

5th AMARC Asia Pacific Regional Conference of Community Radios

“STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY BROADCASTING FOR PEACE BUILDING, POVERTY ALLEVIATION, CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY”

27-30 September 2023, Bangkok, Thailand

Logistical information (issued on 19 September 2023)

We are delighted that you will be joining us in Bangkok for the 5th AMARC Asia Pacific Regional Conference of Community Radios in Bangkok. This document provides useful logistical information for your general reference.

1) About the conference venue

All workshops and strategic meetings of the 5th AMARC Asia Pacific Regional Conference of Community Radios will take place at the following venue:

Thammasat University, Bangkok <https://tu.ac.th/en>

Address: 2 Phra Chan Alley, Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

2) Conference website:

Please regularly visit the conference website for agenda updates: <https://amarc-conference.org>

3) Visa process

Please check at <https://www.thaievisa.go.th> for official information regarding visa.

Please write to ro@amarc-ap.org should you require an invitation letter for applying for your visa.

4) Airport (Suvarnabhumi airport, Bangkok) to transfer to official hotels:

It is recommended to all international travelers that you take a flight that arrives at the Suvarnabhumi Bangkok airport.

The transfer to the hotel from airport by taxi is the most straightforward. It takes one hour to drive from the airport and costs between 450-500 THB.

5) COVID-19 vaccination or COVID-19 test.

Although proof of COVID-19 vaccine or a negative test result is not mandatory at the time of issuing this advisory, travelers are advised to carry such documents, as much as possible. also, please consult your travel agency or airline staff for updated information before commencing the journey.

6) Meals

Lunch and refreshments will be served on the days of the conference, i.e., 27-30 September 2023.

Dinner: Welcome (27 Sept.) and farewell (30 Sept.) dinners are offered free of cost to all conference participants. Participants are expected to buy their own meals on the other days.

Any item ordered at the hotel or accessed from the refrigerator in the rooms are not covered by AMARC-AP. Any such expense shall be borne by the individual themselves.

7) Reimbursements:

All reimbursements (if agreed with AMARC Asia-Pacific office in advance) will be made on the 27th and 28th of September at the conference venue by Gopi C. Pandey, AMARC-AP. Presentation of original invoice and receipts is mandatory.

8) Equipment:

You are advised to bring along laptop, smartphone, AV equipment, as per your requirement. The conference venue does not have internet kiosks or workstations for the use by participants.

9) Internet:

The WIFI signal at the conference venue is in huge demand by the university students and faculty and therefore the internet signal is expected to be weak and inadequate. A viable alternative is to purchase a mobile sim and data plan (as per your requirement) upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi airport. The SIM card counter is beside the luggage collection belt. The cost of this will have to be borne by the concerned individual.

10) Weather in Bangkok

The daytime temperature is expected to be in the range of 32-35 degrees Celsius. Rain is also forecasted so stay prepared with umbrellas and raincoat as per need. For more

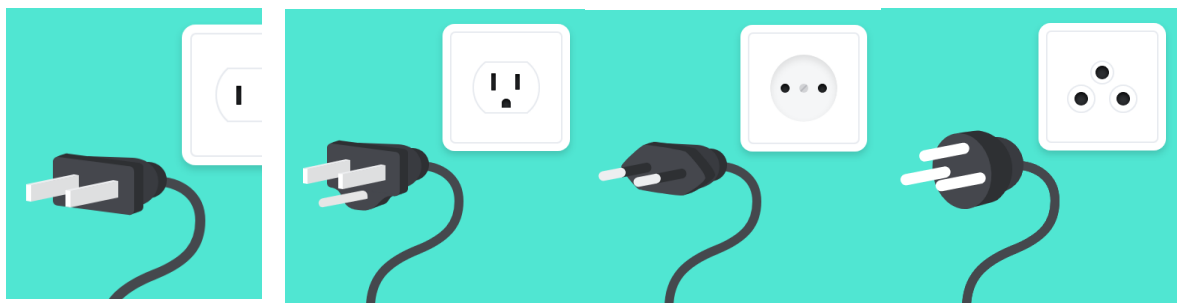
information on the forecast visit

<https://www.weather25.com/asia/thailand?page=long-range>

11)Electrical outlets

For Thailand there are four associated plug types, types A, B and C. Plug type A is the plug which has two flat parallel pins, plug type B has two flat parallel pins and a grounding pin and plug type C has two round pins. Thailand operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

It is suggested that you bring a two pin multiplug/universal adapter. Photo:



Type A

Type B

Type C

Type O



Universal adapter

12)AMARC membership

AMARC members in the Asia-Pacific region include approximately 1500 community radios as well as individuals (academicians, human rights activists, media researchers, policy makers, etc.) and organizations interested in the activities of AMARC. The Asia-Pacific regional office of AMARC is currently seeking renewal of memberships from the existing members as well as fresh applications for membership. Visit the link <https://amarc-ap.org/members/application-form/> for accessing the form.

13)Exchange rate

Please visit websites offering information about exchange rates. Some of the websites that can be referred, but not limited to, are xe.com, oanda.com, yahoo currency, etc.

Approximately,

1.00 US Dollar = 35.526691 Thai Baht

1.00 Euro = 38.185449 Thai Baht

Money exchange is available at the airport as well as in the city.

14)Hospitals and pharmacy nearby:

Please ask your hotel reception.

15)Local market & Local transportation:

Refer to the website below to explore more markets and its distance from Thammasat University. The pricing of the transportation and details can also be accessed through the same.

<https://www.rome2rio.com/s/Chatuchak-Weekend-Market/Thammasat-University>

16)Tourism spots

To dive into what Bangkok has to offer please refer to https://www.youth-hostel.si/en/travelogues/TH/a-trip-to-bangkok?linksubid=PPC-ANG_Travel&gad=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw9fqkBhDSARIsAHlcQYTq6mkqiAp1Hlj10KwaZXPDMbstJ5NkMVf6W9NmWn-9dv3mFXwJ90aAtMQEALw_wcB

17)Useful websites related to Bangkok.

Please refer to <https://www.thailandnow.in.th/useful-links/> to browse the useful websites related to Bangkok.

18)Please bring flag of your country

You are requested to bring along the flag of your country (handheld size) for waiving when we do the country roll call. Thank you.

19)Contact:

Please write to Sagun Raj Lama sagun.amarc@gmail.com for any further information required.