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The Thai Association for Laboratory Animal Science (TALAS) cordially invites the Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations (AFLAS) to organize the 5th Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations in Bangkok, Thailand in 2012.

Thailand’s concern on laboratory Animal Science and Research has long been supported and continually growing. Laboratory research and development associations and organizations in Thailand are working towards the objective of giving proper treatment to animals by engaging themselves in the latest laboratory research and development. The government of Thailand supports this and has recently issued the strategic plan for development of laboratory animals in Thailand for the year 2007-2010. The aim is to raise the standard of animal care and use to international level during this period.

It is obvious that Thailand has seen the necessity of having constant activities relates to laboratory animal activities, thus, aims to provide platform for regional learning center available to all animal laboratory researchers and developers from Asian region and to the world. Also, Thailand has been cited by the World Health Organization (WHO) as being the most prepared country in Southeast Asia region. In 2001, TALAS pursued its role as one of founders to establish AFLAS in objective of collaboration among organizations in region for region development.

Apart from being of the regional center in laboratory animal activities, Thailand has also been recognized as a world standard convention and exhibition venues that offers world-class convention facilities. In addition, Thailand has a strategic geographical diversity combining with the richness and wealth of oriental tradition and culture. Thai hospitality is also well recognized to all visitors as a “Land of Smile”.

With its capability in laboratory animal activities and attraction of destination, TALAS is honor to offer ourselves to host 5th AFLAS 2012. Last but not least, on behalf of the Thai Association for Laboratory Animal Science, I am certain that members of AFLAS and friends in laboratory animal throughout the world will greatly benefit and enjoy what Thailand will offer in hosting the 5th Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations in Bangkok, Thailand in 2012.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Parntep Ratanakorn
President of the Thai Association for Laboratory Animal Science
Dear Professor Qin Chuan,

On behalf of the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau, I am pleased to extend our full support to the Thai Association for Laboratory Animal Science - TALAS in their intention to bid for the 5th Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations Congress - AFLAS in 2012.

I am confident that the attractiveness of our Kingdom, the welcoming nature of our people, our international standard convention facilities and our past achievements in hosting many important international events such as the XV International AIDS Conference with more than 20,000 participants in 2004, the 11th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2005, and the recent 91st Lions Clubs International Convention with more than 28,000 participants in 2008 will guarantee great success for the 5th AFLAS Congress in 2012.

As the government organisation in charge of promoting Thailand as a venue of choice for international meetings, I hereby extend the warmest and most cordial invitation to the Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations to consider our Kingdom as the venue for the prestigious AFLAS Congress in 2012. TCEB on behalf of the government and our private sectors in the Meetings Industry will always be your partners to ensure a successful event in Thailand.

Thailand looks forward to the pleasure of welcoming the delegates of the 5th AFLAS Congress in 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Suprabha M.
Director - Conventions
Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB)

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Why Thailand for 5th AFLAS 2012

Thailand is proud to have hosted many international conferences and would like to share our experience with all members of AFLAS. The foremost reasons will allege your choice of Thailand for “5th AFLAS 2012”

- **Thailand is center of Laboratory Animal Activities in ASEAN**
  Thailand has been cited by WHO as being the most prepared country in Southeast Asia region
  TALAS has long history in collaborating with organizations in Asia region for region development. It pursued a role as one of founders to support other organizations in Asia to reach basic agreement and establish AFLAS.

- **Discovery of the charms & wonders of glorious Thai culture**
  Thailand is one of the world’s favorite tourist destinations as it has pristine beaches, coral-fringed islands, World Heritage Sites, fabulous shopping complexes, Fascinating culture and typical Thai hospitality. Delegates can experience a variety of these unforgettable holiday escapades on pre and post congress tours.

- **Simple easy access**
  Easily accessible to Thailand, it is located in the heart of Southeast Asia, and more than 80 international airlines linking Asia with the rest of the world.

- **World Class venue for your convenience**
  The venue, Sofitel Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Center” which is perfect for both business and leisure guests. It is located in the center of Bangkok closed to Chatuchak Park and Market. It offers 67 room with world class conference facilities

- **Choices of relaxing and stylish accommodation at a value for money**
  Accommodation in Chiang Mai is replete with fashionable and resolutely charming haven with a variety of styles and prices. From serene suburban resorts with own paddy field to boutique hotels in old colonial-style wooden buildings, most of accommodation has proved exuberantly one-of-a-kind.

- **Professionalism of TALAS with strong track record in international conferences**
  Organizing committee and Professional organizer of 5th AFLAS 2012 has organized many international events in veterinary field. AFLAS delegates shall experience smooth and friendly services from the team

- **Strong support from Thai Government**
  Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau will provide full support to ensure success of 5th AFLAS 2012 with wide range of services including financial and non-financial support.
Section 1:
Professionalism of Organizing Team

Thai Association for Laboratory Animal Science

Organization and Membership
The Thai Association for Laboratory Animal Sciences (TALAS) was founded in 2001. Today the association is composed of Individuals and Institutions concerned with care and use of laboratory animal, including biologists, veterinarians, physicians, researchers, administrators technicians and other interested for the proper care and use of animals in research, teaching, and testing. Committees are formed to manage specific areas of concern, such as education, membership promotion, and meeting. There are currently about 200 TALAS members. Membership is classified as: ordinary members, sponsoring, and honorary members.

Mission
- To promote the required skills and ethics.
- To provide research community with professional help.
- To facilitate a transition toward the future plan.

Aims
- To promote and develop of laboratory animal sciences and related academic field
- To advance knowledge, skills and status of those who care for and use of laboratory animal
- To better understanding of ethics of laboratory animal sciences
- To improve the standards of animal care and research
- To share with other professionals and difficulties inherent in using laboratory animal
Activities:
ALAS achieves its mission by holding regular scientific meeting and training program.

2004: Attending Veterinarian Training No. 1
Role and Duty of the Attending Veterinarians
By: Dr. David L. Ruble
Dr. A. Lee Chedester
MAJ Lloyd T. Phinney
Dr. Montip Gettayacamin

2004: Asian Regional Training Program on Laboratory Animal Science I
Organized by:
- National Laboratory Animal Centre, Mahidol University (NLAC-MU)
- Thai Association for Laboratory Animal Science (TALAS)
- Central Institute for Experimental Animals (CIEA)
- ICLAS Asian Regional Committee
- ICLAS Monitoring center, Japan

2005: Institute Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
By: Ms. Molly Greene
MAJ Van Gessel

By: Kathryn A. L. Bayne

2006: Publish and Distribute
Thai version: the Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

2007: Animal Models Commonly Used in Cancer Research Workshops on Basic Rodent Anesthesia and Euthanasia Basic IACUC Training
By: Dr. Suzanne Craig
Dr. Suradej Hongeng
Associate Professor Dr. Chirayu Auewarakul
Dr. Pornpita Picha
Dr. Kawin Leelawat
MAJ Yvonne A. Van Gessel, DVM, DACVP
Dr. Montip Gettayacamin, DVM, DACLAM

2008: The 2nd TALAS Training Conference and Workshop Standard Laboratory Animal Care and Use Program
By: Dr. Suzanne Craig, DVM, DACLAM
MAJ Sarah B. Hinds, DVM, MPH
MAJ(P) Yvonne A. Van Gessel, DVM, DACVP
Dr. Montip Gettayacamin, DVM, DACLAM

Training:
1. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Principal Investigator Training Program
   30th - 31st March 2006
   Chiangmai University
2. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Principal Investigator Training Program
   1st - 2nd June 2006
   Chulalongkorn University
3. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
   18th August 2007
   Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University
4. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
   4th June 2008
   Kasetsart University

International Affiliation:
- ICLAS: International Council for Laboratory Animal Science
  TALAS has been Scientific member of ICLAS since 2004 and also ICLAS Governing Board during 2007-2011.

- AFLAS: Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations
  TALAS was one of AFLAS founders. Since 2001 representative from six countries and region in Asia-China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand gathered at the Japanese Congress of Laboratory Animal Science and Technology in Yokohama. The basic agreement was reached to establish the Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Association (AFLAS).

- JALAS International Award
  The purpose is to give an honorable recognition for excellent young researchers in Asian countries and to invite them to the annual academic meeting of JALAS to present their research accomplishment.
  The awardee shall be given a testimonial and a bursary of THB 100,000 from JALAS and THB 10,000 from TALAS.
Organizing Team has cooperated with each other to organize major veterinary events in Thailand. This is the reason why it could be assured that they have sufficient experience and expertise to organize one of the most important veterinary conferences such as the 5th AFLAS 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Track Record of the Organizing Team**

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<td>The 28th World Congress of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association, WSAVA 2003</td>
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<td>The 2nd FASAVA 2009 and the 35th Veterinary Medicine and Livestock Development Annual Conference 2009</td>
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Thailand Credential

Thailand stands at a historic crossroads of trade and culture. Since ancient times, this tropical kingdom has hosted visitors from East and West, North and South. Always happy to welcome guests from abroad and embrace new influence, Thai people turn hospitality into an art and have been over decades perfecting it to ensure that our guests have a memorable visit. This has on many occasions contributed to Thailand’s overwhelming success in staging landmark events.

Below is the list of major events that Thailand had and will have the honor of hosting. All of them have set a high benchmark for world-class global events that have been successfully held in Thailand.

### Thailand’s Major Conventions / Conferences

#### Past events

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<td>The 12th World Congress for Gastroenterology</td>
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<td>The 46th ICCA Congress &amp; Exhibition</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<td>The 5th World Congress of the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSFID)</td>
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<td>World Allergy Congress</td>
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<td>Lions Club International Convention</td>
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#### Upcoming Event

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<td>The 19th International Congress of Nutrition (ICN)</td>
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<td>The 19th World Congress of Neurology</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>24-30 October</td>
<td>7,000 delegates</td>
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<td>The 48th Orient and Southeast Asian Lions (OSEAL) Forum</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>19-22 November</td>
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<td>Asia Pacific Life Insurance Congress</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<td>The 9th International Congress of Tropical Pediatrics</td>
<td>2011</td>
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<td>The 2012 Rotary International Convention</td>
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<td>The 30th Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP)</td>
<td>2014</td>
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<td>IUPAC World Polymer Congress 2014, The 45th International Symposium on Macromolecules (MACRO)</td>
<td>2014</td>
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#### VET-related events

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<td>The International Elephant Conservation and Research Symposium</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>24-26 November</td>
<td>300 delegates</td>
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<td>International Laboratory Animal Symposium 2009 (ILAS)</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>26–29 April</td>
<td>500 delegates</td>
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<td>The 2nd Conference of Federation of Asian Small Animal Veterinary Associations (FASAVA)</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>3–5 November</td>
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Section 2:
Thailand as a Gateway of Asia

Center of Laboratory Animal Society

As early as 1971, Thailand has already seen the need to study the biomedical research for laboratory animals. An adhoc committee was then set up by Chulalongkorn, Kasetsart and Mahidol Universities. These three (3) organizations created a memorandum of understanding to set-up a national laboratory animal center within the country. To support this, the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Chulalongkorn University included laboratory animal science subject in its curriculum and Thailand has also joined ICLAS as a national member.

In 1973, Dr. Stian Erichsen, who has proposed to World Health Organization (WHO) about the establishment of breeding center for small laboratory animals, is assigned to be the consultant for Mahidol University after WHO approves the technical supports for national laboratory animal project in Thailand.

The project continues to process and develop and in 1999, Thailand is ready enough to host 9th ICLAS International Symposium in Bangkok. A year after the successful conference, The National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) issued the Thai version of the ethical principles and guidelines for the use of animals for scientific purposes and the english version was issued last 2006.

In 2001, the cabinet approved the NRCT proposal for the formation of a National Committee for Research Animal Development (NCRAD). In the following year, the Thailand Association of Laboratory Animal Science (TALAS) was founded which acts as forum for all Laboratory Animals Veterinarians in Thailand.

In 2007, the cabinet approved the National Strategic Plans for Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes and the Secretariat Office for the NCRAD to oversee overall development in this field.

The Laboratory Animal Science Development in Thailand is continually increasing and needs a greater effort to keep it moving and improving. The organizations, NCRAD, NRCT, NLAC-MU, TALAS and other small groups are giving their best effort and concern in making the Laboratory Animal Science in Thailand to be a center for regional learning center and development. Recently, the NCRAD together with NLAC-MU and TALAS are organizing and currently on the preparation of the International Symposium ILAS 2009 to be held from 26-29 April in Bangkok.
Strategic Location

Thailand’s geographical location strategically lies in the heart of the Southeast Asia region. This presents a gateway for all travelers, with onward air travel routes to countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), ASEAN, the Far East, Australia, South Asia and East Asia.

This accessibility is further strengthened by the New Bangkok International Airport, Suvarnabhumi. It is destined to become the major aviation hub in Southeast Asia. Suvarnabhumi airport has the largest passenger terminal in Asia (563,000 square meters), able to effortlessly handle arriving and departing passengers of the more than 80 international airlines that currently fly to Thailand. The initial capacity will be 45,000,000 passengers per year, rising to 100 million. This new airport is served with readily available cab that will lead travelers to the heart of Bangkok.

Thailand’s geographical location also makes it a natural gateway to the GMS, allowing organizers of international meetings and events a unique opportunity to capitalize on the immense natural and cultural appeal of an area regarded as one of Asia’s last tourism frontiers. Thailand also shares a border with Malaysia in the south, and is remarkably easy to reach from within the region as well as from further north.

Thailand’s location is easily accessible by land, air, or rail roads by most of the AFLAS members.

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Bangkok is Thailand’s major gateway. Most visitors arrive at Bangkok International Airport, which is connected to Europe, North America, Asia and Australia by daily flights aboard of world’s major airlines. Further international flights, mainly from Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Hong Kong, land on a less regular basis at Phuket and Hat Yai airports in the South and Chiang Mai in the North.

A regular rail service links Singapore and Bangkok. Intermediary stops include Kuala Lumpur, Butterworth and major southern Thai towns.

Overland entrance to Thailand can be made via three roads crossing on the Thai-Malaysian border in Songkhla, Yala and Narathiwat.

Thailand is also a gateway to the countries of Indochina. There also are several border crossings that lead to these neighboring countries.
Section 3:
Readiness of Thailand

Infrastructure

Public Transportation
Public buses are plentiful and inexpensive fares to most destinations within metropolitan Bangkok. A Bus route map is available at most hotels and bookshops.

Taxis and Tuk Tuks
Hotel taxis have fixed tariffs. Designed “taxi-meter” cabs charge 35 Baht for the first 3 kilometers and approximately 5 Baht for every kilometer thereafter.

Tuk Tuks, or three-wheel taxis, are quite popular among tourists or short journeys inside Bangkok. Fares range from a minimum of 30 Baht to a maximum of 150 Baht. Fares must be negotiated.

River Taxis
There are many boats navigating the Chao Phraya River. Some criss-cross between landing on opposite banks while the Chao Phraya Express boats travel upstream and downstream within the metropolis. Fares range between 5 and 15 Baht.

Sky Train and Underground Train
Bangkok is the only city in Asia with both overhead and underground mass transit systems amongst the most modern to be found anywhere. Both systems have gone a long way towards alleviating the problem of traffic congestion. They link many of the city’s most important hotels, convention centers, visitor attractions, business districts, and shopping and entertainment areas.
High Value-for-Money

Thailand, from report survey done by Future Brand, has now been considered as the best value-for-money location in the world and was also ranked ninth in a poll of the most beautiful tourist destinations.

Survey also shows that in an era of volatile currency fluctuations and high oil process, travelers are constantly seeking ways to stretch their income on leisure travel and Thailand is happy see that visitors are constantly and increasingly coming back for a reason that their money can go far within this country.

Tourists usually enjoy shopping since Thailand offers an inexpensive price at high quality products from accommodation to food to all kinds of products.

Professional Services

Professional Conference Organizers (PCOs) is ProCOngress (Thailand) Co. Ltd. ProCOngress is a well-experienced PCO with high skilled staff and networks of contacts. Its records can be traced from world renowned conferences held within the region. It consists of departments that are thoroughly assigned with duties and responsibilities that cover all areas of conference amenities and requirements. ProCOngress has partners with respected alliances to make sure maximum client’s satisfaction. Alliances includes DMC’s like Pacific World, Sea Tours, Diethelm, Turismo and World Travel Service for travel arrangements and transportation, Contractors like X-Con, Right Man and Kingsmen for booth and operation on-site to be manageable and in order, and Freight Forwarder like Elite and Agility that will make sure of any documents or papers delivery on time and complete. ProCOngress is trusted by organizing team with in the region for its excellent performance and accomplishments.

Destination of Preserved Culture and Heritage, Beautiful Nature, and Choices of Fun Activities

In its enduring traditions, Thailand embodies “Thainess” which indelibly colors the nation and gives the sense of an ancient land that is different. Yet, the Thais miraculously combine a sincere respect for the past with zest for the new and a joy in today’s innovations.

It is precisely such a seeming paradox which makes Thailand so rewarding. Here is not only a truly multi-faceted destination of enormous cultural diversity, but also all the modern advantages to ensure the most pleasurable travel experience. From exclusive service to superior opportunities for various activities including sightseeing, dining and shopping, the traveler will find plenty to appreciate at a reasonable price.
Amazingly, in the midst of this dynamic modern world, Bangkok miraculously manages to preserve its cultural heritage to a marked degree. In the soaring roofs and gleaming spires of the Grand Palace and the city’s many historic temples—Temple of the Emerald Buddha, is presented with a picture of classical oriental wonder. In addition, contained within Bangkok’s monuments and sights are treasures of the nation’s artistic and cultural endeavor that typify the land and the people.

The influence of the past is not limited to major monuments and it continues to color daily life. Files of saffron-robed monks making their early morning alms round, for example, present a scene essentially unaltered by the passing of time. Today’s backdrop of high-rise buildings only adds wonder to this and other traditional sights from which the city continues to draw definition.

Ultimately, it is from the people that Bangkok derives its unique flavor. Fun-loving and easy going, the people possess a rare tolerance which imbues the city with a real sense of freedom. It may appear at times hectic, yet what finally comes across is Bangkok’s good natured acceptance of life with all its idiosyncrasies.

Thailand’s “City of Angels” is, indeed, a magic place where possibilities are limited only by the imagination. You’ll marvel at the glories of the past, and delight in the golden opportunities of the present.
Shopping Treasures

A nurturing environment for the creative spirit throughout the centuries, Thailand today pulses with artistic innovation. Inspired by traditional crafts, talented Thai designers are finding imaginative new applications of ancient forms and styles, transforming various local materials into international-quality contemporary clothing, accessory jewelry, home-furnishings and decor items.

Running parallel with creative development has been the growth of a dazzling array of modern air-conditioned shopping plazas and malls, housing glittering department stores as well as select independent boutiques.

There are varieties of shopping areas available for visitors. Aside from class malls as Siam Paragon and World Trade Center, there is also a classic among Bangkok’s fun shopping which is the Weekend Market at Chatuchak Park and JJ Mall where menu runs from handicrafts, fabrics and clothing. Thailand also offers you a night bazaar at Patpong Night Market and Suan Lum Night Bazaar where there is a wide variety of buys, dining and as well as entertainment.

Another popular market is the floating market located at the line skirts of Bangkok.

Vibrant Nightlife

Nightlife in Bangkok is known as vibrant and very lively. There is always something for everyone here. Bangkok’s nightlife has a reputation for being wild and rowdy. But at the same time it’s relaxed, safe, enjoyable and great fun! Rapidly establishing itself as Asia’s capital of cool, Bangkok’s diverse nightlife scene features everything from excellent live music and good jazz clubs to ultra cool bars, trendy clubs and great restaurants. Apart from many traditional Thai and international restaurants you can as well explore the sizzling Thai cuisines in its 24 hour eatery and food corners around the city at very low price.

Beautiful Golf Courses

Golf is one of the most popular sports in Thailand. There are over 200 high standard golf courses nationwide, many of them championship standards. The world’s top designers have made a significant contribution. Jack Nicklaus, Robert Trent Jones Jr, and many others have perfected modern layouts, using the best grasses and latest techniques. The result is some of the most attractive courses in Asia, with excellent facilities, memorable signature holes and regular maintenance to keep them in top-class condition.
### Proposed Date

**SEPTEMBER 2012**

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Venue

The proposed principal venue of the 5th AFLAS 2012 is **Sofitel Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre**.

Sofitel Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre is ideally situated in the center of Bangkok, 10 minutes from Donmuang Airport and 30 minutes from Suvarnabhumi Airport, opposite the famous Chatuchak Park and Market.

Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok offers an international deluxe business hotel that has 607 rooms and suites, each designed for comfort and convenience. In each room, it has 24 hrs. room service, satellite TV, hairdryer, IDD and internet connection. Visitors will be pampered by hospitable staff whose aim is to please its visitors. It offers Superior Room, Deluxe Room, Petite Suite, Junior Suite, Executive Suite, Plaza Suite and Presidential Suite.

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This award winning Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok is the perfect place to meet, setting the tone for a myriad of special occasions including premium meetings, conferences, and events. Sofitel has 26 function rooms and the spacious Vibhavadee Ballroom, all international standards including extensive audio-visual support. This combines with Bangkok Convention Center (BCC), a pillar-less Auditorium, 8 breakout rooms, Regency Area and Exhibition Area, plus new “Multi-Purpose Sky Hall” comprising 3,640 square meters. Bangkok Convention Center is connected to the hotel via a walkway.

With 26 superb function rooms, a total area of 12,545 square meters, accommodating from 10 to 4,500 guests. This self-contained facility has been acclaimed as the premier convention venue in the region for hosting international events.

Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok provides easy access to Suvarnabhumi and Donmuang Airport as well as quick access to the downtown area. Sofitel provides a transportation from and to the airport for all guests checked-in the hotel. The subway is immediately in front of the complex, and the skytrain is just five minutes away. Taxi cabs are also easily available outside the complex area.
Hotels

Today, Thailand is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. It is regarded as the most popular destination in Asia. Thailand among top-5 in Asia for ‘Destination with highest client satisfaction’, the huge popularity has led to the development of the hotel industry.

There are numerous hotels in Thailand that cater to visitors. A variety choice of hotels ranging from the exclusive five stars, to four and three stars hotels to accommodate and welcome the participants of any conferences. These hotels are within easy access of conference venues, business areas, and shopping districts of Thailand’s capital city, Bangkok and they are also close to several of the city’s numerous attractions. The hotels are near and accessible by the Bangkok Sky Train (BTS).
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Strong Support from Government

As an official government organization, Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau in conjunction with related organizations will provide full support to ensure the success of your congress.

A wide range of services including financial and non-financial support are:
- Financial support for marketing and PR activities with promotional materials
- Advice on organizer, venue, accommodation and transportation
- Fast track for delegates at airport including visa facilitation
- Co-ordination with custom for importing conference materials
- Co-ordination with related government agencies for PR/promotion and access to exclusive property
- Provision of destination brochure, foreign discount card, useful map, souvenir and cultural show
Pre & Post Tour

Bangkok
Bangkok is a pulsating, vibrant and exciting city. The city seldom sleeps and Bangkok’s nightlife provides something for everyone, from discos, nightclubs, colorful bars and cabarets to classical Thai entertainment shows. There are myriad fascinating sights to see within the city such as ‘The grand palace’, Jim Thompson’s House, a trip along the famed ‘River of King’, a visit to ‘Floating market’.

Eastern
Visitors can opt for a relaxing stay along the beach, or choose the more vibrant atmosphere of a modern coastal town. The East Coast is also famous for its abundance of culinary choices, from fresh seafood to spicy local dishes. In addition, it offers a vast range of seafood products to take home. Tropical fruits grown here are among the tastiest in the country. This land is verdant forestlands with lovely cascades and waterfalls.
Northern
The North is the birthplace of the earliest Thai civilisation and has many sites of archaeological and cultural interest. Northern people are famous for their courtesy and hospitality, and the region is also noted for its variety of cultural traditions. Many tourists from the surrounding provinces converge on Chiang Mai for the annual Songkran Festival, and to Sukhothai for Loi Krathong. This part is also where you can witness the popular Elephant shows and cultural dances.

Southern
Southern part composes of lovely beach and summer activities. One of the popular place is the province of Phuket, Thailand’s premier holiday resort. However, the fascinating rock formations and offshore islands at Phang-nga, Krabi and Trang are extremely popular for the diving and sailing opportunities they offer. The mountains, rivers and forests in the national parks in the interior of the peninsula are also gaining popularity with eco-tourists, as can be seen with the growing numbers of safari expeditions on foot, by elephant and in canoes.

Eco-Tour
Thailand is famous not only on its admirable and beautiful sceneries but also on its eco-tours which includes the famous Elephant trekking, bird watching, local villagers, local fisherman. The programs offer a tantalizing taste of local Thailand all rolled into one adventure with your old and new friends.
The Bid Proposal to Host

Technical Tour

Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute (QSMI) in Bangkok, Thailand, is a famous institute that specialises in the husbandry of poisonous snakes, the extraction and research of snake venom. It also houses the snake farm, a popular tourist attraction.

The origins of the institute can be traced back to 1912 when King Rama VI granted permission for a government institute to manufacture and distribute rabies vaccine upon the suggestion of Prince Damrong, whose daughter, Princess Banlusirisam, had died from rabies infection. It was officially opened on 26 October 1913 in the Luang Building on Bamrung Muang Road as the Pastura Institute after Louis Pasteur, who discovered the first vaccine against rabies. In 1917 it was renamed the Pasteur Institute and placed under the supervision of the Thai Red Cross Society. The institute also produced vaccine against smallpox.

In the early 1920s the king offered his private property for the construction of a new home for the institute on Rama IV Road. The new buildings were officially opened on 7 December 1922, now named for the king’s mother, Queen Saovabha. At the same time, the institute’s first director, Dr. Leopold Robert, requested contributions from foreigners living in Thailand for the establishment of a snake farm, which would enable the institute to manufacture antivenom for snake bites. Reportedly the second snake farm in the world after one in Sao Paolo, Brazil, it was opened on 22 November 1923 by Queen Savang Vadhana, then President of the Thai Red Cross, on the institute’s premises.

The research into snake venom is highly important, since many people fall victim to venomous snake bites. Normally only an antidote that is based from the same snake’s venom can save the individual’s life.

Containing thousands of some of the most venomous snakes in the world, such as the king cobra and all sorts of vipers, the snake farm is a highlight for any tourist visit. There are daily shows where handlers play around with pythons, and extractions of venom can also be witnessed. There is also a museum, and lectures are given.

Open : Mon. - Fri. from 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., Sat., Sun. and Public Holidays from 8.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Venom extraction : Mon. - Fri. at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. holidays at 11 a.m.
Slide presentation in English : 30 minutes before venom extraction.
Admission : Adults 200 Baht, Children 50 baht
The National Laboratory Animal Centre, Mahidol University (NLAC-MU)

The centre has been the only laboratory animal resource in Thailand since 1980 to maintain the highest possible quality standards in order to serve the needs of gender, age, size, and number of the laboratory animals for the research and educational community in Thailand.

NLAC-MU currently breeds and supplies a number of quality laboratory animals, including outbred and inbred animals. Moreover, the center also supplies to various educational and research facilities the biomaterial products and the husbandry materials to those facilities that house laboratory animals.

In addition to meet the mission statement to breed and supply laboratory animals, the center has expanded its services to include the training of animal caretakers, research and educational services in laboratory animal science, and a laboratory animal information center. NLAC-MU is in the forefront of efforts in Thailand to establish humane treatment protocols in the use of laboratory animals that reflect international standards. These services and efforts reflect the ongoing mission of the center to be an integral part of the research community in Thailand.

Current supply of laboratory animals for testing, research, and academic purposes in Thailand is approximately 400,000 animals per year. Eighty percent of this number is of ICR outbred mice and about ten percent is the Wistar and Sprague-Dawley rats. Only less than five percent is inbred/mutant/knockout mice, guinea pigs, hamster, and rabbits. These numerical figures are from the production and supply division of NLAC-MU, which still is the largest production unit for laboratory animals in Thailand. Moreover, the centre also supplies to various educational and research facilities the biomaterial products, such as agar plate, and animal blood (sheep, goose, and rat), and the husbandry materials to other facilities that house laboratory animals. Becoming ICLAS Monitoring Sub Center has enabled NLAC-MU to provide good quality laboratory animals for research and academic community in Thailand.
Visitor Information

General Information

Immigration
National of some 39 countries such as Japan, Singapore and Malaysia can enter Thailand without a visa, if the period of their stay does not exceed 30 days. Nationals outside of these countries, who are coming to Thailand for an exhibition or conference, should have registration confirmations to support their visa application at the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate closest to them.

Currency
The standard monetary unit is the Thai baht. Paper currency is issued in denominations and can be easily identified by the color of the notes: twenty is green, fifty is blue, one-hundred red, five-hundred purple and one-thousand beige. Currency exchange services are available at most banks, hotels, shopping complexes, and airports.

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Electricity
Thailand’s voltage is 220-240 AC, 50 Hertz.

Language
Thai, English (secondary)

Religions
Buddhism, Muslim, Christianity, Hinduism

Climate
Thailand has tropical climate featuring three distinct seasons. In most areas, the hot season extends from March to May; the green season from June to October and the cool season from November to February.
Airport Transfer
Suvanabhumi International Airport is approximately a 30 minutes drive via a modern motorway to the city center. Metered taxis are also available outside the terminal at ground floor level. Alternatively, a public Airport Shuttle Bus operated between the airport and city is also available.

It’s Ways, Roads and Means of Transportation
The state owns the Thai railroad system and it runs along a total of 3870 km. of track. There is a network of railway lines that go from Bangkok to surrounding cities in all directions. It goes to Chiang Mai in the north to the frontier of Malaysia in the south. There is another line available that extends to Myanmar in the northwest. The highways in Thailand were improved upon in the 1970s and are comprised of roads totaling about 65,000 km.

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Value Added Tax (VAT) Refunds
Thailand has a Value Added Tax (VAT) of 7%. A VAT Refund can be claimed by any non-Thai visitor who has been in Thailand for less than 180 days in a calendar year; is not airline crew; and departs Thailand by air carrier from an international airport.

A VAT refund only applies to goods taken out of Thailand within 60 days of purchase.

The goods must be purchased from stores displaying the “VAT REFUND FOR TOURISTS” sign.

Customs

- **Prohibited Items**
  All kinds of narcotics (including hemp, opium, cocaine, morphine, heroin), and obscene literature, pictures or articles are prohibited. Importation of firearms and ammunition can be done only after a permit has been obtained from the Police Department of local Registration Office.

- **Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages**
  Cigarette, cigars, or smoking tobacco each or in total must not exceed 250 grams. Two hundred cigarettes may be brought in duty free.

- **Plants and Animals**
  The importation of certain species of fruits, vegetables and plants is prohibited. Detailed information can be obtained from the Agricultural Regulatory Division, Bangkhun, Bangkok, Tel: 66 (0) 2579 1581, 66 (0) 2579 8516.

Permits for entry for animals coming in by air can be obtained at the airport. If animals are brought into the country by sea, and application must be made at the Department of Livestock Development, Bangkok. Tel: 66(0) 2251 5136, 66 (0) 2 252 6944.

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