



**ITU Forum of the Regional Working Group (RWG) on Private Sector  
Issues – Asia & Pacific Region**  
*“Promoting ICT Technologies & Broadband Applications”*  
Bangkok, 3-5 August 2005



## **INFORMATION NOTE**

### **VENUE**

The ITU Forum 2005 of the Regional Working Group on Private Issues will take place at the ***IMPACT Exhibition & Convention Centre Muang Thong Thani, in Bangkok (Thailand).***

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration of participants to ITU Forum will take place on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005, from 8:00 to 9:30. Due to security reasons, delegates should be back at the venue at 14:00, before the Opening Ceremony by Her Royal Highness Princess Sirinthorn, planned at 16:00.

### **WORKING LANGUAGES**

ITU Forum will be conducted in English only.

### **VISA**

A valid passport and entry visa may be requested for entering Thailand. Please check it by consulting the following Internet address: <http://www.thaiembdc.org/consular/visa/visa.htm>  
If you need one, you should apply to the Thai consulate in your residential country.

### **CLIMATE**

Usually the climate is hot in August and the average temperature is 28,4. However, due to the rain season, it may rain.

### **LOCAL TIME**

It is GMT + 7 hours.

### **TRANSPORT**

The Ministry of Information & Communication Technology (MICT) will provide transport of delegates between the Miracle Grand Hotel and the Convention Centre. If you are in another hotel, you will have to assure personally transportation to the conference venue.

### **HOTEL**

Miracle Grand Convention Hotel, Bangkok is recommended. Tel: +66 2575 5599, Fax: +66 2575 5555. E-mail: [info@miraclegrandhotel.com](mailto:info@miraclegrandhotel.com); Web: [www.miraclegrandhotel.com](http://www.miraclegrandhotel.com).  
A negotiated rate is offered to delegates for this ITU Forum, including all taxes and service charge. Contact person for reservations is indicated below.

### **CURRENCY**

The official currency of Thailand is the Thailand Baht (THB) and the exchange rate in May 2005 is:  
1 Euro = 50,69      1 USD = 40.45      1 Indian rupee = 0,9.

### **CREDIT CARDS**

Internationally recognized credit cards are accepted by the hotel and department stores (Visa, Master, Diners Club, and American Express) for the purchase of goods and for any other financial transactions.

### **BUSINESS HOURS**

Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. General banking hours are Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 3:30 p.m. Department stores are generally open on all days between 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**ELECTRICITY**

Voltage in Thailand is 220-240AC, 50 Hertz. Plugs are not standardized. There are at least three different types of plugs, some with two pins and other with three pins; thus you should bring a universal adapter.

**AIRPORT TAX**

Airport departure tax is Baht 500.00.

**FINDING SOME PLACES FOR DINNER**

- CENTRAL LADPRAO DEPARTMENT STORE is a big shopping plaza located on Vibhavadee Road, where you can find many restaurants and food centres. It is only 15 minutes away from the Miracle Grand Hotel.
- THE MALL NGAM-WONGWAN is a shopping plaza located on Ngam-wongwan Road, where you can also find restaurants and food centre. It is only 10 minutes away from the Miracle Grand Hotel.

**CONTACT**

The registration and hotel reservation forms should be sent to the following contact person, at the ITU Regional Office in Bangkok, which you may also contact for any further information.

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