Information for Participants of the 2016 CAP Workshop in Bangkok

The 2016 Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop, 23-24 August, will be at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) campus in Rangsit, just north of metropolitan Bangkok, Thailand (see map). The Workshop will be held in the AIT Conference Center (pictured right).

Free to Participate; Inform the Program Committee

Anyone interested in emergency alerting is welcome; there is no charge to participate. All who intend to participate must inform the Program Committee by e-mail to Eliot.J.Christian@GMail.com. Participants nominated by WMO Permanent Representatives must follow the procedure described in the official WMO invitation.

A Provisional List of Participants will be maintained at the documents website and the final List of Participants will be posted there when the Workshop concludes.

Presentations and Topics of Discussion

An <u>information flyer</u> provides a current overview, including likely presentations and discussion topics. The CAP Implementation Workshop agenda is organized by the Program Committee. If you wish to make a presentation at the Workshop, please contact the Program Committee by e-mail to <u>Eliot.J.Christian@GMail.com</u>. Materials for the Workshop are being posted on the workshop website as they are received or updated.

Technical Meeting in English without Interpretation, Credentials Not Required

The CAP Implementation Workshop is a technical meeting conducted in English without interpretation. It is a meeting among experts who participate by virtue of their expertise and interest, rather than as official delegates. Accordingly, credentials are not required, although to facilitate discussions participants are asked to identify their organizational affiliations.

Thailand Entry and Climate - Each participant needs to check Thailand entry requirements in his/her home country. Thailand has a hot, tropical climate with daytime temperature reaching the mid-30s Celsius throughout the year. August is in the rainy season, so short showers are likely during the afternoon and on some days it will rain all day. The rainy season runs from June to October. November to February is the driest time of year and the most popular with tourists. March, April and May are the hottest months.

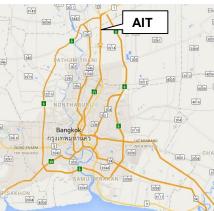
Currency - The currency in Thailand is decimal, with the Thai Baht as the basic unit. The current rate of exchange for the U.S. Dollar is approximately 35 Baht.

Accommodation - Participants can choose lodging at the conference venue, in Bangkok, or at the Asia Airport Hotel (http://www.asiahotel.co.th/asia_airport.htm), located inside a shopping mall near the Don Muang International airport approximately 20km from the conference venue. Asia Airport hotel can be booked on-line.

Fifty rooms at the conference venue (AIT Conference Center) have been reserved for Workshop Participants August 22-25 at the rates shown in the table below. These rooms can be booked by e-mail to aitccr@ait.ac.th or a phone call to +66-2-524-5250.

| AIT Conference Center | Single Room with Breakfast | Double Room with Breakfast |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Main Wing (Standard) | 1,484 Baht /night | 2,019 Baht /night |
| New Wing (Superior) | 1,898 Baht /night | 2,433 Baht /night |





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Transportation to AIT from Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK) - AIT and the Asia Airport hotel are approximately 60 km from BKK airport and it will take an hour to reach either. There are Limousine Taxi services inside the Arrival Hall/Lobby but they are quite expensive. To get a public taxi (Meter-Taxi), proceed to the Arrival Lobby and then to the ground floor one level below the Arrival Lobby. When you get a taxi at the public taxi counter, tell the driver that you want to go to AIT and mention that AIT is located next to THAMMASAT (University) at RANGSIT. Also, be sure to tell the taxi driver you insist on meter fare. The meter fare will be around 500 Baht, plus any Toll charges, and a 50 Baht surcharge. More information about Public Taxi is online at http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com/en/117-taxi

Transportation to AIT from Don Muang International Airport (DMK) - AIT is approximately 20 km from DMK airport, and the Asia Airport hotel is 2 km away from DMK airport. Upon arrival at DMK, proceed to the Arrival Lobby at the ground floor to take a public taxi (Meter-Taxi). When you get a taxi at the public taxi counter, tell the driver that you want to go to AIT and mention that AIT is located next to THAMMASAT (University) at RANGSIT. Also, be sure to tell the taxi driver you insist on meter fare. The meter fare will be around 500 Baht, plus any Toll charges, and a 50 Baht surcharge.

Transportation to AIT Conference Center from Lodging in Bangkok - Workshop participants can choose lodging in Bangkok and commute to the AIT campus in Rangsit. One option is to take a taxi, going via the toll highway to avoid heavy traffic. Another option is take the <u>BTS</u> to Mo Chit Station and then take a 35 minute shuttle van ride to AIT.

Business Hours - General office hours in Bangkok are 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. Shopping hours vary from city to suburb. Most large department stores are open 10:00 am - 9:00pm daily.

Banking and Credit Cards - Normal banking hours are 9:30am-3:30pm Monday to Friday. The most commonly accepted credit cards are Visa, MasterCard, Citibank and American Express.

Telephone - To call from abroad to a phone number in Thailand, dial the international access code (usually 00 or +), followed by 66 (country code for Thailand), followed by 2 (city code for Bangkok), followed by the local phone number. To call out from Thailand to phone numbers abroad, dial +, followed by the country code (e.g., 260 for Zambia), followed by the city code, followed by the local phone number.

Electric Power - The electrical current in Thailand is 220 volts, 50 Hz and electrical sockets use either the "America plug" (<u>Type A</u>) or the "Europlug" (<u>Type C</u>). Devices from other countries may require adaptors and/or transformers.

Internet Access - Wireless access to the Internet is available in the AIT Conference facility.

AIT contact information (including emergency contact) -

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