

GENERAL INFORMATION OF BANGKOK

Bangkok, the capital city of Thailand, was founded in 1782 by the first monarch of the present Chakri dynasty. It is now the country's spiritual, cultural, diplomatic, commercial and educational hub. It covers an area of more than 1,500 square kilometres and is home of approximately ten million people - more than 10% of the country's population.



Over the last few decades, Bangkok has changed into a modern, exciting and sophisticated city. It offers visitors not only the cosmopolitan amenities they would expect from other big cities, but also a unique treasure trove of cultural attractions. Thailand, in the heart of Southeast Asia, was never colonised and thus kept its unique culture and heritage intact. Thus, Bangkok offers visitors the opportunity to experience fascinating glimpse of Thailand's gentle culture amidst the bustle of a great and dynamic metropolis. In other word, this great city has astounding success in combining the ancient and modern world.

For tourists, Bangkok has plenty of attractions to offer. The city is dotted with 400 glittering Buddhism temples of great beauty, magnificent palaces, classical dance extravaganzas and traditional ways of life, especially along the timeless Chao Phraya River

or "The River of Kings" winding through the city, which will make your stay worthiest experience you ever have. Besides the historical and religious attractions, there are numerous modern shopping centres, business areas, parallel with many parks waiting for all tourists to take a visit and fascinated with a merge of modern and natural world of this capital city.

Bangkok is waiting to welcome all delegates of the 13th Asian Pacific Society of Respirology Congress (APSR 2008) to have the great experience and nice stay cherished in everyone's mind.



QUEEN SIRIKIT NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER (QSNCC)

The QSNCC is a purpose-built for the grandest national and international events, particularly conference and exhibition, the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center bears the nation's identity in its architectural form and decorative details. The architectural style of the national convention center is unique and exemplary of "Thai Hi-Tech Architecture". It is also equipped with advanced engineering systems corresponding to the architecture and the expected functionality of the venue.

Apart from facilities and services inside, visitors can find other accessible facilities outside around the Center, especially the five star hotels which offer most pleasant accommodations together with satisfying services. In additions, with the grand Benjakitti park located right next to the Center, visitors can get a relaxation and touch real nature hiding in the great city.

QSNCC is located in the centre of Bangkok and can be easily accessed by public transportation provided such as bus services, BTS sky train and MRT underground whose station is right in front of the Center. There is also excellent access to Bangkok's expanding elevated highway system, which strikes east to Suvarnabhumi International Airport. With superb facilities and services, the grand excellent venue of Thailand is now ready to welcome all delegates of the 13th Asian Pacific Society of Respirology Congress (APSR 2008) to prove this pride of Thailand and be impressed with this excellent convention venue.



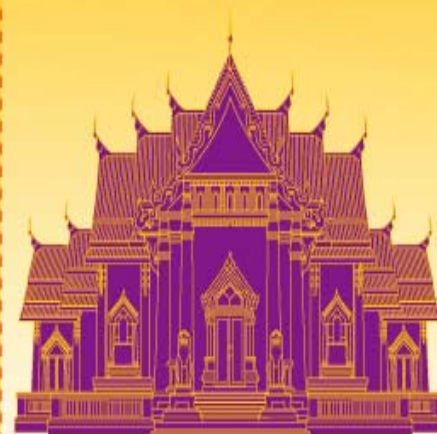
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Congress Committee, it is such a great pleasure and honour to extend my cordial invitation to you to the 13th Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology Congress (APSR 2008) which will be held during 19th - 22nd November 2008 at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand.

At this moment, the Congress Committee has enthusiastically begun to plan all works concerned with the Congress. For the next year Congress, there are many respiratory topics, for instance, tropical lung disease, emerging respiratory infections, sleep-disordered breathing and interventional pulmonology.

Therefore, we would like to ensure you that Thailand is ready in every way required for holding this Congress. Facilities and services are guaranteed as world-class standard, together with many exotic tourist attractions representing Thailand's history and unique culture which will certainly please you throughout your stay. We also highly expect to obtain kind support from you and anticipate that, apart from knowledge and trend of medical improvement from the programme, everyone will receive warm welcome of Thai people, enjoy staying in Thailand and keep this Congress as one of your great experiences in your memory.

Professor Arth Nana
Congress President

PROGRAMME

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Post Graduate Courses will be held on Wednesday 19 November 2008. The Scientific Programme will run on Thursday 20 November to Saturday 22 November 2008 with session in parallel including:

- ❖ Symposia
- ❖ Hot Topic and Grand Rounds
- ❖ Thematic Posters and Poster Discussion Sessions
- ❖ "Meet the Professor" Seminars
- ❖ Sponsored Symposia

Deadline for submission of abstracts:

31 July 2008 Online Submission only

Main Topic

- ❖ Clinical Respiratory Medicine
- ❖ Cell and Molecular Biology
- ❖ Clinical Allergy and Immunology
- ❖ Environmental & Occupational Health and Epidemiology
- ❖ Respiratory Infections (non-tuberculous)
- ❖ Tuberculosis
- ❖ COPD
- ❖ Asthma
- ❖ Lung Cancer
- ❖ Respiratory Neurobiology and Sleep
- ❖ Critical Care Medicine
- ❖ Bronchoscopy and Interventional Techniques
- ❖ Paediatric lung disease
- ❖ Respiratory Structure and Function
- ❖ Pulmonary Circulation
- ❖ Interstitial Lung Disease

Technical Exhibition

The exhibition will be opened on Wednesday 19 - Saturday 22 November 2008 for companies to present their activities and products.

Opening Ceremony and Banquet

Opening Ceremony will be on Wednesday 19 November 2008 at Plenary Hall 2-3

Banquet will be on Friday 21 November 2008 at Retro Live Cafe, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center



TOUR PROGRAMME

Tour Programme will be organized in various destinations in Thailand from North to South and Bangkok day trip.

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