

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

Overview

The [Regional Summit for Social Science Funding and Collaboration in the Indo-Pacific](#) will be held on 9-10 May 2024 in Siam Hall, Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai, Bangkok, Thailand.

This meeting is being convened by the Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC) through its '[Boosting Social Sciences and their Contribution to Better Lives across the Indo-Pacific](#)' program, in partnership with UNESCO and the Global Development Network ([GDN](#)), and supported by the International Development Research Centre ([IDRC](#)). The meeting will feature keynote speakers, workshop and panel sessions, a networking dinner, and opportunities for participants to share their own experiences and practices with stakeholder organizations across the region.

Participants

Over 90 representatives from over 20 countries have registered to attend. The meeting is co-hosted by AASSREC and the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT).

A list of registered participants and their biographies are available here: <https://aassrec.org/2024-regional-summit-participants/>

Official Language

The official language of the conference is English.

Venue and Accommodation

The Regional Summit will be held in Siam Hall at the [Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai](#), Bangkok, Thailand.

Address: Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai, 18 Phaya Thai Road, Thung Phaya Thai, Ratchathewi, Bangkok, Thailand 10400. Email: rsvn@eastingrandphayathai.com Phone: +66 2483 2899

Further information about the Hotel can be found at:

<https://www.eastinhotelsresidences.com/eastingrandhotelphayathai>

Delegates receiving an AASSREC travel bursary will stay at the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai. Other summit delegates are welcome to stay at a hotel of their choosing.

Prayer Room

We understand and respect the diverse needs of all our attendees, including those of faith who may require time for prayer or reflection. Delegates are welcome to leave the summit at any time for this purpose. Please note that while there is no designated prayer room in the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai, a public prayer room is located a short 260m walk from the hotel at 1/2, Thung Phaya Thai, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400, Thailand. Directions can be found here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/1bkDNgau3W2ZZ76L7>

Internet Connection

Wireless internet connection is available within the hotel with any one of your electronic devices that has Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi details for the meeting room (Siam Hall):
Username: AASSREC
Password: Summit2024

Meal Arrangements

The following meals will be provided by AASSREC during the event:

- Thursday 9 May: Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, and Dinner
- Friday 10 May: Morning Tea, Lunch, and Afternoon Tea

Delegate dietary requirements, as instructed, have been secured.

Delegates receiving an AASSREC travel bursary will receive breakfast as part of their hotel reservation.

A buffet lunch will be provided each day at The Market@5 at the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai, 5th floor.

A Networking Dinner will be held on Thursday 9 May at the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai, Siam Room, 6th floor and will commence at 6.30pm.

For those delegates attending the **UNESCO Workshop on Wednesday 8 May**, UNESCO will provide lunch at the workshop and a buffet dinner at the Ascott Thonglor Hotel Bangkok (5-8pm).

Attire/Dress Code

Regional Summit 9-10 May: Business Attire
Welcome Dinner 9 May: Business Attire

UNESCO-AASSREC Workshop (8 May) Travel Arrangements

Delegates attending the UNESCO-AASSREC Workshop on 8 May will be provided transport, by bus, to the UNESCO Bangkok Offices. The bus will depart from Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai at 7:30am sharp on 8 May. Delegates are asked to meet at the hotel lobby entrance at 7:15am.

Delegates will be transported, by bus, to the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai following the conclusion of the UNESCO workshop dinner, departing the Ascott Thonglor Hotel Bangkok at 8pm.

Airport Transfers

Self-funded delegates are advised to make their own transport arrangements to and from the airport and hotel. The hotel is approximately 45 mins drive from the airport.

Please note: Delegates receiving an AASSREC travel bursary will have their airport transfers arranged by the AASSREC Secretariat and will receive further details separately.

Suvarnabhumi Airport provides many types of public transportation such as Airport Rail Link, Limousine, Car Rental, Shuttle Bus, Airport Express Bus, Intercity Bus (Transport Company Bus). Delegates travelling via Airport Rail Link are advised that only cash is accepted for use of this service.

TRANSPORT OPTIONS	COST (Approximate)
Airport Rail Link Suvarnabhumi Airport to Phayathai Station	THB 45 (Tickets must be purchased in cash (THB) at ticketing machines)

Taxi (Cost may vary depending on traffic conditions.)	Average Cost: THB 200 - 300 Additional Airport Surcharge: THB 50 Luggage more than 26 inches: extra charge of THB 20 per 1 luggage
Hotel Transport Services - Limousine (Toyota Camry), Maximum 2 persons and 2 medium-sized pieces of luggage	THB 1,950 net
Hotel Transport Services - Toyota Commuter Van, Maximum 7 persons and 7 medium-sized pieces of luggage	THB 2,600 net

- Airport Rail Link**

The most cost-effective and efficient method of transport from the Suvarnabhumi Airport to the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai is the Airport Rail Link. Trains on the elevated, 28km long, City Line stop at six stations between the airport and downtown Bangkok. Journey time is approximately 35 minutes to Phayathai Station.

The Phayathai Rail Link station is connected to the 1st floor of the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai via a short 200m walkway.

The trains operate between 06:00 – midnight daily, 365 days a year. The City Line station is located on the Basement level (B Level) at Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK). The Suvarnabhumi Airport Rail Link connects to the MRT subway at Makkasan Station (MRT Petchaburi Station) and the BTS Skytrain at Phayathai Station in Bangkok city centre.



For more info on the Airport Rail Link see: <https://bangkokairporttrain.com/>

More details and directions inside the airport (including a video) are available here: <https://thaiest.com/blog/how-to-take-train-from-suvarnabhumi-airport-bkk-to-bangkok>

The hotel has provided instructions to get to the hotel from the Phayathai Station here: <https://aassrec.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Airport-Link-Eastin-Grand-Phayathai.pdf>

- Public Taxi**

Public taxis operate around the clock, 24 hours a day at Suvarnabhumi Airport. Fares are based on the distance travelled plus a 50 Baht airport surcharge. Passengers also have to pay the expressway tolls (if they prefer the driver to use the expressway rather than the slower, normal roads into the city.) To take a public taxi, go to taxi rank located near Gate 4 and Gate 7 on the First Floor (Level 1) of the terminal building.

Simply press the button on one of the automated machines and a taxi will be allocated for you. Walk to the bay number which is marked on your ticket. Give the driver the ticket and tell them where you want to go. Note that there is a separate machine for larger taxis that are suitable for 3 or 4 people with suitcases.

- **Hotel Limousine Service**

The Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai provides a transportation service with the following costs, and can be contacted via +66 2483 2899 or rsvn@eastingrandphayathai.com to secure this service:

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- **Car Rental**

Car hire is available 24 hours / day and is offered by numerous operators. The Car Rental Service Counters are located on the arrivals level (2nd Floor) of the terminal building between Entrances 7 and 8. All major car hire companies are represented, including SIXT, Avis, Budget, Thrifty, Thai Rentacar, Bizcar Rental and Chic Car Rent. Car hire rates at Suvarnabhumi Airport are from around 900 Baht/day.

Powerpoint/Socket Information

In Thailand, types C and O are the official standards.



Type "C"



Type "O"

Certificate of Participation

Upon request, a Certificate of Participation for the Social Science Funding and Collaboration Regional Summit can be provided to attendees. All requests are to be emailed to info@aassrec.org and the AASSREC Secretariat will provide the certificate following the completion of the Regional Summit.

What's the Weather like in Bangkok in May

In [Bangkok](#), the average daytime temperature can reach up to 40°C (104°F) in May with intermittent and some rain showers.

Useful telephone numbers

Police: 191

Fire Department: 199

Ambulance: 1669

Foreign Traveller Hotline: 1155

Contact

If you have any queries, please contact the AASSREC Secretariat at info@aassrec.org