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**“Support for Capacity Building for International Food Safety Standard
Development and Implementation in ASEAN Countries”
(GCP/RAS/295/JPN)**

**The FAO Regional Training Workshop:
“Enhancing Effective Participation in Codex Activities in ASEAN Countries”
9-11 January, 2017
Bangkok, Thailand**

INFORMATION NOTE

Venue and Accommodation

The FAO Regional Training Workshop: “Enhancing Effective Participation in Codex Activities in ASEAN Countries” will be held at **Garden Room, Ground Floor (1st Floor), Anantara Bangkok Riverside Resort & Spa** in Bangkok, Thailand from 9 to 11 January 2017.

The hotel address is as follows:

Anantara Bangkok Riverside Resort & Spa

Address: 257/1-3 Charoennakorn Road, Thonburi, Bangkok 10600 Thailand

Tel: +66 (0)2 476 0022

Fax: +66 (0)2 476 1120

Website: bangkok-riverside.anantara.com

The workshop will start at **9.00 hours on Monday, 9 January 2017.**
Registration time is at 8.30 hours-.

Room reservation has been made for all participants at the same hotel as the venue for the dates of the workshop. All participants are allocated a single room per person from 8 to 12 January (4 nights). But participants will be responsible for telephone, and other expenses. All participants are expected to settle their bills directly with the hotel at the conclusion of their stay.

*In order to avoid any penalty made by the Hotel regarding booking cancellation/no showing up, participants are kindly requested to inform us **5 days prior to the workshop if a reservation needs to be cancelled or modified for any reason.***

Travel and Per Diem

FAO is organizing the non-endorsable round-trip air ticket (economy) by the most direct route (all sponsored participants). The air tickets which made by FAO country office and per diem may be collected at the FAO country office before departure from your respective countries. Breakfast and lunch for all participants are included in the hotel package. For dinner, the participants will have to bear the expenses from their per diem, except for the welcome dinner on the first day of the workshop which hosted by FAO has been organized on **9 January**.

Transportation

We regret that it **will not be possible to meet the participants upon arrival at the airport**. However, there are noted several ways to reach the hotel from airport below. **FAO covers transportation cost (en route) 152 USD for the participants which is included in the per diem.**

FROM/TO SUVARNABHUMI AIRPORT

Taxi & Limousines

From Suvarnabhumi Airport, metered taxis and airport limousines are available. For meter taxis, taxi stands are located on the ground floor. Limousines are located on the 2nd floor. Please see the website on airport limousine services for further information (<http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com/en/115-limousine>).

Distance: 35 kms /**Time:** 45 – 60 mins

Public Transport

There is also a way to reach Hotel Antara Bangkok Riverside Resort and Spa by public transport. From Suvarnabhumi Airport, take the airport link to Phayathai station. Then connect to BTS sky train at Phayathai BTS station, go to Siam BTS station by Sukhumvit Line and interchange to Silom Line to get off at Saphan Taksin BTS station. From Saphan Taksin BTS station, take exit 2 to the hotel pier, and please wait for hotel shuttle boat. Shuttle boat runs from Saphan Taksin to the hotel every 20mins.

Hotel Limousine Service

Another way of travel is hotel limousine service. They provide limousines for both hotel-airport and airport-hotel. Please see the blow for the price rates. These are more expensive and it is necessary to make reservation in advance.

Hotel Limousine (HOTEL/Suvarnabhumi Airport/HOTEL - One Way):

BMW Series 5	THB 2,300.- /vehicle/way (max 2 persons)
BMW Series 7	THB 2,900.- /vehicle/way (max 2 persons)
Volk Van	THB 3,500.- /vehicle/way (max 4 persons)
Toyota Camry	THB 1,700.- /vehicle/way (max 2 persons)
Toyota Commuter	THB 2,500.- /vehicle/way (max 4 persons)

ACCESSIBILITY

Complimentary Hotel Shuttle Boat Services

In addition, the hotel offers complimentary shuttle boat services which run to both Taksin Bridge, Saphan Taksin BTS Station and River City Piers every 20 minutes.

From Hotel to Sathorn Pier: 06:30 – 23:45 hrs

From Hotel to River City Pier: 06:30 – 22:50 hrs

Visa

Visa can be obtained from the nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate before travelling to Thailand. Visa for Thailand can be obtained on arrival or are not required for nationals of certain countries. Please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand website for visa information (<http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php>). Please note that FAO does not cover visa fees for the participants.

About Bangkok

As the political, economic, cultural, culinary, and spiritual capital of Thailand, Bangkok features both old world charm and modern convenience, at times served up in an apparently chaotic manner, but always with a gracious smile. For tourists, Bangkok has a feast of attractions to offer. The city is dotted with 400 glittering Buddhist temples of great beauty, magnificent palaces, classical dance performances, numerous shopping centers, and a still functioning traditional way of life, especially along the canals and the Chao Phraya River, the "River of Kings", which winds through the city; Bangkok truly is the "Venice of the East".

Money

Currency and Currency exchange: The Thai unit of currency is the baht 1 baht is divided into 100 satang. Note are in denominations of 1,000 (brown), 500 (purple), 100 (red), 50 (blue), 20 (green) and 10 (brown) baht. Coins consist of 25 satang, 50 satang, 1 baht, 5 baht and 10 baht. Major currency bills and travellers cheques are cashed easily at hotels, tourist shops, all provincial banks, shopping centres and money changers. Travellers cheques are best changed in banks (you will need your passport). Rates of exchange at banks or authorized money changers are better than those at hotels and department stores.

Any amount of foreign currency may be brought into the country. Visitors may take foreign currency out of Thailand, but no more than the amount stated in the customs declaration made on arrival. Travellers leaving Thailand may take out no more than 50,000 baht per person in Thai currency. Credit Cards are widely accepted.

For lost cards:

American Express Tel : (662) 273 5100 or (662) 2730022

Diners Club Tel : (662) 238 2920 or (662) 238 2680

Master Card Tel : (662) 256 7326-7

Visa Tel : (662) 256 7326-7

Climate

Thailand enjoys a tropical climate with three seasons: hot (March-May), rainy with plenty of sunshine (June-September) and cool (October-February). Temperature during the time of the Workshop is approximately 30⁰C~36⁰C (77⁰F~97⁰F)

Clothing

Light, loose cotton clothing is best. Generally clothes which 'breathe' well are practical in this tropical climate. Since Thailand is in the period of mourning for the late King we appreciate your cooperation to wear black, white or any dark colored clothes instead of bright colored clothes.

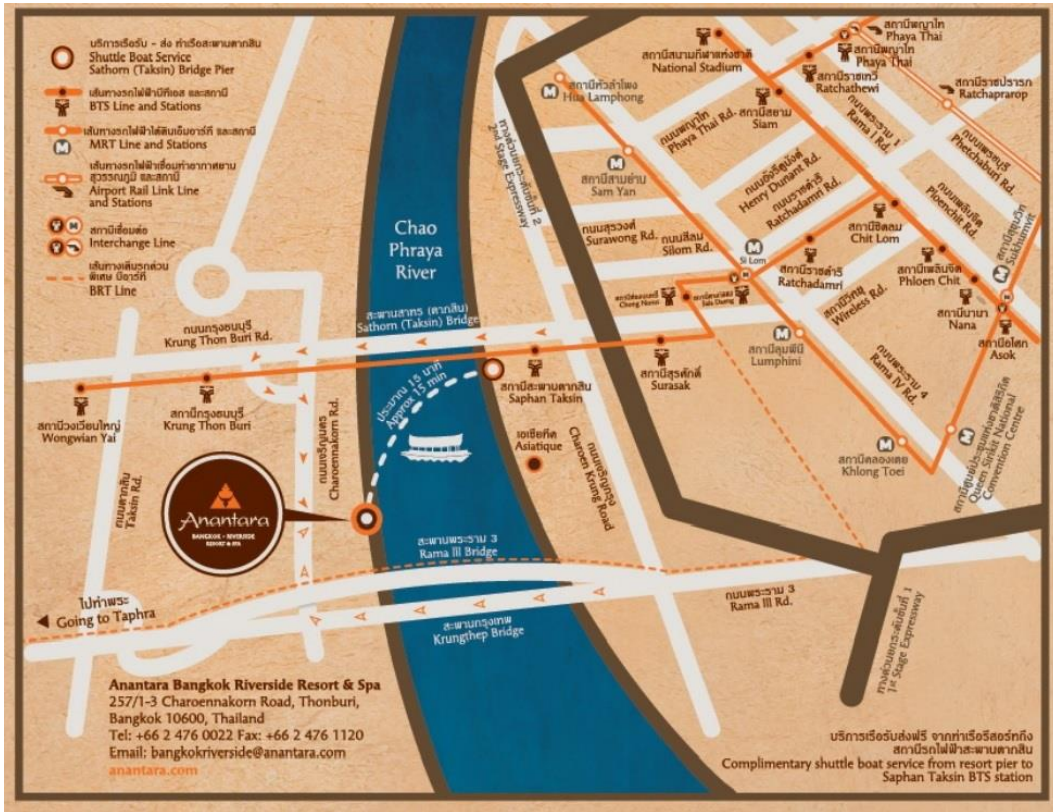
Electricity

The electric current is 220 Volt AC (50 cycles) throughout the country. There are varying types of plugs and sockets in use, so it is useful to carry a travel plug adapter kit. The better hotels supply 110 Volt transformers.

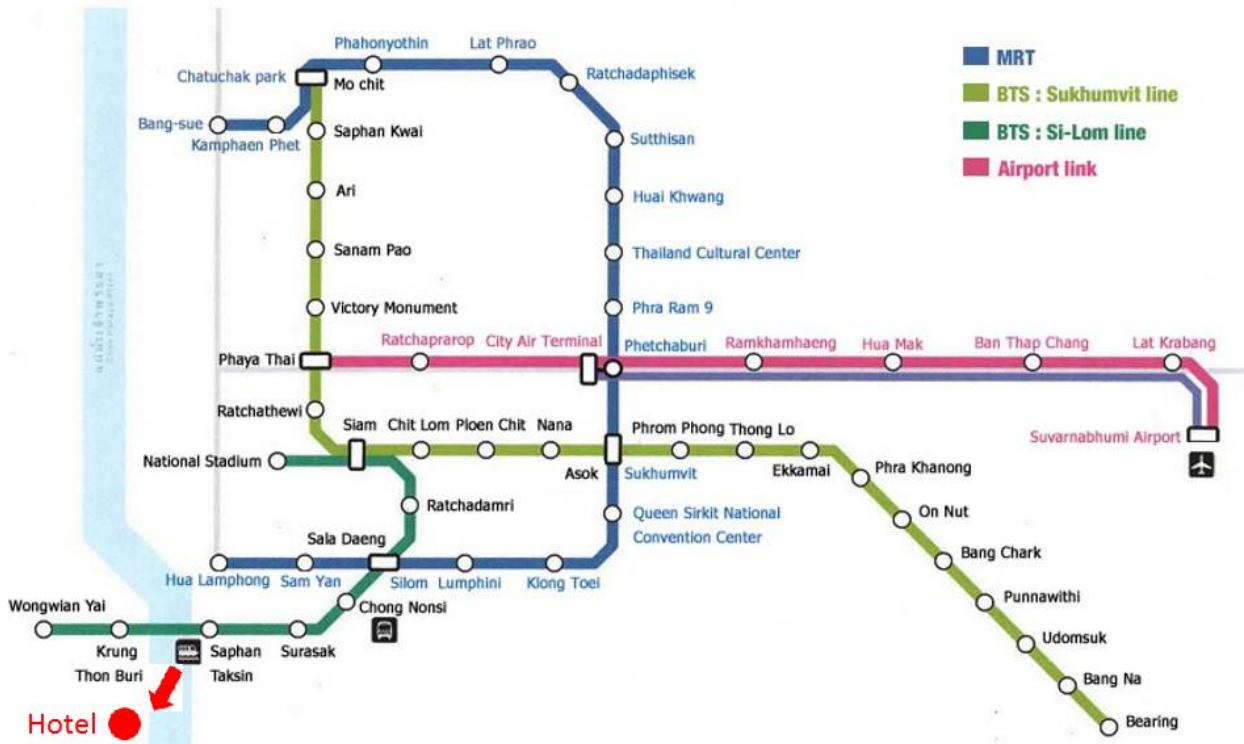


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BTS/Airport link map:



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