial, educational and diplomatic centre. Bangkok is well connected to the rest of the country and world by frequent flights of many different airlines. Because of this and its infrastructure, it is an ideal place to conduct events involving participants from many countries such as this meeting.

Before departure from your respective countries, participants are requested to finalize administrative arrangements including per diem and visa requirements to Thailand through the WHO offices in your own country.

### **WEATHER**

In October, the average temperature is approximately 27.7°C in Bangkok (source: Worldclimate.com)

### **CURRENCY AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE**

The Thai unit of currency is the Baht. 1 Baht is divided into 100 Satang. Notes are in denominations of 1,000 (brown), 500 (purple), 100 (red), 50 (blue), 20 (green) and 10 (brown) Baht. Coins consist of 25 Satang, 50 Satang, 1 Baht, 2 Baht, 5 Baht and 10 Baht.

Major currency bills and travellers cheques are cashed easily at hotels, tourist shops, all provincial banks, shopping centres and money changers. Travellers cheques are best changed in banks (you will need your passport). **The current exchange rate for USD \$ 1 is approximately 32-33 Thai Baht** (As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Rate may fluctuate according to market speculations. Please check for exact rate at actual date and time of exchange through your local banking system or at an authorized money changer during your stay in Bangkok).

Any amount of foreign currency may be brought into the country. Visitors may take foreign currency out of Thailand, but no more than the amount stated in the customs declaration made on arrival. Travellers leaving Thailand may take out no more than 50,000 baht per person in Thai currency.

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## AIRPORT TRANSFER

Upon reaching Suvarnabhumi International Airport (Thailand's newest gateway to the world), participants, after having collected their luggage, proceed to the exit gate and are kindly requested to make your own transportation arrangement to the meeting venue: **Windsor Suites Hotel Bangkok** (located on Sukhumvit 20). There are numerous transportation services available linking the airport to the city.

**The Airports Authority of Thailand (AOT):** You may wish to contact the Airports Authority of Thailand's (AOT) limousine service (email: [aotlimousine@yahoo.co.th](mailto:aotlimousine@yahoo.co.th), phone: 02-134-2323) to make your travel arrangements. The AOT limousine service counters (24 hour service) are located in the Arrival Hall. Their rates are charged according to distance. Since our meeting venue will be held at the Windsor Suites Hotel Bangkok, their fare (current as of August 2007, prices may change without notice; please check rate before agreeing to use their services) to the hotel are as follows:

- Van 1,100 Baht per trip (Maximum number of passengers: 8 persons, including luggages)
- Sedan 1,000 Baht per person / trip
  - Nissan Teana or
  - Toyota Camry
- Limousine 1,500 Baht per person / trip
  - Mercedes Benz or
  - BMW

**Public taxis:** Public taxis are available at the Airport and fare is non-negotiable since taxis have meters that calculate the fare according to distance and time. To use their service (24 hour service), please see below:

- Contact Taxi counter Level 1, near Entrance 3, 4, 7, and 8
- Pick up areas Taxi stand Level 1
- Traveling expenses Metered taxi fare plus **50 Baht surcharge**, and **expressway fees**

**Car rental:** Services are available (24 hour service)

- Service providers AVIS, Hertz, Budget, and the Thai Car Rental Association
- Car Rental Location Located at the Public Transportation Center (contact Information counter for assistance)

**Airport Bus Express:** Suvarnabhumi International Airport operates an Airport Bus Express. Contact Information counter in the Arrival Hall for assistance and departure schedule.

- Service Hours 5 AM to 12 PM
- Contact Airport Bus Counter on Level 1, near Entrance 8
- Fare 150 Baht per trip / person
- Route Route AE3  
Sukumvit Soi 52 - 50 - Prakanong Market - Eastern Bus Terminal - Sukhumvit Soi 38,34,24,20,18,10 (Bangkok Bank) - Soi 6,2 - Central Chidlom/Ratchadamri Road - World Trade/Central World Plaza - Petchaburi Road - Petchaburi Soi 25,35 - Soi Nana

**Other option:** Another option is to use the limousine service offered by the Windsor Suites Hotel Bangkok (our meeting venue) for pick up and drop at off at Suvarnabhumi International Airport. To use their services, please make prior arrangements/reservations before arriving /departing Bangkok. Their rates are as follows (subject to change, please confirm rate prior to using their services):

Limousine	
Mercedes Benz	1,500 Baht per person / trip
Van	2,000 Baht per trip (maximum 6 persons)

## VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

The Consultation Meeting will be held at the “**Windsor Suites Hotel Bangkok**”.

Address: Windsor Suites Hotel Bangkok  
8-10 Sukhumvit Soi 20  
Sukhumvit Road  
Bangkok 10110, Thailand  
Tel. No. (66) 02-262-1234  
Fax. No. (66) 02-262-1212  
E-mail: [info@windsorsuiteshotel.com](mailto:info@windsorsuiteshotel.com)  
For reservations: [rsvn@windsorsuiteshotel.com](mailto:rsvn@windsorsuiteshotel.com)  
Website: <http://www.windsorsuiteshotel.com/index.php>

The Institute of Nutrition at Mahidol University (INMU) which is a WHO Collaborating Centre will assist in the planning and holding of this Consultation in Bangkok. INMU has made block reservation of rooms for all participants at the Windsor Suites Hotel Bangkok. Participants are, therefore, required to stay at this hotel for the duration of the meeting.

**Room rate:** The Windsor Suites Hotel Bangkok offers exclusive rate for participants of the Consultation as follows:

Single room	2,000 Baht net/room/night with ABF included
Twin room	2,200 Baht net/room/night with ABF included

Please mention the reservation code: **MAHIDOL** when making reservation to guarantee rate quoted above.

### Other issues:

WHO has arranged with the hotel for one lunch and two refreshment breaks per day throughout the duration of the meeting (9-11 October 2007), for efficiency. A **Welcoming Reception** will be organized for all participants at no cost on Monday, 8 October at 1830 hours on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Windsor Suites Hotel Bangkok. All participants and observers are cordially invited to attend.

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