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Office of the Secretary General
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 –
2012 OSCE-Thailand Conference on “Strengthening Security through Regional
Cooperation: the OSCE Comprehensive Approach and Experiences of Asian
partners for Co-operation”
Chiang Mai, Thailand, 13-14 February 2012

I. PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

With reference to the Permanent Council Decision No. 1009 of 24 November 2011, the Section for External Co-operation would like to inform participants regarding the following practical arrangements for the 2012 OSCE-Thailand Conference on the topic “Strengthening Security through Regional Cooperation: the OSCE Comprehensive Approach and Experiences of Asian partners for Co-operation”, co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to be held on 13 and 14 February 2012, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

I.1 Venue

The Conference will be held at Le Méridien Hotel, Chiang Mai.

Address:

108 Chang Klan Road, Tambol Chang Klan, Amphur Muang, Chiang Mai 50100, Thailand

Tel.: + 66 (0) 5325 3666

Fax: + 66 (0) 5325 3667

Website: www.leMeridienhotelchiangmai.com or

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/leMeridien/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1950>

Meeting room: Convention Hall 2-3, 4th Floor.

I.2 Registration of Participants in the Conference

Please find attached the registration form to be filled in by participants and to be sent to the OSCE Secretariat (contact point indicated on the form) **not later than 3 February 2012**.

Participants representing Embassies or Consulates in Thailand are also requested to comply with this requirement.

I.3 Hotel reservation

The host country has made appropriate arrangements with Le Méridien Hotel, Chiang Mai. Participants in the Conference are requested to make direct reservations with the hotel through the attached Le Meridien Hotel booking form and will be responsible for their own accommodation costs and incidentals occurring during their stay.

Contact person: Ms. Pensiri Tosawat
Reservation Manager
Tel.: + 66 (0) 5325 3666
Fax: + 66 (0) 5325 3618
E-mail: Pensiri.Tosawat@lemeridien.com

The room rates and reservation conditions are available on the attached registration form. Although a block reservation has been made, participants are kindly advised to book their accommodation **not later than 15 January 2012**. Reservations cannot be guaranteed after the deadline.

II. TRAVEL

II.1 Visa Requirements

Participants are kindly requested to make their own visa arrangements with a local Thai Embassy or Consulate prior to their arrival.

The list of Countries and Territories entitled for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival for entry into the Kingdom of Thailand is attached hereto.

II.2 Visa on arrival

For participants representing countries where there is no Thai Embassy or Consulate, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs could arrange for granting of visa upon arrival. Participants to whom it applies are requested to submit their names, together with a copy of the relevant pages of their passport, and the flight details, to the contact point at the Royal Thai Embassy in Vienna, Ms. Soonthriya Kanchana, First Secretary, Fax: +43-1-478-2907, E-mail: soonthriya.k@gmail.com

II.3 Travel arrangements

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Chiang Mai is an International Airport and can be reached daily via Bangkok. Participants flying directly to Chiang Mai by connecting flights are advised to have the luggage being checked through in order to have adequate time for the transfer.

Besides the Thai Airways International Co. Ltd (www.thaiairways.com), the following **airlines** operate domestic flight service between Bangkok and Chiang Mai:

Bangkok Airways: www.bangkokair.com
Air Asia: www.airasia.com
Orient Thai Airlines: www.flyorientthai.com (from Don Muang Airport)
Nok Air: www.nokair.com (from Don Muang Airport)

For international flights, Bangkok can be reached by daily regular flights from a large number of capitals worldwide. Direct flights from Vienna to Bangkok are operated by Austrian Airlines on a daily basis, and by EVA Air, three flights per week (Sunday, Wednesday, Friday)

The contact detail of the representative of Thai Airways International Co. Ltd. in Vienna (for reservation only) is as follows:

Ms. Prachit Fauszt
 Tel.: + 43 (0) 1 586 8309
 Fax: + 43 (0) 1 586 8198
 E-mail: thai-vie@aon.at

II.4. Domestic flight timetable operated by the Thai Airways :

Bangkok – Chiang Mai – nine daily flights, one extra on Fr., Sa., and Su.				
<u>Flight TG 100</u> (Fr., Sa., Su.) 07.00 – 08.10	<u>Flight TG 102</u> 07.50 – 09.10	<u>Flight TG 104</u> 09.20 – 10.40	<u>Flight TG 106</u> 11.30 – 12.50	<u>Flight TG 110</u> 12.55 – 14.05
<u>Flight TG 112</u> 14.00 – 15.10	<u>Flight TG 114</u> 15.30 – 16.40	<u>Flight TG 116</u> 17.25 – 18.35	<u>Flight TG 120</u> 18.40 – 20.00	<u>Flight TG 122</u> 21.30 – 22.40

Chiang Mai – Bangkok – eight daily flights, one extra on Fr., Sa., and Su.		
<u>Flight TG 123</u> 07.00 – 08.10	<u>Flight TG 101</u> (Fr., Sa., Su.) 09.00 – 10.10	<u>Flight TG 103</u> 10.00 – 11.20
<u>Flight TG 105</u> 11.30 – 12.50	<u>Flight TG 111</u> 14.55 – 16.05	<u>Flight TG 113</u> 16.00 – 17.10
<u>Flight TG 115</u> 17.30 – 18.40	<u>Flight TG 117</u> 19.25 – 20.35	<u>Flight TG 121</u> 20.50 – 22.10

II.5 Shuttle in Chiang Mai between the airport and Le Méridien Hotel

The Airport Reception Team assigned by the host country at Chiang Mai International Airport will provide assistance for participants upon their arrival and departure. For assuring a smooth procedure, the host country will provide all registered participants with luggage tags (distribution will be arranged through the Delegations in Vienna).

Airport Taxi and local Taxi (with Meter) are available at the airport. The fare from Chiang Mai International Airport to Le Méridien Hotel, Chiang Mai is around 120-150 Baht. The distance from Airport to the Hotel is approximately 7 km.

III. CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs invites all Participants to a dinner on 13 February 2012, from 19.30 to 21.30 hrs. During the dinner, a traditional performance will be presented by the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

IV. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME

Additional Programme in Ang Khang, Chiang Mai, 14-15 February 2012

Back to back with the Conference, Thailand will be hosting the expert-level workshop “*On promoting security through comprehensive approach to development in border areas – a capacity-building programme according to Thai experience*”. The workshop is designed as a capacity building exercise for sharing the Thai experience in fighting opium cultivation and responding to transnational threats with practitioners from OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation. It will take place from 13 to 24 February 2012 and it will comprise study trips and training courses at various royal project development sites located in the northern and northeastern part of Thailand.

Participants in the Conference are offered the possibility to take part in an additional programme, which will provide the opportunity to follow some of the activities of the experts’ workshop. The additional programme will take place in Ang Khang, Chiang Mai, on 14-15 February 2012, starting after the conclusions of the Conference. More detailed information on the additional programme will be circulated in due course.

Transport to and from the location of the workshop will be provided to registered participants.

Participants wishing to attend the additional programme are kindly requested to indicate this on the Registration Form and also make direct hotel reservations for their overnight stay in Ang Khang.

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation costs and incidentals occurring during their stay in Ang Khang and are kindly advised to book the accommodation at the Ang Khang Nature Resort, **not later than 15 January 2012** through the attached Ang Khang Nature Resort Hotel Reservation Form.

Contact details of the Ank Khang Nature Resort:

Address: 1/1 Moo 5 Baan Koom, Tambol Mae Ngon, Amphur Fang Doi Angkhang, 50320, Thailand

Tel.: + 66 (0) 5345 0110

Fax: + 66 (0) 5345 0120

Website: www.oamhotels.com

Contact person: Ms. Duangruetai Chewpreecha
Sales Manager

Mobile: + 66 (0) 81 952 9857

E-mail: duangruetai.c@angkhang.amari.com

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

V.1. Attire

While the attire for the conference will be business attire, participants are recommended to prepare smart casual wear for the additional programme. Hats and sunglasses, as well as jackets are also recommended for those taking part in the trip to Ang Khang.

V.2 Documents reproduction and distribution

All conference documents for reproduction and distribution should be submitted to: documents@osce.org

V.3 Media Coverage

Representative of the local media will be present to cover the Opening and Closing Sessions of the Conference.

V.4 Exchange rate (as of 5 December 2011)

1 Euro (EUR) = 41,2612 Thai Bahts (THB)

or

1 Thai Baht (THB) = 0.0242320 Euro (EUR)

V.5 Weather conditions

The temperature during the month of February in Chiang Mai has been recorded from 16°C (low) to 33 °C (high). The weather conditions in high plains will be lower and vary from 23°C to 30°C during the day, from 6°C to 16 °C during the night.

V.6 Time difference

The standard time zone of Thailand is UTC/GMT + 7 hours; currently, the time difference to Vienna is + 6 hours.

V.7 Tourism

Other practical information about Thailand and information on tourism in Chiang Mai can be found in the website of the Tourism Authority of Thailand: www.tourismthailand.org and <http://www.tourismthailand.org/where-to-go/cities-guide/events-festivals/destination/chiang-mai/>

VI. POINTS OF CONTACT

For further information or assistance, please contact either:

Royal Thai Embassy, Vienna:

Ms. Soonthriya Kanchana, First Secretary

Tel: +43-1-478-3335 – 16, Mobile: +43-660 401 6811; Fax : +43-1-478 2907

E-mail: soonthriya.k@gmail.com

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand:

Mr. Krirkbhumi Chitranukroh, Second Secretary, Division I, Department of European Affairs, ,

Tel: +66-2-203 5000 ext. 13125 Fax: +66-2-643 5146 E-mail: krirkbhumi@gmail.com

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Registration Form

Please complete in capital letters

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

Institution/State:

Title/Position as to appear on the list of participants:

Street or Mail address:	City Code	City	Country:

Nationality	Fax No. with all prefixes:

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

Arrival		Flight #:	Departure		Flight #:
Date:	.Feb. 2012	Time:	Date:	.Feb. 2012	Time:

Participation in additional Programme in Ang Khang, Chiang Mai, on 14-15 February 2012
Yes, I will participate <input type="checkbox"/> No, I will not participate <input type="checkbox"/>

During the Conference, I will stay at the Le Méridien Hotel <input type="checkbox"/>
Alternatively, I can be reached under the following address / tel. / fax #:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please submit this form **not later than 3 February 2012**

Fax: +43-1 514 36- 6250

by fax or e-mail

e-mail: pm-ext-coop@osce.org



Hotel Reservation Form For Participants 2012 OSCE-Thailand Conference (additional programme)

Please fax this form directly to **Fax: (+66 53) – 450 120**
Or send it by e-mail: **duangruetai.c@angkhang.amari.com**

Before 15 January 2012

Surname: _____

Name: _____

Check-in date: _____ Check-out date: _____

Phone number: _____ Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Accommodations for the participants – Please tick your preferred choice.

Superior with Mountain View

- Single (THB ..2,000.. per night) Double (king size bed) (THB ..2,000.. per night)
 Twin (2 separate beds) (THB ..2,000.. per night)

Superior with Garden View

- Single (THB ..2,500.. per night) Double (king size bed) (THB ..2,500.. per night)
 Twin (2 separate beds) (THB ..2,500.. per night)

Extra Bed

- Extra Bed (THB700.. per night)

Accompanying person for sharing room /if any/:

Surname: _____

Name: _____

*Above rates are quoted inclusive of 10% service charge and applicable government tax (currently 7%) and are non-commissionable. In the event of any change in local legislation, the applicable government tax rate shall be used.

For your convenience, please settle your credit card details below for the payment and return back to the resort via e-mail or fax no. ++66 53 450 120-1

Cardholder _____ Type of Card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiry Date _____

Two or Three digit number of the back your credit card is _____

Cancellation & no show condition: 29-0 day will be charged fully payment.

Acknowledged and confirmed by _____

รีสอร์ทธรรมชาติอ่างขาาง

1/1 หมู่ 5 บ้านคุ้ม ฟาง เชียงใหม่ โทรศัพท์: 0 5345 0110 แฟกซ์: 0 5345 0120

อีเมล: angkhang@amari.com สำรองห้องพัก: reservations@angkhang.amari.com

1/1 Moo 5 Baan Kom, Fang, Chiang Mai 50320 Tel: 0 5345 0110 Fax: 0 5345 0120
Email: angkhang@amari.com For reservations: reservations@angkhang.amari.com

Le **MERIDIEN** Le Meridien Chiang Mai Booking Form

For Participants 2012 OSCE-THAILAND CONFERENCE

Please complete one form per room and send by fax to Reservation Department before 15 January 2012

Secure Fax number for credit card at +66 53 253 618

Name of the guest (s) _____

Company / Organization _____

Tel/Fax/E-mail _____

Arrival date _____ Flight No. _____ Arrival time _____

Departure date _____ Flight No. _____ Departure Time _____

Transportation pick up – Toyota Camry THB 550 net /way No Yes

Please select room type

King Bed

Twin Bed

- | | | |
|---|--------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe room | THB 3,500net/night | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking room |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Studio | THB 3,900net/night | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking room |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Royal club room with club benefit* | THB5,300net/night | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking room |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Suite with club benefit* | THB8,300net/night | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking room |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking room |

***The rates are inclusive of 02 persons for Full Buffet Breakfast at “Latest Recipe” restaurant.

*Club benefit is VIP lounge (complimentary afternoon tea, snack from 15.00 – 17.00 hrs and Drinks and Hors d’oeuvres, daily from 18.00 – 20.00 hrs)

The reservation is guaranteed with the following credit card:

Type of card _____

Cardholder’s name _____

Card number _____

Any no show or late cancellation that occurs within 72 hours of the expected arrival date will be penalty equivalent to the entire stay’s room charge.

I agree

Credit Card Owner’s Signature

MAIL/FAX THIS FROM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LE MERIDIEN HOTEL

PENSIRI TOSAWAT RESERVATION MANAGER

LE MERIDIEN, CHIANG MAI

108 CHANG KLAN ROAD, TAMBOL CHANG KLAN, AMPHUR MUANG, CHIANG MAI 50100 THAILAND

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Summary of Countries and Territories entitled for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival

Ordinary Passport						Diplomatic/Official Passport			
Nationals of the following countries may apply for Visa on Arrival	Nationals of the following countries may enter Thailand without a visa					Nationals of the following countries may enter Thailand without a visa			
	Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme			Bilateral Agreement		Bilateral Agreement			
Period of stay	Period of stay			Period of stay			Period of stay		
15 days	** 30 days		90 days	14 days	30 days	90 days	30 days	90 days	
Andora	Australia	Oman	* Brazil	Cambodia	Hong Kong	Argentina	Cambodia	Argentina	The Philippines
Bulgaria	Austria	The Philippines	* Korea (ROK)		Laos	Brazil	China	Austria	Poland
Bhutan	Belgium	Portugal	* Peru		Macau	Chile	Hong Kong	Belgium	Romania
China	Bahrain	USA			Mongolia	Korea (ROK)	Laos	Bhutan	Russia
Cyprus	Brunei	Vietnam			Russia	Peru	Macau	Brazil	Singapore
Czech Republic	Canada	Qatar			Vietnam		Mongolia	Chile	Slovakia
Estonia	Denmark	Singapore					Myanmar	Costa Rica	South Africa
Ethiopia	Finland	Spain					Oman	Croatia	Spain
Hungary	France	South Africa					Vietnam	Czech Republic	(Diplomatic)
India	Germany	Sweden						France	Switzerland
Kazakhstan	Greece	Switzerland						(Diplomatic)	Tunisia
Latvia	Hong Kong	Turkey						Germany	Turkey
Liechtenstein	Iceland	UAE						Hungary	Ukraine
Lithuania	Indonesia	UK						India	Uruguay
Maldives	Ireland	Czech Republic						Israel	
Malta	Israel	Hungary						Italy	
Mauritius	Italy	Liechtenstein						Japan	
Oman	Japan	Poland						Korea (ROK)	
Poland	Kuwait	Slovak						Liechtenstein	
Romania	Luxembourg	Slovenia						Luxembourg	
Russia	Malaysia							Malaysia	
San Marino	Monaco							Mexico	
Saudi Arabia	The Netherlands							The Netherlands	
Slovakia	New Zealand							Nepal	
Slovenia	Norway							Panama	
Taiwan								Peru	
Ukraine									
Uzbekistan									

Department of Consular Affairs, December 2011

Remarks

* Nationals of Brazil, Republic of Korea are entitled for tourist visa exemption scheme. Meanwhile, Thailand also holds bilateral agreements on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports for a visit of not exceeding 90 days with Brazil, Republic of Korea and Peru.

** If such nationals enter the Kingdom at the immigration checkpoints which border neighboring countries, they will be allowed to stay for 15 days each time, except Malaysian nationals who cross the borderline from Malaysia whose granted period of stay will not exceed 30 days each time. In addition, such nationals who hold diplomatic and official passports are also practically exempted from visa for tourism.