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# Congress at a Glance

## HOST



### Thai Library Association

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## PROPOSED VENUE



Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre

## PROPOSED CITY



Bangkok, Thailand

## PROPOSED DATE

16-23 August 2020

# Invitation to Thailand



## Thai Library Association

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Dear IFLA' Governing Board's Congress Advisory,

### **RE: Thailand's bid to host IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020**

On behalf of the Thai Library Association under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, I have great pleasure in formally submitting our bid to host IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Following our successful host of IFLA WLIC 1999, we felt it was about time for Thailand to host this prestigious congress once again in 2020. The congress would add a tremendous value to the development and advancement of librarianship in Thailand as well as significantly contribute to an informed and knowledgeable ASEAN society.

We are proudly proposing Bangkok as a venue for IFLA WLIC 2020 as it is now the gateway to ASEAN where there are over 600 million populations. The City is well equipped with infrastructure and congress facilities, offering a world-class service with a touch of Thai hospitality – a great combination as the host country of IFLA WLIC 2020.

We are also given strong supports from various organizations including the Royal Thai government, our regional and international partners such as McGraw-Hill and Cambridge University Press, our local affiliations such as the National Librarians Group and the Library and Information Science Faculty Group, and our private sectors from the meeting industry such as Thai Airways International and Thai Hotels Association.

Thai Library Association hereby pledges our full commitment to organize a successful and memorable IFLA WLIC 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand. We look forward to your favorable consideration and to extending the warmest welcome to all participants.

Yours faithfully,

*Chutima Sacchanand*

Professor Dr. Chutima Sacchanand  
President  
Thai Library Association  
Under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn



# About the Host

## Thai Library Association

Under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn



### THAI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Under the Royal Patronage of Her  
Royal Highness Princess Maha  
Chakri Sirindhorn

The Thai Library Association (TLA), the only national library association in Thailand, was established officially on 10 October 1954 by a group of Thai librarians who attended library science courses organized at Chulalongkorn University under the Fulbright program from 1951 to 1952. Initially, TLA was in the form of a 'Librarians Group' which was founded upon the advice of Miss Mary Anglemeyer, the librarian of the United States Information Service in Bangkok.

The Asia Foundation approved a substantial grant to help set up the Association in 1954, and continued the financial assistance which has made it possible for TLA to embark on several worthy activities and projects.

Thai Library Association (TLA) has been under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn since 1976. It is governed through an Executive Committee of 31 members elected from regular and associate members by the membership at large and chairs of all the library groups affiliated with the Thai Library Association.

#### The library groups affiliated with TLA are:

- The Academic Librarians Group
- The Library and Information Science Faculty Group
- The School Librarians Groups
- The Special Librarians Group
- The Public Librarians Group
- The National Librarians Group
- The Vocational Education and Technology Librarians Group
- The International Librarians and Information Specialists Group





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Since its founding, TLA has engaged in various activities and projects covering a wide range of interests in an effort to contribute to the development and advancement of librarianship in Thailand and to an informed and knowledgeable Thai society.

Thailand was among Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines as the founders and leaders of the Congress Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) of which the first Congress took place in Singapore in 1970. Thailand hosted the 4th CONSAL, 9th CONSAL and 16th CONSAL. One most important event for librarians and information personnel was when the Thai Library Association and the National Library of Thailand hosted the 65th IFLA Meeting and Conference in 1999.

Recently, TLA will lead two ASEAN regional collaborations and networks on Library and Information Science (LIS) education as proposed during CONSAL executive board in 2017 in Myanmar. These include Quality assurance of LIS education in the ASEAN Region and Development of ASEAN Information Literacy Network.

VISIONS AND STRATEGIES

"To be leader in the development of library professionals and library staff, libraries and learning resources in Thailand".

To promote national, regional and international networks/collaboration with educational institutions, libraries/library schools, academic and professional organizations in the fields of Library and Information Science and related field, for the development of libraries, library and information professionals and staff.

Development of library and information professionals and staff with knowledge and competencies to work in the changing environment and are accredited as professionals.

Enhancing quality in LIS academic and professional practices towards the national and international standards.

Be an acceptable professional organization of librarians and information professionals with the integrated management and good governance.



About the Host

Thai Library Association and IFLA

TLA has been a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) since 1960. TLA had been the Office of IFLA Asia and Oceania and issued IFLA-RSCAG newsletter of many years. As the first member of IFLA in the country, TLA successfully encouraged other libraries in the country to be IFLA members as well.

One most important event for librarians and information personnel was when TLA hosted the 65th IFLA Council and General Conference in 1999 under the Royal Patronage of H.M. King Bhumibol Adyadej on the theme, "On the Threshold of a New Century: Libraries as the Gateway to an Enlightened World" during 20-28 August, 1999.

In 2013, TLA cooperated with IFLA by sending one resource person in Myanmar for country meeting on "Building Strong Library Association Program". Two representatives of TLA had also attended IFLA regional workshop "Building Strong Library Association Program" during 4-7 March 2014.

Before 16th CONSAL in Bangkok, TLA cooperated with IFLA Asia Oceania Office in Singapore and Brunei Darussalam hosted the Pre-CONSAL workshop "Building Young Promising Librarians for Strong Library Association" on 8 March 2015. Another Pre-CONSAL convening was "ASEAN Integration: Cross border Mobility of Librarians" held on 9 June 2015.



# About the Host



## Highlight Activities and Projects

- Annual Library Conference
- Training Programs for Librarians
- Seminars/workshops: PMB: Library Automation, Library Week
- Status of Librarians and the Code of Ethics for Thai Librarians and Information Professionals
- Publications: TLA Bulletin, Research Journal
- Library Standards: Academic Library, School Library, Public Library, Special Library, Green Library, etc.
- Consultation, Supervision and Establishment of Libraries: School Library, Public Library, Prison Library
- Best Practice Library Awards
- TLA Reader Award
- Recognition for Library Donors
- Outstanding Librarian Awards
- Public Relations: Website of TLA, TLA Journal, Research Journal,
- Handbooks for Training Librarians for Library Work
- Cooperation among Librarians within the Country and Abroad: IFLA III Satellite Meeting 14-15 August 2013, Myanmar Library Association-M.L.A. visited TLA 8-11 April 2013
- Study visit in foreign countries: eg. Egypt, Brunei
- Renovate School Library After Flood: School Libraries in Thailand's Localities
- Developing Prison Libraries in Thailand
- Join IFLA Planning for Library Association Development in Asia and Oceania

## Experienced Host of International Conferences

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of Southeast Asian Libraries (CONSAL) 1973
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Congress of Southeast Asian Librarian (CONSAL IX) 1993
- The 65<sup>th</sup> IFLA Conference in Bangkok 1999
- "IFLA Building Strong Library Association Program" 2014
- The 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Librarian (CONSAL XVII) 2015
- "ASEAN Integration: Cross Border Mobility of Librarians" 2015



# IFLA WLIC 2020 in Thailand



## Why Thailand?

- Experienced host country and dedicated team of national committee
- Strong support from government, regional partners, local affiliations, and private sectors
- Easy accessibility and visa-friendly country
- Enchanted host city
- Value for money with high quality
- Superb venue that is well equipped with congress facilities
- World renowned Thai hospitality and professional service
- Memorable social events in exquisite setting
- Abundant pre-post congress activities for delegates and accompanying persons

## Goals for IFLA WLIC 2020 in Thailand

- Showcase Thailand as a host destination for large-scale international congress
- Promote Thai Libraries , library and information profession and professionals to the world
- Uplift the status of Thailand's and ASEAN librarianship and its international relations
- Accelerate the growth and development of libraries in ASEAN
- Serve as the best platform to disseminate library and information science, education, research, and culture
- Express the advancement of library and information science locally, regionally, and internationally
- Share and exchange professional knowledge and experience with libraries, library and information science educational institutions, and related organizations and associations locally , regionally and worldwide
- Encourage cooperation and network among participating countries
- Develop and encourage new generations in the library and information professions to join and express professional innovations

# Proposed National Committee

The proposed National Committee (NC) will work closely with IFLA to make a smooth-running of and all arrangements for IFLA WLIC 2020 Bangkok, Thailand a great success. NC is consisting of active members and advisors of the Thai Library Association who has diverse experiences and expertise from both government and academic sectors.



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Chair of the President's Advisory Board  
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Director  
North Bangkok University Library



**Dr. Prachark Wattananusit**  
**Chairperson of Foreign Relations**  
**Thai Library Association**

Former Deputy Director,  
National Library of Thailand

# Proposed National Committee

## Chairpersons of Library Standard

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Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
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## Secretary

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**Mrs. Puangrat Intarit**  
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# Supporting Organizations

Thai Library Association under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn is able to utilize our capacity with our established connections to solicit support from various organizations including the Royal Thai government, our regional and international partners, our local affiliations, and the private sectors as well as media channels with an aim to secure both financial and in-kind support for the hosting IFLA WLIC 2020 in Thailand.

We also have good rapport with sponsors who had supported our Annual book fair, Library Week, National Book Week, and CONSAL XVI. Below are our tentative supporting organizations and potential sponsors:



## Support from Government

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Culture
- Ministry of Tourism and Sport
- The Secretariat of the Senate of Thailand
- The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
- Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau
- National Library of Thailand

## Support from Local Affiliations

- Green Library Network of Thailand
- Mahidol University Library and Knowledge Center
- Khunying Long Athakravisunthorn Learning Resources Center
- The Academic Resources and Information Technology, Rajabhat University Network
- Electronic Information for Libraries in Thailand
- Library and Information Center, National Institute of Development Administration
- Provincial University Library Network
- Chiang Mai University Library
- Chulalongkorn University Book Center

## Support from Media

- Mass Communication Organization of Thailand
- The National Broadcasting Services of Thailand

## Support from Regional and International Partners

- National Library Board Singapore
- Cambodia Library Association
- Brunei Darussalam Library Association
- The Philippine Librarians Association
- Librarians Association of Malaysia
- ASEAN University Network
- Vietnam Library Association

## Support from the Industry and Private Sector

- The Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand
- Springer Nature
- McGraw-Hill Education
- Cambridge University Press
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand
- Roter (Thailand) Ltd.
- Taylor & Francis Group
- Emerald Group Publishing Limited
- EBSCO Information Services
- Wiserf RFID Library System
- Amarin Book Center
- Book Promotion & Service Co., Ltd.
- World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd.
- Cybrarian Ventures Pte Ltd
- John Wiley & Sons Singapore

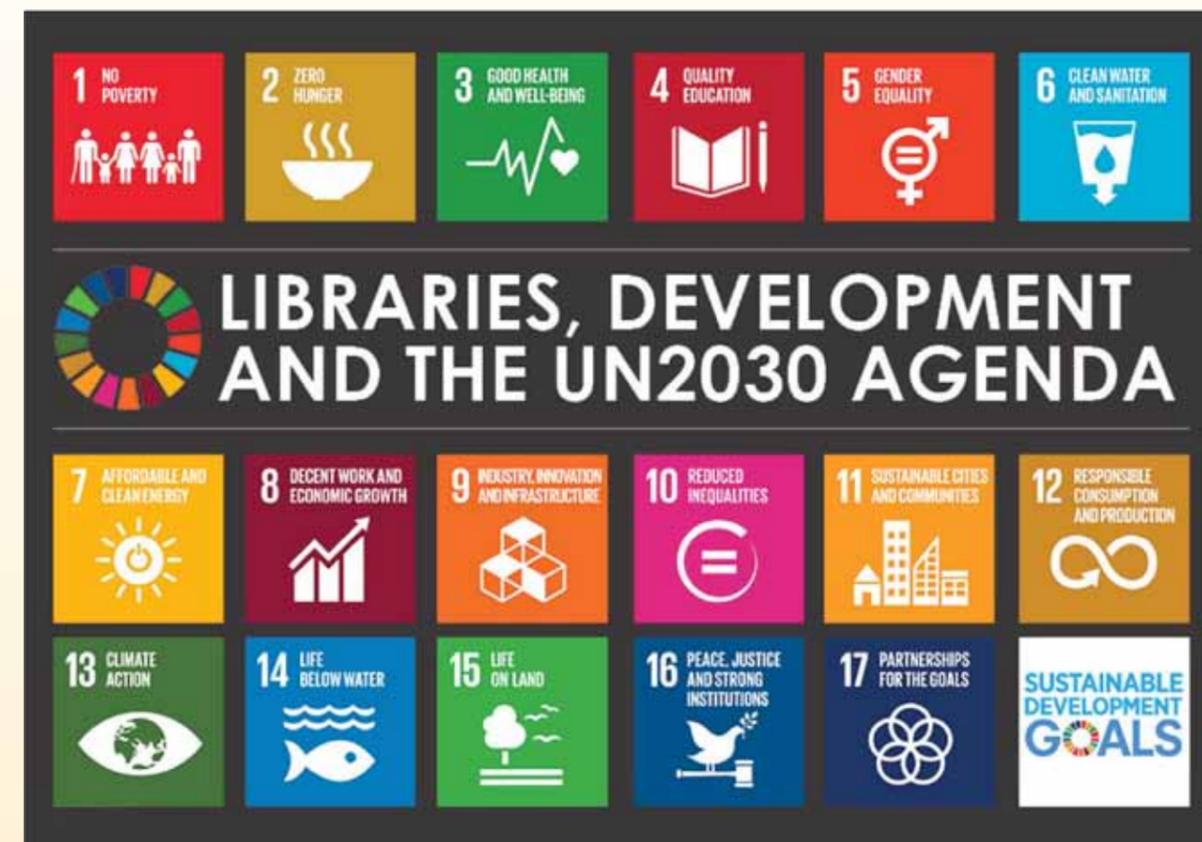
# Proposed Outreach Program



## CLMV Countries (Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Viet Nam)

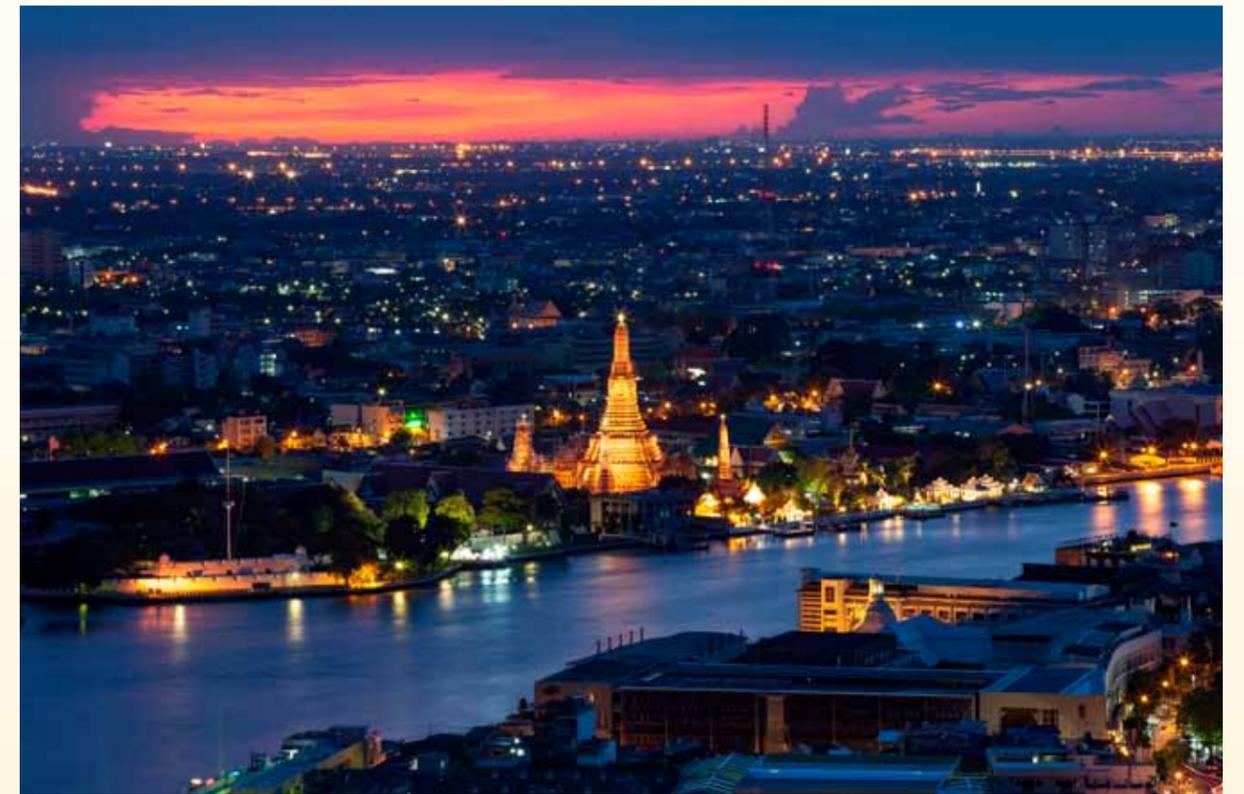
TLA would like to propose post-congress outreach program for delegates to carry out activities to support the development of library and information profession and professionals in CLMV countries.

TLA has been in a good relationship with all fellow CLMV countries and has involved in continuous outreach activities and training program.



# Thailand – The Heart of ASEAN

As the hub of the ASEAN region and its strategic geographic position, the Kingdom of Thailand has drawn more visitors than any other countries in Southeast Asia. This is a result of its alluring range of breathtaking natural splendors, arousing temples and age-old ruins, appetizing cuisine and legendary hospitality awaiting to be discovered. All of this and much more has made Thailand become one of the world's most dynamic and captivating convention destinations. Consequently, convention and business travelers from all over the world have been mesmerized by the mystique of this unique kingdom and held their events here.



## Thailand's Readiness

## Bangkok – A Cosmopolitan City



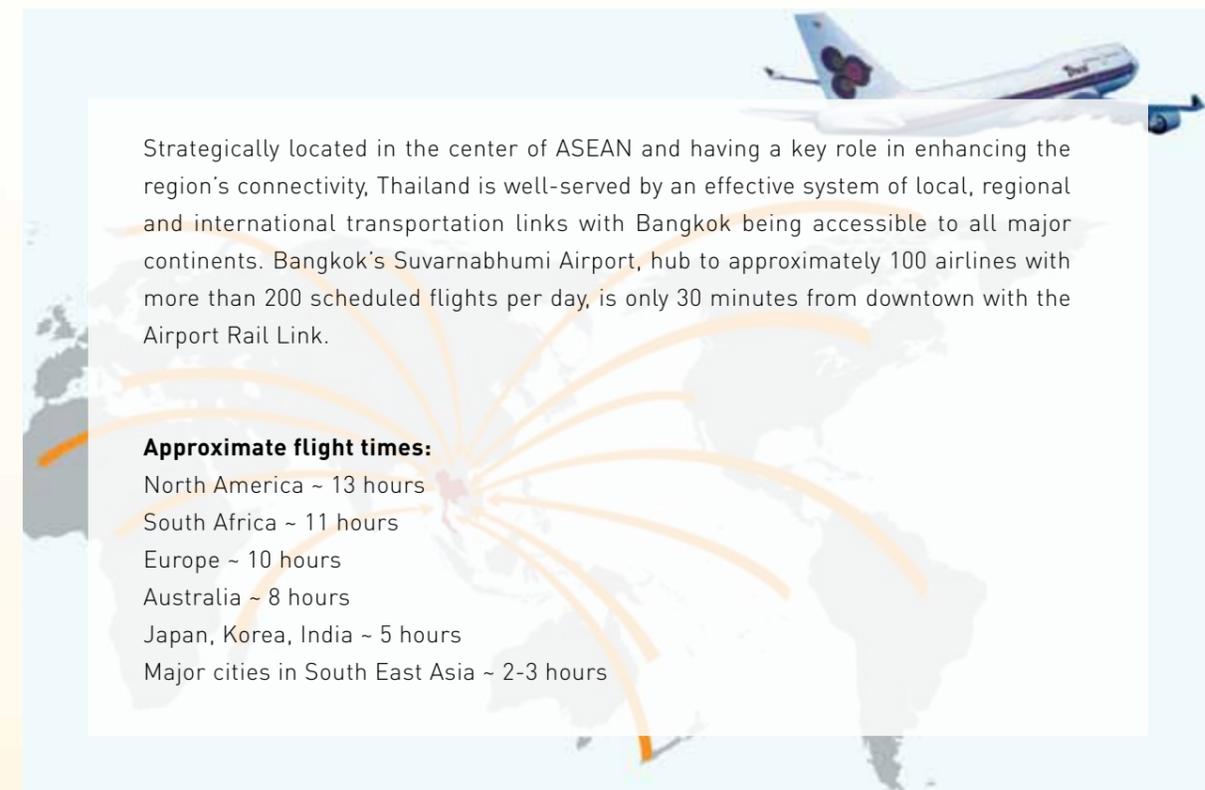
Bangkok, the thriving energetic capital of Thailand, also known as the “City of Angels”, is immeasurably a versatile city that can accommodate all preferences. The city’s competitiveness originates from the variety of options available. Additionally, Bangkok has been the proud host of innumerable prominent international congresses and other gatherings for a variety of fields. Convention delegates participating in their event have had an immense valuable and gratifying experience exchanging opinions and receiving new and advanced know-how within their field of expertise, as well as absorbed themselves in the diversity of sightseeing, culture, entertainment, shopping, and dining that has had an aspect of “Thainess”, a sense of style that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Thailand and the City of Bangkok has also accumulated numerous honors of international recognition through the country’s tourism industry including:

- Thailand voted as the “Best Leisure Destination in the Asia-Pacific 2016” by readers of the Business Traveler Asia-Pacific magazine.
- Thailand won the TTG Travel Award for the “Outstanding Achievement Award: Destination of the Year 2016”.
- Bangkok voted as the No. 1 Holiday Destination in Asia by readers of SmartTravelAsia.com in its Best in Travel Poll 2016.
- Bangkok was named as one of the world’s best 23 destinations for street food and roadside dining by CNN.com
- Thailand voted as the “Destination with the Highest Client Satisfaction – Asia” by TravelAge West Magazine in the Western USA



## Easy Accessibility



Strategically located in the center of ASEAN and having a key role in enhancing the region’s connectivity, Thailand is well-served by an effective system of local, regional and international transportation links with Bangkok being accessible to all major continents. Bangkok’s Suvarnabhumi Airport, hub to approximately 100 airlines with more than 200 scheduled flights per day, is only 30 minutes from downtown with the Airport Rail Link.

### Approximate flight times:

- North America ~ 13 hours
- South Africa ~ 11 hours
- Europe ~ 10 hours
- Australia ~ 8 hours
- Japan, Korea, India ~ 5 hours
- Major cities in South East Asia ~ 2-3 hours



### Visa- Friendly Country

Visitors from 58 countries and Hong Kong SAR are automatically granted permission to stay for 30 days in the country. Additional of 19 countries can apply for a “Visa on Arrival” at the Immigration Hall in all Thai international airports and border checkpoints.

For citizens of countries not covered by the above, visas can be obtained from the nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate.



The Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) in conjunction with the related Thai government agencies will provide visa assistance and fast lane immigration clearance at all immigration checkpoints.

# Ideal Venue

## Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Centre (BITEC)



The primary venue proposed for IFLA WLIC 2020 is the Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Centre (BITEC), a world-class, state-of-the-art venue coupled with comprehensive services and encompass the best of traditional Thai warmth and hospitality. BITEC offers 10 major halls for indoor events in column-free halls totaling 70,000 sqm. The spacious second floor is where BHIRAJ Convention Centre is located with 3 large convention halls, 3 grand halls and 28 dedicated breakout conference and meeting rooms. The venue is designed to host International meetings up to the number of 30-40,000 delegates and over 200,000 visitors.



### BITEC FAST FACTS

**70,000 sq.m.** Column-Free Event Space on Ground Floor

**9,500 sq.m.** Convention & Meeting Facilities on Second Floor

**10 Event Halls** | **6 Convention Halls**

**28 Meeting Rooms**

**15 Minutes** from Suvannabhumi International Airport

**160 Metres** from BTS Skytrain-Interlinked with Bangna Station

**70 Drive-In Loading Docks**

**3 Designated Loading Lifts** for Convention Halls

**4,400 Indoor Parking Spaces**

Comfortably Accommodate **30-40,000 Delegates** and Over **150,000 Exhibition Visitors** Per Day

**3,000 Outdoor Parking Space** | **15 Food Outlets** | **4,000 Seats of Food Courts**

Exclusive **COACH Terminal** | Private **VIP & Business Lounge**

**TAXI & VAN Drop off** | Commercial Licensed Roodtop **HALIPAD**

# Access to BITEC

## By Skytrain



Only 20 minutes from Bangkok CBD. Alight at BTS Bangna Station, delegates can take a short walk directly to BITEC Event Halls via traveller equipped indoor skywalk.

The BTS Skytrain will also provide fast and reliable route to and from thousands of hotels, restaurants, shopping malls and entertainment facilities in the heart of Bangkok.

## By Car



Only 15 minutes from the Suvarnabhumi International Airport, BITEC is easily accessed by road via expressway, Bangna-Trad Road and Sukhumvit Road. Over 5,000 vehicles parking space available indoor and outdoor.

## By Bus



There are regular bus services to BITEC which allow easy access from Bangna-Trad Road and Sukhumvit Road.

## By Taxi

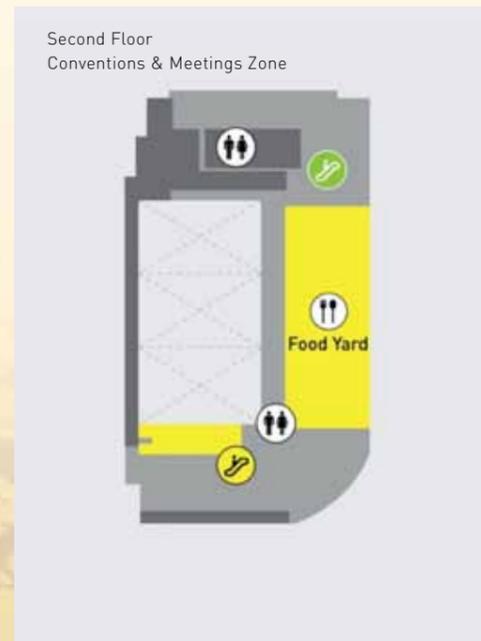


Taxis are always available and can be pre-booked at BITEC Business Centre. BITEC also has a dedicated staffs to assist delegates at Taxi and Van drop off point.

## By Helicopter

Full licensed private helipad nearby the Event Halls for quick and exclusive access to all events.

# BITEC Floor Plan



# BITEC Capacity Chart

BITEC PHASE I									
Room Name	Approximate Area	Approximate Dimension (L X W)	Height	Theatre	Classroom	U Shape	Cocktail	Banquet	Booth
	Sq.m.	m.	m.						
<b>EVENT HALL</b>									
EH 101-7	37,470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EH 101-4	20,320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EH 101	5,480	97 x 56.5	15	5,700	3,650	-	3,600	2,900	310
EH 102	5,240	97 x 54	15	5,400	3,300	-	3,600	2,700	310
EH 103	5,240	97 x 54	15	5,400	3,300	-	3,600	2,700	310
EH 104	4,360	97 x 45	15	4,600	2,750	-	3,000	2,300	250
EH 105	6,000	118 x 51	9	7,000	3,800	-	4,300	3,100	350
EH 106	7,550	120 x 63	12	9,200	5,460	-	5,200	4,000	450
EH 107	3,600	90 x 40	3.89-13.5	3,600	2,115	-	2,400	1,500	190
<b>GRAND HALL</b>									
GH 201-203	1,780	31 x 58	9	2,000	1,300	-	1,200	1,000	100
GH 201	540	31 x 18	9	560	300	150	370	320	-
GH 202	555	31 x 18	9	560	300	150	380	320	-
GH 203	685	31 x 22	9	750	450	222	480	400	-
<b>MEETING ROOM</b>									
MR 210	192	24 x 8	4	200	100	50	80	110	-
MR 211, 212, 213	110	12 x 9	4	100	60	25	100	60	-
MR 214	110	12 x 9	4	100	60	25	100	60	-
MR 215, 216	110	12 x 9	4	100	60	25	100	60	-
MR 217	110	12 x 9	4	100	60	25	100	60	-
MR 218	85	10 x 8	4	70	50	20	70	50	-
MR 219	85	10 x 8	4	70	50	20	70	50	-
MR 220, 221	90	10 x 9	4	70	50	20	80	50	-
MR 222	110	12 x 8	4	100	60	25	100	60	-
MR 223	100	12 x 8	4	100	60	25	90	60	-
MR 224	180	12 x 14	4	140	90	30	150	80	-
MR 225	110	12 x 9	4	100	60	25	100	60	-
<b>BITEC PHASE II</b>									
Room Name	Approximate Area	Approximate Dimension (L X W)	Height	Theatre	Classroom	U Shape	Cocktail	Banquet	Booth
	Sq.m.	m.	m.						
<b>EVENT HALL</b>									
EH 98-100	20,889	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EH 98	8,668	88 x 98.5	15	9,600	5,400	-	7,400	4,800	500
EH 99	5,543	88 x 63	15	5,600	3,200	-	4,700	2,800	330
EH 100	6,678	106 x 63	25	7,000	4,000	-	5,800	3,500	390
<b>BHIRAJ HALL</b>									
BHIRAJ HALL 1-3	3,564	44 x 81	12	3,700	2,300	-	3,000	1,900	-
BHIRAJ HALL 1	1,188	44 x 27	12	1,200	790	-	1,000	650	-
BHIRAJ HALL 2	1,188	44 x 27	12	1,200	790	-	1,000	650	-
BHIRAJ HALL 3	1,188	44 x 27	12	1,200	790	-	1,000	650	-
<b>MEETING ROOM</b>									
SILK 1	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
SILK 2	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
SILK 3	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
SILK 4	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
NILE 1	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
NILE 2	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
NILE 3	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
NILE 4	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
AMBER 1	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
AMBER 2	176	16 x 11	6	170	90	45	160	120	-
AMBER 3	160	16 x 10	6	170	90	45	160	110	-
AMBER 4	108	12 x 9	3.25	80	60	30	100	60	-

# Accommodation for All

Thailand is world renowned for its time-honored tradition of gracious hospitality. Thus, Bangkok boasts a vast array of 5 and 4-star world-class deluxe accommodation offering the ultimate with the distinctively Thai tradition of warm hospitality and all the necessary international standard services and amenities of excellence ensuring delegates of IFLA WLIC 2020 truly enjoy their stay in our country with comfort and happiness. All forms of accommodation provide value for money and are able to suit all tastes and budgets.



HOTELS CLASS A: 120-160 \$USD			
Hotel Name	Distance to BITEC by BTS Skytrain (minute)	Distance to BITEC by car (minute)	Rooms
Bangkok Marriott Marquis Queen's Park	7	13	830
The Landmark Hotel	15	20	399
The Westin Grande Sukhumvit	10	15	362
Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit	15	20	420
JW Marriott Sukhumvit	17	20	441
Emporium Suites by Chatrium	12	15	376
Hotels Class B: 90-120 \$USD			
Hotel Name	Distance to BITEC by BTS Skytrain (minute)	Distance to BITEC by car (minute)	Rooms
Grande Centre Point Hotel Terminal 21	12	15	498
The Continent Hotel Bangkok	12	15	247
Jasmine City Hotel	12	15	204
Adelphi Grande Hotel	12	15	167
Hope Land Executive Residence	7	10	187
Hotel Class C: 20-90 \$USD			
Hotel Name	Distance to BITEC by BTS Skytrain (minute)	Distance to BITEC by car (minute)	Rooms
Avana Hotel	-	5	540
Brighton Hotel & Residence	-	5	146
King Park Avenue Hotel	-	10	240
Imm Fusion Sukhumvit	8	12	168
Convenient Park Hotel	5	7	257

# Unforgettable Social Events



For delegates' convenience, we will provide unlimited possibilities for the social program including a welcome reception, gala dinner, opening and closing ceremonies, which would offer delegates with a touch of Thai hospitality and delectable authentic Thai cuisine together with traditional Thai cultural performances.

## Cultural Evening at King Rama IX Park

The park built for celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the greatest King Bhumibol. The sprawling property features beautiful pavilions, a large lake and expansive gardens, as well as plenty of spots for exercise. The evening will be hosted and feature an orchestral accompaniment, as well as stunning cultural show. This will be a truly memorable event for all delegates.



## Officer's Reception at the Museum of Floral Culture

The Officer's reception will be held at the Museum of Floral Culture. This place offers its atmospheric garden – complete with a traditional Thai pavilion which is perfect for private gathering an enchanting floral experience by hosting it in this unique setting.

## Hospitality Event at Nai Lert Park Heritage Home

One of Bangkok's best kept wonders, the picturesque Nai Lert Park Heritage Home marks 100 years of history and tradition will be the venue for IFLA WLIC 2020. The 400 square meter of capacious versatile space allows for a variety of events for up to 500 guests. The lawn is a perfect outdoor space with options to erect an air-conditioned marquee, wood flooring, including sound and lighting systems. Delegates will get a chance to savor the essence of Thailand's world-renowned cuisine while uncovering the exquisite architectural heritage of majestic buildings that has long been one of the most recognizable landmarks of Bangkok.



# Library and Cultural Visit

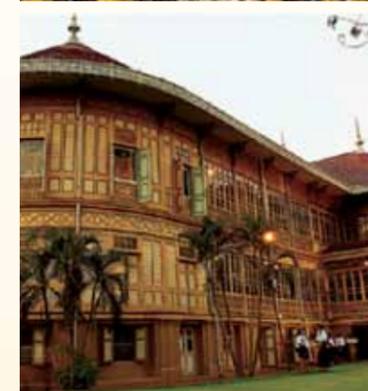
As much as its tourist attraction spots, Thailand offers a plentiful choice of interesting libraries and information centers as well as museums and cultural showcase in Thailand and that should be part of IFLA WLIC 2020 delegate's itinerary to the Land of Smiles.

Here are a list of some outstanding places to visit:

- Museum Siam
- Thailand National Library
- Bangkok Art & Culture Center
- Rattanakosin Exhibition
- Bangkok City Library
- Green Library
- Special Library: Maruey Library, The Stock Exchange of Thailand
- University Library
- Public Library: Lumpini Discovery Learning Library
- School Library: Nawamin School Library



# Pre-Post Congress Tour



## BANGKOK AND NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Thailand offers delegates and their spouses an unmatched plethora of tourism products and activities in which they can experience various aspects of Thainess before and after the Congress. Here are some of the multitude of choices.

As the capital of Thailand, Bangkok is a display of merging the old with the new. Thus, visitors have fun exploring the diversity of the city's sights that also adds an element of surprise in seeing and experiencing the dynamic Thai culture and lifestyle.

## Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha Temple

On any visit to the "Land of Smiles", this is a definite must-see for everyone. The compound's golden spires reaching upward to the sky and impressive architecture proudly reflect the Thai nation.

## The Ancient City

Thailand in miniature is a large open-air museum situated south of Bangkok. Some 100 major monuments and structures in one-third of their original size have been reproduced and placed as they are geographically located on the country's map. This museum

was initiated to preserve Thai history and culture for future generations to gain knowledge about their country.

## Bangkok Old Town by Tuk Tuk

Tuk tuks, three-wheeled motorized trishaws, are the most exciting means of transport in Bangkok. Use this fun transport to visit the old Bangkok to explore colorful fruit and flower markets and other well-known sights.

## Traditional Floating Markets

Another charm of Thailand where the age-old way of life is depicted with numerous boats with vendors trading and bartering their wares of various mouth-watering dishes and exotic fruits and vegetables. There's the Taling Chan Floating Market, which maintains its pride as a classic river community; the Khlong Lat Mayom Floating Market, a market truly owned by the local people, Wat Saphan Floating Market located on Khlong Bang Noi, or the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market.

# Pre-Post Congress Tour

## BEACHES AND ISLANDS

Thailand has so many beach and island destinations that have unspoiled tropical beauty and crystal clear sea on both the Gulf of Thailand and Andaman coasts awaiting visitors full of water-sports fun like diving, water skiing, paragliding, sailing, and jet skiing. Some of these include:

### Pattaya

Two hour's drive southeast of Bangkok is Pattaya, colorful, vibrant and Thailand's most developed resort with a variety of accommodation catering to all. It is famous for its nightlife and the beautiful coral fringed islands a short boat trip away.

### Hua Hin / Cha Am

These twin resorts offer a quieter and more restful enjoyment of sun, sea and sand with its variety of restaurants providing delectable food. Also visit the royal Summer Palace, explore Hua Hin Night Market, and visit Sam Roi Yot National Park. Accommodation choices meet every budget.

### Ko Samui

Lying in the Gulf of Thailand, this island paradise boasts some beautiful beaches and coconut plantations, which offer a truly tropical paradise atmosphere. Visit the famous Angthong National Park for snorkeling, swimming and enjoy fresh seafood.

### Phuket

Pearl of the Andaman: Enjoy Phuket, Thailand's premier beach destination where one can experience beautiful natural environments and the cultural aspects of the people of the South. Take a speedboat ride to James Bond Island and wander around a Muslim village built on stilts in the open sea.

### Krabi

Just south of Phuket and Phan-nga Bay, Krabi has many limestone karsts similar to Phang-nga Bay while the countryside is dotted with rubber, pineapple, and coconut plantations. Enjoy visiting small islands with snorkeling and sea kayaking, and overnight at a beach resort on Ao Nang Beach.

## NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

### Chiang Mai

Home of the ancient Lanna culture, is also the best starting point to visit indigenous hill tribes, go elephant trekking and river rafting, as well as shopping for handicrafts and tasting unique cuisine.



### Chiang Rai

Thailand's most northern province is the location of the Golden Triangle where the borders of Thailand, Lao PDR, and Myanmar meet. Also take a visit to Mae Sai to the border market or take a boat trip along the Mekong River. Visit Doi Tung to discover how the Mae Fah Luang Foundation has replaced opium poppy cultivation with more valuable cash crops such as coffee and macadamia nuts.



### Mai Hong Son

Located in the northwest, this province is full of verdant jungles, magnificent waterfalls, and elephant trekking. It is also where you can find the town of Pai that is a popular northern destination for the young.



### Kanchanaburi

Located west of Bangkok, Kanchanaburi is renowned for its Bridge on the River Kwai as well as well-known waterfalls, pristine national parks, and virgin forests. Together they offer visitors an intriguing experience through a variety of eco and adventure activities; such as, rafting, bird and animal watching, elephant riding and jungle trekking.



# Thailand Fact & Figures



## Geography

Thailand is located in the center of Southeast Asia sharing common borders with Malaysia, Myanmar, Lao PDR and Cambodia; as such, it is the natural gateway to ASEAN and the Greater Mekong Subregion. There are four distinctive regions; namely, Central; South; North; and North East; each with its own unique natural and cultural attributes.

## Climate

Thailand enjoys a tropical climate with three distinct seasons: summer (hot and dry) from March through May, rainy (hot and wet) from June to October, and winter (cool and dry) from November through February. The average annual temperature is 28 degrees centigrade (83 degrees Fahrenheit), with summer highs topping 40 degrees centigrade and winter lows reaching 20 degrees centigrade.

## The People

There are approximately 67 million people in Thailand comprising 75% ethnic Thais, 14% Chinese, 11% Malays plus Lao, Indians, Burmese and ethnic hill tribes reflecting the country's long history at the crossroads of Southeast Asia.

## Language

Thai is the national language. English is widely understood and spoken, particularly in Bangkok where it is almost the major commercial language. English and some other Asian and European languages are spoken in most hotels, more up-scale shopping malls and restaurants in major convention destinations, and Thai-English road and street signs are found nationwide.

## Time

Thailand is seven hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (+7 hours GMT).

## Business Hours

Most commercial concerns in Bangkok operate on a five-day week, usually from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and half day on Saturday from 8:30 to noon. Most department stores open seven days a week from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. while some pharmacies open throughout the night. Government offices are generally open between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. with a noon to 1.00 p.m. lunch break, Monday to Friday except on public holidays. Banks are open Mondays to Fridays from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. except on weekends and public holidays. Licensed banking outlets in department stores and shopping malls stay open after official banking hours until 8.00 p.m. and remain open over weekends and public holidays. Restaurants serve from 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m., though some open past midnight or 24 hours.

# Thailand Fact & Figures

## Currency

The Thai currency called Baht is based on the decimal system. One Baht is divided into 100 Satang. Coins consist of 25 Satang, 50 Satang, one Baht, 2 Baht, 5 Baht and 10 Baht. Notes are in 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 Baht denominations.

**Inbound Passenger:** Is allowed to bring in an unlimited amount of foreign and Thai currencies.

**Outbound passenger:** An unlimited amount of foreign currencies is permitted to be carried out of Thailand. However, the amount of 50,000 Baht or more in Thai currency must be reported on departure, except those traveling to Lao PDR., Myanmar, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Vietnam are allowed to take out Thai currency not exceeding 500,000 Baht.

## Credit Cards & Currency Exchange

Foreign currency notes of all major currencies can be exchanged at any commercial banks, most hotels, and airports, as well as authorized money changers. Major credit cards (VISA, Master Card, American Express, Diners Club, and JCB) are accepted at all major banks, restaurants, hotels, department stores, and shops.

## Health Regulations

As in most other countries, visitors do not require vaccinations unless coming from or passing through a designated contaminated area.

## Customs

**Personal:** Customs regulations allow visitors to bring in a reasonable amount of personal effects, a still camera, video camera, 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of cigars or smoking tobacco, and one liter of alcoholic beverage. Narcotics, counterfeit goods, and pornography are strictly prohibited.

**Professional:** The import of stationery items for use during conventions is not subject to import duties, as is professional presentation equipment imported under an ATA Carnet.

## VAT Refund

Visitors entering the Kingdom on a tourist visa are entitled to a refund of 7% VAT on goods purchased at registered retail outlets displaying "VAT Refund for Tourists" signs.

## Electricity

Electrical outlets are 220 volts, 50 cycles and accept flat-pronged plugs. Travelers with shavers, hair dryers, IT gadgetry, and appliances should carry a plug adapter kit. Usually large hotels will have 110-volt transformers available for guests.

## Medical & Emergency Support

Thailand is highly advanced in health care and is entrusted not only by neighboring countries but also by Western medical circles. The country has 53 JCI accredited hospitals that are ultra-modern in all aspects, and emergency services are effective and reliable.

# Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival

SUMMARY OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ENTITLED FOR VISA EXEMPTION AND VISA ON ARRIVAL TO THAILAND

Nationals of the following countries may apply for Visa on Arrival	Ordinary Passport					Diplomatic/Official Passport		
	Nationals of the following countries may enter Thailand without a visa		Bilateral Agreement			Bilateral Agreement		
	Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme	Bilateral Agreement		Bilateral Agreement		Bilateral Agreement		
Period of stay	Period of stay		Period of stay			Period of stay		
15 days	** 30 days		14 days	30 days	90 days	30 days	90 days	
Andorra	Australia	Monaco	Cambodia	Hong Kong	Argentina	Cambodia	Albania	Luxembourg
Bulgaria	Austria	The Netherlands	Myanmar (International Airports only)	Laos	Brazil	China	Argentina	Malaysia
Bhutan	Belgium	New Zealand		Macau	Chile	Ecuador	Austria	Mexico (as of 18 Feb 2016)
China	Bahrain	Norway		Mongolia	Korea (ROK)	Hong Kong	Belgium	The Netherlands
Cyprus	Brunei	Oman		Russia	Peru	Indonesia	Bhutan	Nepal
Ethiopia	Canada	The Philippines		Vietnam		Laos	Brazil	Poland
India	Czech Republic	Poland				Macau	Chile	Panama
Kazakhstan	Denmark	Portugal				Mongolia	Colombia	Peru
Latvia	Estonia	Qatar				Myanmar	Costa Rica	The Philippines
Lithuania	Finland	Singapore				Oman	Croatia	Poland
Maldives	France	Slovak				Pakistan (Diplomatic only)	Czech Republic	Romania
Malta	Germany	Slovenia				Singapore	Estonia (Diplomatic only)	Russia
Mauritius	Greece	Spain				Vietnam	France (Diplomatic only)	Slovakia
Romania	Hong Kong	South Africa					Germany (Diplomatic only)	South Africa
San Marino	Hungary	Sweden					Hungary	Spain (Diplomatic only)
Saudi Arabia	Iceland	Switzerland					India	Sri Lanka
Taiwan	Indonesia	Turkey					Israel	Switzerland
Ukraine	Ireland	UAE					Italy	Tajikistan
Uzbekistan	Israel	UK					Japan	Tunisia
	Italy	USA					Korea (ROK)	Turkey
	Japan	Vietnam					Liechtenstein	Ukraine
	Kuwait	* Brazil						Uruguay
	Liechtenstein	* Korea (ROK)						
	Luxembourg	* Peru						
	Malaysia							

Department of Consular Affairs, 10 February 2016

Remarks

- \* Nationals of Brazil, Republic of Korea and Peru are entitled for tourist visa exemption scheme. Meanwhile, Thailand also holds bilateral agreements on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports for a visit of not exceeding 90 days with Brazil, Republic of Korea and Peru.
- \*\* If such nationals enter the Kingdom at the immigration checkpoints which border neighboring countries, they will be allowed to stay for 15 days each time, except (1) Malaysian nationals who cross the borderline from Malaysia, (2) Nationals of the G7 countries: USA, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan, whose granted period of stay will not exceed 30 days each time. In addition, such nationals who hold diplomatic and official passports are also practically exempted from visa for tourism.

## Annex

# Supporting Letters

## Secretariat of the Senate of Thailand

No. 0006 (NLAV 3246)



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Acting as the Secretariat of  
the National Legislative Assembly  
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๒๑ June B.E. 2560 (2017)

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of The Secretariat of the Senate of Thailand, we would like to support the Thai Library Association Under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020. The Congress will provide the benefit for the libraries and librarians in Thailand and other countries. Our mission is providing legislative information and archives to all patrons and open to public including co-operation with professional associations. We feel that Thailand has a very good chance to be selected for the 2020 hosting.

Yours Sincerely,



Wararat Atibaedya  
Secretary-General of the Senate  
Acting as Secretary-General of the National Legislative Assembly

# Supporting Letters

## National Library of Thailand

NL 0408/ 697



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June 23, 2017

Dear IFLA Secretary General,

On behalf of the National Library of Thailand, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

Thai Library Association is the only one national library association in Thailand that works closely with all types of libraries and LIS institutions in the country. TLA also coordinates with various national library associations and institutions abroad and participates with many international programs and activities, especially CONSAL (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians). We fully support TLA bid and strongly believe that Bangkok, Thailand is well-placed to host the IFLA WLIC 2020. The congress will benefit not only for librarians and information professionals in Thailand but also ASEAN region and the whole world.

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs. Supanee Sukarbjai)  
Acting Director  
National Library of Thailand

# Supporting Letters

## Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau



TCEB 2701/2897

29 June 2017

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)  
Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 5  
2595 BE The Hague (Den Haag)  
Netherlands

**RE: Thailand's bid to host IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020**

Dear IFLA' Governing Board's Congress Advisory,

On behalf of the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau, I am pleased to extend our full support to Thai Library Association under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn in their intention to bid for hosting IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand.

I am confident that the attractiveness of our country, the welcoming nature of Thai people, the international standard congress facilities and our past achievements in hosting many important international events such as the 2014 EARCOS Teachers' Conference with more than 1,200 participants, FDI Annual World Dental Congress 2015 with more than 16,000 participants, and the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Librarian 2015 with more than 500 participants will guarantee a great success for IFLA WLIC 2020.

As a government organization in charge of promoting Thailand as a preferred destination of choice for international meetings, I hereby extend the warmest and most cordial invitation to IFLA and all distinguished delegates to visit our country.

In anticipation of your favorable consideration, TCEB and our partners in the meetings industry pledge to be at your service and look forward to the pleasure of welcoming you to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Yours faithfully,

Chiruit Isarangkun Na Ayuthaya  
President  
Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau

# Supporting Letters

## Academic Resources and Information Technology (ARIT), Rajabhat University Network



June 20, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Office of Academic Resources and Information Technology (ARIT), Rajabhat University Network, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

ARIT is one of the most important support units of all 38 Rajabhat Universities located in different provinces. ARIT is responsible for three major knowledge centers, including Library, Information Technology Center, and Language Center. TLA has long coordinated with a number of national and international libraries and LIS institutions, including ARIT offices of Rajabhat Universities. TLA also participates in various international programs and activities, especially CONSAL (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians).

In this case, ARIT members of Rajabhat University Network strongly support TLA bid for hosting the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand. We are confident that librarians and information scientists from all over the world will benefit from this wonderful moment leading to knowledge sharing and robust collaboration in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Pita Jarupunphol, Ph.D.  
President, ARIT of Rajabhat University Network  
Director, ARIT, Phuket Rajabhat University  
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# Supporting Letters

## National Library Board Singapore

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3 July 2017

IFLA Governing Board and Congress Advisory Committee  
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)  
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By Email and Post

Dear Governing Board and Congress Advisory Committee Members,

### **SUPPORT OF THAILAND'S BID TO HOST 2020 WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS: 86<sup>TH</sup> IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY**

The National Library Board (NLB) is pleased to support the Thai Library Association for their bid to host 2020 WLIC: 86<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly.

NLB strongly supports the Thai Library Association and IFLA in their efforts to promote and further the interests of librarians and information professionals worldwide. Hosting the Congress will provide the opportunity for the Thailand Library Community to further contribute to and support this shared vision. Furthermore, the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania and NLB has worked closely on collaboration platforms and we are confident that our combined efforts will ensure a successful Congress should it be held in Thailand.

We look forward to the honour of welcoming the IFLA Congress to Thailand and greatly appreciate your favourable consideration of the Thailand's bid.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Elaine Ng  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Library Board Singapore

# Supporting Letters

## Library and Information Center, National Institute of Development Administration



June 21, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Library and Information Center, National Institute of Development Administration, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

Thai Library Association (TLA) is the only one national library association in Thailand that works closely with all types of libraries and LIS institutions in the country. TLA also coordinates with various national library associations and institutions abroad and participates with many international programs and activities, especially CONSAL (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians). We fully support TLA bid and strongly believe that Bangkok, Thailand is well-placed to host the IFLA WLIC 2020. The congress will benefit not only for librarians and information professionals in Thailand but also ASEAN region and the whole world.

Sincerely yours,

(Siwiga Dusadenoad, Ph.D.)  
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# Supporting Letters

## Philippine Librarians Association



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June 27, 2017

**PROFESSOR DR. CHUTIMA SACCHANAND**  
President  
Thai Library Association

Dear Madam President:

The Philippine Librarians Association Inc., the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) of librarians in the Philippines by the Professional Regulation Commission would like to extend our warm regards to the officers and members of the Thai Library Association for your bid to host the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions World Library and Information Conference in 2020 (IFLA WLIC 2020) to be held in Thailand.

Knowing that this activity will definitely benefit the librarians all over the world, specifically the librarians in the ASEAN region, the National Board of Trustees of the Philippine Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI), would like to express our full support to the Thai Library Association's bid for the IFLA WLIC 2020.

Respectfully yours,

**MICHAEL A. PINTO**  
President

# Supporting Letters

## Librarians Association of Malaysia



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Surat Kami: PPM 7.3/TLA/2017 (1)  
Tarikh: 27 June 2017

Professor Dr. Chutima Sacchanand  
President  
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1346 Akarnsongkraw Road 5,  
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*Dear Prof,*

**LETTER OF SUPPORT TO HOST THE IFLA WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION  
CONGRESS 2020 (WLIC 2020) IN THAILAND**

On behalf of the PPM's Council, the Librarians Association of Malaysia strongly supports the candidacy bid of from the Thai Library Association to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020 (WLIC 2020) in Thailand.

Hosting the Congress would be an excellent opportunity for the library communities in the South East Asian region to present their achievements to the world and motivate young librarians in the region to participate further in international communication and collaboration. Thai Library Association with the support of National Library of Thailand had successfully hosted the 65<sup>th</sup> IFLA WLIC in 1999. With the experience of hosting the WLIC 1999 we are confident they have the capability of hosting another WLIC successfully.

We hope this bid will be received favorably and look forward to attending the conference in Thailand.

Yours Sincerely,

**( DATO' NAFISAH AHMAD )**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA**

# Supporting Letters

## Vietnamese Library Association



### VIETNAMESE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Ha Noi, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017

Mrs. Donna Scheeder  
President of IFLA  
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2509 CH Den Haag  
Netherlands

Dear Mrs. Donna Scheeder,

First of all, the Vietnamese Library Association (VLA) would like to send a warm greeting to you and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). We are writing this letter to you regarding the hosting position of the 85<sup>th</sup> IFLA World Library and Information Conference (IFLA WLIC 2020). The VLA highly recommends Thailand to be the hosting country of this significant event in 2020.

As far as we know, Thai Library Association has a lot of experience in hosting Conferences of regional and world libraries. Typical in 1999, Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn with the cooperation of the National Library of Thailand and other libraries and information centers has successfully hosted the 65<sup>th</sup> International Federal Library Associations and Institutions Conference (65<sup>th</sup> IFLA 1999). In 2015, Thailand has also hosted and organized CONSAL XVI which was obviously a successful conference too. In addition, the country of thousand pagodas is always famous for its hospitality, a long-term tourism potential, and a fast developing library sector. By choosing Thailand to be the hosting country of IFLA WLIC 2020, a great number of delegates will be attracted to and join the conference. Furthermore, the library professions of Asian-Oceania countries will certainly be promoted and developed in a strong and steady way.

We firmly believe that you will choose the best hosting country for the IFLA WLIC 2020 and we look forward to be a part of this momentous event in 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Pham The Khang  
President of Vietnamese Library Association

# Supporting Letters

## Mahidol University Library and Knowledge Center



June 19, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Mahidol University Library and Knowledge Center, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

Thai Library Association (TLA) is the only one national library association in Thailand that works closely with all types of libraries and LIS institutions in the country. TLA also coordinates with various national library associations and institutions abroad and participates with many international programs and activities, especially CONSAL (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians). We fully support TLA bid and strongly believe that Bangkok, Thailand is well-placed to host the IFLA WLIC 2020. The congress will benefit not only for librarians and information professionals in Thailand but also ASEAN region and the whole world.

Sincerely yours,

( Ruchareka Wittayawuttikul , Ph.D.)  
Director, Mahidol University Library and Knowledge Center  
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# Supporting Letters

## Khunying Long Athakravisunthorn Learning Resources Center, Prince of Songkla University



Khunying Long Athakravisunthorn Learning Resources Center  
Prince of Songkla University, Hatyai, Songkhla, Thailand.  
<http://www.clib.psu.ac.th>

June 20, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Khunying Long Athakravisunthorn Learning Resources Center, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

Thai Library Association (TLA) is the only national library association in Thailand that works closely with all types of libraries and LIS institutions in the country. TLA also coordinates with various national library associations and institutions abroad and participates with many international programs and activities, especially CONSAL (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians). We fully support the bid of TLA and strongly believe that Bangkok, Thailand is a best place to host the IFLA WLIC 2020. The congress will benefit not only for librarians and information professionals in Thailand but also for those in ASEAN region and the whole world.

Sincerely yours,

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Director,  
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# Supporting Letters

## The Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand

สร้างวัฒนธรรม  
การอ่าน  
ให้เกิดขึ้น  
ในสังคมไทย

27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of The Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand, we would like to support the Thai Library Association Under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020. The congress will provide the benefit for the libraries and librarians in Thailand and other countries. Our mission is to support through professional associations in the region. We feel that Thailand has a very good chance to be selected for the 2020 hosting.

Sincerely yours,

(Suchada Sahasakul)  
President  
The Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand

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# Supporting Letters

## University Library, Kasetsart University and Green Library Network of Thailand



June 21, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Office of the University Library, Kasetsart University and Green Library Network of Thailand, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

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Sincerely yours,

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# Supporting Letters

## Chiang Mai University Library



No 6594(6)/0/497

Chiang Mai University Library  
Chiang Mai University  
239 Huay Kaew Road  
Chiang Mai, 50200 Thailand.

June 21, 2017

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Sincerely yours,

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# Supporting Letters

## Provincial University Library Network (PULINET)

No 6594(6)/ 0/498



Chiang Mai University Library  
Chiang Mai University  
239 Huay Kaew Road  
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June 21, 2017

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# Supporting Letters

## The Stock Exchange of Thailand

June 22, 2017



To whom it may concern:

The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) has operated for 43 years old. One of our missions is to promote a culture of sustainable investment. We have established, Maruey Library, the first capital market library in Thailand to support investors and public in financial literacy. We have cooperated with the Thai Library Association (TLA) under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for more than a decade in various projects for Thai people to easily reach sources of knowledge and information.

TLA has been playing leading roles in the development of libraries and librarianship in Thailand. It plays active roles in international cooperation since the inception. TLA cooperates with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) for years. With its active contribution and strong organization, TLA and the National Library of Thailand were elected to host IFLA' 99 in 1999, 4<sup>th</sup> CONSAL in 1978, 9<sup>th</sup> CONSAL in 1999 and 16<sup>th</sup> CONSAL in 2015.

As such, SET would like to support the Thai Library Association (TLA) under the Patronage of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for the upcoming bid opportunity to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

With the internalization and professionalism of Thai Library Association (TLA) in organizing major events and Thailand as a top world-class conference and tourism destination, we would like to support the Thai Library Association' endeavor and Thailand as a host country for the overall benefits of the participants to successfully meet the set objectives.

Sincerely yours,

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# Supporting Letters

## Book Promotion & Service Co., Ltd.



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19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Book Promotion & Service Co., Ltd., we would like to support the Thai Library Association Under the Patronage of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020. The congress will provide the benefit for the libraries and librarians in Thailand and other countries. Our mission is be part of library through professional associations in the region. We feel that Thailand has a very good chance to be selected for the 2020 hosting.

Sincerely yours,

(Mr. Kittipong Supkongdee)

General Manager

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# Supporting Letters

## Electronic Information for Libraries in Thailand

### EIFL-Thailand

Electronic Information for Libraries in Thailand

A member of EIFL, a not-for-profit organization works with libraries in developing and transition countries

June 21, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of EIFL-Thailand, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and information Congress 2020.

EIFL-Thailand is a member of EIFL, a not-for-profit organization who works with more than 2,300 libraries in 47 developing and transition countries. Learned from our regular meetings that librarians are very much like to participate important event of librarianship in Thailand and we strongly believe that Bangkok, Thailand is well-placed to host the IFLA WLIC 2020.

The Thai Library Association (TLA) is the national library association in Thailand that works closely with all types of libraries and LIS institutions in the country with experiences in coordinates and hosted both national and international events with strong and full devoted team.

Sincerely yours,

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# Supporting Letters

## Cambridge University Press



19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Cambridge University Press, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the patronage of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhon (TLA) bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020. The congress will provide the benefit for the library and librarian in Thailand. Our mission is to provide and support valuable books and also other online products such as ebooks and ejournals through professional associations in the region. We feel that Thailand has a very good chance to be selected for the 2020 hosting.

Sincerely yours,

*Pinsuda*

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# Supporting Letters

## MC Graw Hill International Enterprise LLC



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19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of McGraw-Hill International Enterprises LLC , we would like to support the Thai Library Association Under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhon (TLA) bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020. The congress will provide the benefit for the libraries and librarians in Thailand and other countries. Our mission is to support through professional associations in the region. We feel that Thailand has a very good chance to be selected for the 2020 hosting.

Sincerely yours,

(Wanthana Phansawang)  
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# Supporting Letters

## S. Karger AG

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## KARGER

June 20, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Karger publishers, we would like to support the Thai Library Association Under the Patronage of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020. The congress will provide the benefit for the libraries and librarians in Thailand and other countries. Our mission is to contribute to scientific progress through professional associations in the region. We feel that Thailand has a very good chance to be selected for the 2020 hosting.

Sincerely yours,

S. Karger AG



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# Supporting Letters

## Pennueng Holding Co., Ltd.



June 22, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Pennueng Holding Co., Ltd., we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

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Sincerely yours,



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# Supporting Letters

## Trace On Co., Ltd.



June 23, 2017

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Trace On co.,Ltd , we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

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Sincerely yours,

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Managing Director  
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# Supporting Letters

## Wolters Kluwer



June 26, 2017

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Wolters Kluwer, we would like to support the Thai Library Association under the Patronage of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (TLA) for their bid to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020.

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Sincerely yours,

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