



WELCOME TO THAIMUN VII

28-30 MARCH 2020

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THAILAND INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS, Bangkok, Thailand





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INVITATION

20 April 2019

The Thailand International Model United Nations (THAIMUN) invites interested school delegations and independent delegates to the 7th annual THAIMUN Conference, hosted at **Concordian International School (CIS), Bangkok, Thailand, on 28 to 30 March 2020**. This is a conference for **SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**. CIS is on the outskirts of Bangkok, far from the city centre but near Mega Bangna, a major shopping mall, and close to Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi airport. The campus is safe and secure.

THAIMUN website: <http://www.thaimun.org/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThailandMUN/>

A delegate fee of US\$95 will cover meals and snacks at the conference, insurance, stationery, staff salaries, conference venue facilities, etc. **There is no advisers' fee** and no other fees. However, visiting delegates from outside Bangkok will require accommodation and a **list of affordable hotels** in the vicinity of the conference venue is provided here with **Bangna Pride Hotel** especially recommended (see page 3). CIS will provide **minibus transport** to and from the airport and hotel **upon request, for an extra cost** (see page 4).

The THAIMUN VII Student Management Committee (SMC) will be formed in September 2019 and school advisers are asked to nominate their aspiring student leaders to this committee which will elect a Secretariat and make decisions on the conference schedule, committees and topics; and select the committee chairs.

Committees will include UNSC, ICC, ICJ, UNHRC, ECOSOC, SPECPOL, DISEC, Historical Crisis (HCC), Historical Security Council (HSC), US Congress (USCC), and UK Parliament (UKPC).

Chair positions will be available and interested delegates should email the conference director.

Delegations and independent delegates will require **adult chaperones or advisers**. THAIMUN is a largely paperless conference and **all delegates will require a laptop**.

For schools and delegates from outside Bangkok who wish to combine attendance at this conference with a more extensive visit to the city or the region a list of sight-seeing suggestions is below.

We are all looking forward to hosting THAIMUN VII. If you wish to register for THAIMUN VII, or have questions, please email the **Conference Director, John G. Wood** john.bangkok@hotmail.com

We look forward to welcoming your school to THAIMUN VII.

John G. Wood (THAIMUN Conference Director)

Timeline for Conference Preparation

CRUCIAL DATES FOR SCHOOLS IN BLUE

- May 2019: Invitation sent to schools with Timetable for conference preparation; Hotels & Transport; Chair Application Form; Trips & Excursions
- 1 June 2019: Email reminder sent to schools
- **15 August 2019: schools asked to nominate Student Management Committee (SMC) by 31 August**
- 20 September 2019: Student Management Committee meets by this date, two Secretary Generals and two Parliamentarians selected; Email to schools: requests for Chair positions, schools asked for topic suggestions and approximate delegate numbers
- 1 October 2019: SMC finalizes conference schedule and committee topics - sent to schools
- **15 October 2019: SCHOOLS RESPOND WITH APPROXIMATE DELEGATE NUMBERS AND CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
- **1 December 2019: SCHOOLS FINALIZE DELEGATE NUMBERS**
- 5 December 2019: countries and committees assigned to schools
- 10 December: Secretariat and available members of the SMC meet for consultation by this date
- **15 January 2020: SCHOOLS SEND IN DELEGATE LIST AND COUNTRY/COMMITTEE ALLOCATION**
- **15 February 2020: Payment due - US\$95 per delegate (for schools in Thailand a baht equivalent will be set on 1 February)**
- 1 March 2020: committee lists finalized and sent to schools
- **28-30 March 2020: THAIMUN VII conference**

HOTELS

THAIMUN hosted by **Concordian International School (CIS)**, Bangna, Bangkok:

<http://www.concordian.ac.th/home/>

Hotels in the Bangna area near CIS

(Please note, overseas schools will need to check-in by Friday 27 March 2020)

RECOMMENDED HOTEL:

Bangna Pride Hotel and Residence

<http://www.bangnapride.com/>

Bangna Pride, formerly known as Oakwood Garden Towers, is the hotel closest to CIS, the THAIMUN VII conference venue, and the management is prepared to give special deals to THAIMUN delegations.

Email: res@bangnapride.com

OTHER HOTELS IN THE BANGNA AREA:

Maple Hotel: <http://www.maplethai.com/>

The Journey Hotel Bangna, a budget hotel: <https://www.facebook.com/journeybangna/>

Avana Hotel: <http://www.avanahotel.com/overview.php>

Novotel Bangna: <http://www.novotelbangkokbangna.com/>

Lasalle Suites: <http://lasalle-suites-spa.bangkokthaihotels.com/>

Thomson Residence: <http://www.thomsonresidence.com/>

Clef Hotel: <http://www.clefhotel.com/>

Dusit Princess Srinakarin: <http://www.dusit.com/dusitprincess/srinakarinbangkok/>

TRANSPORT

Transport costs for March-April 2019 by 10-seat Minibus

Route	Price/Thai Baht	Remark
Don Muang Airport ¹ - Hotel or CIS	1,800.00	One way
Suvarnabhumi ² Airport - Hotel or CIS	1,300.00	One way
Hotel - CIS	900.00	One way
Hotel/CIS - Asiatique ³	1,300.00	One way
Hotel/CIS - Asiatique ³	2,200.00	Round Trip
Hotel – Mega Bangna*	900.00	One way
CIS – Mega Bangna*	600.00	One way
Hotel/CIS – BTS Skytrain**	900.00	One way
Hotel to Grand Palace	2,700.00	Round Trip
Hotel to Siam Paragon	2,400.00	Round Trip
Hotel-Grand Palace-Paragon	3,000.00	Round Trip

Please note: if delegations choose to stay at hotels outside of the Bangna area, extra transport charges will apply.

The minibuses will strictly adhere to the 10-seat capacity and under no circumstances will extra passengers be permitted.

¹ Don Muang Airport – the old Bangkok airport now used for Budget airlines serving the Asian region: <http://donmueangairportthai.com/en>

² Suvarnabhumi Airport – Bangkok’s new airport, opened in 2006, serving international routes: <http://suvarnabhumiairport.com/>

³ Asiatique – see Trips and Excursions doc. Asiatique is a market/restaurant site by the Chao Phraya River, constructed in old warehouses – a popular destination for tourists: <http://www.asiatiquethailand.com/>

*Mega Bangna – the largest shopping mall in Bangkok, very close to Concordian International School. A free shuttle bus will operate between CIS and Mega Bangna throughout the conference: <http://www.mega-bangna.com/main/>

**BTS Udomsuk – Bangkok Transport System Skytrain – a light rail system that serves most of Bangkok CBD. The Sukhumvit Line runs from Kleha to Chatuchak (weekend market); the Silom Line runs from National Stadium to Bang Wa. Udomsuk is the BTS stop nearest to CIS: <http://www.bangkok.com/bts/>

TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

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The following are suggestions for trips and excursions should you wish to extend your visit to Bangkok before or after the THAIMUN conference:

For a general overview of Bangkok and tours see:

<http://www.bangkok.com/>

<http://www.viator.com/Bangkok/d343-ttd>

<http://bangkokdaytours.com/>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/thailand/bangkok/sights>

<http://www.timeout.com/bangkok/features/497/20-great-things-to-do-in-bangkok>

<http://www.bangkok-photos.com/>

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/>

History

- Ayutthaya, day trip, train, coach and river craft, guided tour of temples (Sun River Cruise), <http://www.bangkok.com/river-cruise-tours/riversun.htm>
- Ancient City [*Muang Boran*], <http://ancientcitygroup.net/ancientsiam/en/> Samut Prakarn, day trip, coach/minibus or BTS Skytrain
- Jim Thompson House, www.jimthompsonhouse.com half day, BTS Skytrain
- Rattanakosin Island, Wat Phra Kaew, Grand Palace and Wat Pho; half day, BTS Skytrain and river taxi

Exploring Bangkok

- Bangkok Cycle Tour, full day, www.covankessel.com
- Khlongs, two hour long tailed boat tour (long tailed boats)
- River cruise by rice barge, Anantara Cruises, www.cruises.anantara.com
- Dinner Cruise on Chao Phraya River, evening (Horizon Cruise, Shangri La Hotel)
- Asiatique, Joe Louis Puppet Theatre, shopping, dinner <http://www.asiatiquethailand.com/home.php?lang=en>
- Sea Life Bangkok Ocean World, Siam Paragon, one hour, BTS <http://www.sealifebangkok.com/en/tickets>
- Thai Red Cross Snake Farm, 11 am weekdays, one hour, BTS
- Street Photography Tour Bangkok, <http://streetphotographythailand.com/bangkok-photo-tours/>

Shopping

- IconSiam (newly opened high-end shopping on the river): <https://www.iconsiam.com/en>
- Siam Paragon (high-end shopping) <http://www.siamparagon.co.th/index.php>
- Siam Center, Siam Square (beside Paragon, youth fashions) <http://www.siam-square.com/>
- Central Department Store, Chitlom (high-end shopping) <http://www.bangkok.com/shopping-mall/central-department-store.htm>
- MBK (markets and youth fashion) <http://www.mbk-center.co.th/en/home/index.php>
- Terminal 21 (international shops, youth fashion, novelties) <http://www.terminal21.co.th/main>
- Emporium and EM Quartier (high-end shops and many restaurants – especially Helix building) <http://theemdistrict.com/happening.php>
- Chatuchak Weekend Market
- Chinatown
- Asiatique (by the river) <http://www.thaiasiatique.com/index.php/en>

Community Opportunities

- Khun Mechai Viravaidya Foundation and the Bamboo School: <http://www.mechaifoundation.org>
- Father Joe Maier, Mercy Centre, talk by Father Joe followed by tour: www.mercycentre.org

- Duang Prateep Foundation, poverty alleviation and community development in the Khlong Toei slum: www.dpf.or.th
- Soi Dog Foundation: www.soidog.org
- FREELAND Foundation, an international organization against human and wildlife trafficking, was born in Thailand: www.freeland.org

Language and Culture

Thai language, Andrew Biggs Academy, Major Cineplex, Ekamai, siriporn@andrewbiggs.com

Cooking

- Cooking with Poo and tour of the Khlong Toei fresh market, www.cookingwithpoo.com
- Mrs. Balbir's Indian Cooking School, Sukhumvit Soi 11/1, morning classes on weekdays, afternoon classes on weekends: <http://www.mrsbalbirs.com/indian-food-cooking-classes/>

Sports

- Muay Thai boxing: www.muaythailumpini.com
- Muay Thai training, *Elite Boxing*, Waterford Diamond Tower, Sukhumvit Soi 10, www.elitefightclub.com
- Ten-pin bowling, Siam Paragon

Theatre

- Siam Niramit-Ratchada Theatre, stage show of Thai history, quite spectacular www.siamniramit.com
- Joe Louis Puppet Theatre at Asiatique, www.joelouistheatre.com

Pattaya

- Flight of the Gibbons, Khao Khieo Open Zoo, www.treetopasia.com (Sri Racha)
- Khao Khieo Open Zoo and Night Safari (Sri Racha)
- Sr Racha Tiger Zoo, www.tigerzoo.com (Sri Racha)
- Pattaya Elephant Village, www.elephant-village-pattaya.com
- Pattaya Park & Pattaya Park Tower: swimming <http://www.pattayapark.com/waterpark.html>
- Koh Si Chang - island (Sri Racha pier)
- Bang Saray fishing village
- Sanctuary of Truth, www.sanctuaryoftruth.com

Kanchanaburi – Thai Burma Railway

- Death Railway, train ride, www.railway.co.th
- Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, 6982 graves
- Thailand-Burma Railway Museum, <http://www.tbrconline.com/>
- “Bridge Over the River Kwai”
- Hellfire Pass and Memorial Museum, <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/> and <http://www.hintokriverscamp.com/>
- The New Life Project, a home for disadvantaged girls, www.dpf.or.th
- River Kwai Village Hotel and boat to Lawa Cave: <http://www.riverkwaivillagehotel.com/en/index>



Preparing to be a THAIMUN Delegate

As a delegate you have to be prepared to speak. The most effective delegates are the ones who are **well prepared**.

As a well-prepared delegate you will be confident and ready to **speak at every opportunity**.

To be a confident delegate you need to be well informed about the issues to be discussed in the committee.

Being informed is a long-term process which involves **THOROUGH RESEARCH** and daily reading of online newspapers like *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* or *The Washington Post*, and viewing reliable cable news bulletins on television, such as CNN, BBC World, Al Jazeera, Channel News Asia or ITV. Beware of **FAKE NEWS** channels, i.e. *Fox News*

Following the news on a daily basis is very important. **Read a newspaper every day**.

If you have a smart phone, downloading apps like BBC World or CNN keeps you in constant touch with world news.

A highly recommended website to help delegates prepare for a MUN conference is:

<http://bestdelegate.com/>

In the weeks prior to the conference you should **contact your chair and other delegates in your committee by email or otherwise**, and discuss issues. Remember to seek out delegates representing countries likely to share your country's policies and predicaments. Your adviser at school will have been sent a list of delegates and chairs in all committees, with emails.

Be sure to read the **Chairs' reports** on the THAIMUN website (under BRIEFINGS) for valuable guidelines to follow in your research.

Every delegate should prepare the following items for THAIMUN:

1. **Position Paper (Opening Statement)** – a one-minute speech setting out your country's position on the committee question. This is the first item in the Committee stage of the conference.
2. **A Resolution** – or at least some ideas for a resolution. Every delegate should have their country's name attached to one resolution as a submitter/co-submitter or a sponsor/co-sponsor. Resolutions have two sections:
 - (i) Pre-ambulatory clauses which set out the nature of the problem, and
 - (ii) Operative clauses which set out the UN's solutions to the problem

Resolutions must be set out strictly according to the rules. See the THAIMUN website for guidelines for setting out a resolution. A **vetting committee** made up of MUN coaches will check each resolution for appropriate wording, correct presentation, respect for bloc groups, a maximum of 80 lines, and clarity.

Delegates will get time for **caucusing** which means looking for other countries who are likely to have a resolution you can support and **collaborating** with them to combine ideas. You should not support a resolution which is not in the interests of your country. Groups of similar, like-minded countries are called **blocs**.

3. **Research** – this is crucial if you are to have a successful conference and not make a fool of yourself. Your research should be mainly on the committee question, but you should also have a strong understanding of your country's position. Research takes several weeks if not months of work.

It is recommended that you create a **research folder** – see: <http://bestdelegate.com/mun-research-made-easy-15-things-every-delegate-should-have-in-their-research-binder/>

Other useful sources for research are:

- UN web-sites – <http://www.un.org/en/> WHO, FAO, UNESCO, UNHCR, IMF, World Bank, Human Rights Commission, International Court of Justice, ESCAP (Bangkok)
- CIA Factbook <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- WTO (World Trade Organization) - <http://www.wto.org/>
- The Economist – one of the best weekly news magazines and website – in your school library - <http://www.economist.com/>
- New Internationalist – especially useful monthly magazine which investigates a major issue and devotes most of the copy to it – in your school library - <http://newint.org/>
- TIME magazine and website - <http://time.com/>
- BBC World - <http://www.bbc.com/news/world/>
- CNN - <http://edition.cnn.com/>
- International Committee of the Red Cross - <https://www.icrc.org/en>
- Save the Children Fund - http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLXMGlpI4E/b.6115947/k.8D6E/Official_Site.htm
- Oxfam - <http://www.oxfam.org/>
- CARE - <http://www.care.org/>

The THAIMUN website:

<http://www.thaimun.org>

provides essential data for your preparation and understanding.

Under the heading THE CONFERENCE, see...

- PROCEDURES, where you will find conference rules and procedures, resolution guidelines, committee handbooks, chairs' manual, etc.
- CONFERENCE SCHEDULE for a detailed timetable of the three-day THAIMUN conference
- BRIEFINGS, reports from chairs on issues to be debated in each committee

Speeches

One of the main purposes in attending a MUN conference is to speak. Gaining confidence in front of a group of your peers by delivering a speech is a valuable and wonderful skill that will set you up for life. To

some people this comes easy...sometimes too easy...and such people may be full of confidence but have little to say.

Remember, at a MUN conference you are among friends, sharing a unique experience. At the same time, it is an immense challenge. I have seen extremely shy people make a deliberate decision, that they will once-and-for-all, overcome their shyness and break the barrier. Once you deliver your first speech you will be on your way. But you will not be able to deliver that speech unless you follow the advice above about research and preparation.

MUN speeches do not have to be “I Have a Dream Speeches”. Martin Luther King, one of modern history’s great speech makers, did not have a few minutes to prepare his speech, like you have. He had many weeks and the help of dozens of his supporters. At MUN you have just a few minutes to prepare a speech.

Do not write a speech word for word, or even detailed notes. A **list of key words** should be enough to remind you of the main points you want to make once you get to the podium.

Most speeches will be delivered for, against or to a resolution. The speech is already written for you. **Your speech is the resolution.** Go through the resolution outlining the good or bad points and why you support or do not support the clauses.

Useful websites on speech-making:

<https://www.thestudygurus.com/perfect-speeches-and-presentations-at-high-school/>

<http://www.aresearchguide.com/3tips.html>

<http://sixminutes.dlugan.com/speech-preparation-1-how-to-prepare-presentation/>

<https://jerz.setonhill.edu/writing/technical-writing/oral-presentations-tips/>

Good luck at THAIMUN and in your MUN career. Remember the three rules for a successful MUN delegate:

1. Research
2. Research
3. RESEARCH

THAIMUN VII PROTOCOLS

1. **Laptops** are essential. THAIMUN VII is largely paperless. Resolutions will be composed, vetted, read and amended as a soft copy. However, note-passing will be with paper and notepads will be provided for delegates. The Internet will be available and delegates will be provided with passwords - iPads or similar tablets are not recommended.
2. **Mobile phones:** Chairs will not permit the use of mobile phones in committee for texting or calls, unless in an emergency. Texting between delegates is a violation of note-passing protocols.
3. **Opening Statement (or Position Paper):** all delegates must prepare a one-minute opening statement for delivery in their committee's first session. The statement should clarify the country's position on at least one of the committee topics. Delegates will be called to speak in alphabetical order beginning with Afghanistan...
4. **Topics:** each committee has been assigned two or three topics. However, these topics are debated separately and resolutions should deal with only one topic at a time.
5. **Resolutions:** all delegates should bring to the conference, either, a completed resolution, or some clauses for a resolution. The best resolutions are a collaborative effort and time will be given in the first morning for caucusing and merging of resolutions. Delegates are not expected to work alone on resolutions. Prior to the conference committee delegates may communicate with each other through email or other means.
6. **Vetting:** completed resolutions will be vetted before they are debated. Advisers will be asked to vet resolutions. Only spelling, grammar and layout will be corrected. Veters will not change the intention or meaning of the resolution. Vetting will be carried out on the delegate's laptop. Vetted resolutions will be sent to the committee chair. They will not be printed.
7. **THAIMUN Rules of Procedure** are based on IASAS rules and procedures and are used throughout the conference (See THAIMUN website). Some significant highlights:
 - a. Chairs will determine the number of co-sponsors and co-submitters for resolutions depending on the size of the committee
 - b. The main submitter reads the Operative Clauses only
 - c. The main submitter delivers a two-minute opening speech
 - d. Delegates should know "Points of Clarification", "Points of Information" and Yields
 - e. Speeches can be "For", "Against" or "To". Speeches are set at **two minutes** but the chair may extend or curtail speeches depending on the circumstances
 - f. Amendments can be "Friendly" or "Unfriendly"
 - g. **No speakers' lists** – debate will flow best when delegates deliver speeches in response to the previous speech, not when set speeches are prepared in advance
 - h. **Leading questions** are permitted if they enhance debate but they are not always desirable
8. **Note passing:** please note the following from THAIMUN Rules of Procedure...

Delegates will be permitted to pass notes during session, but only through one of the pages. Notes must be signed on the inside by the country sending the note and properly addressed to the country which is to receive it on the outside.

There will be no note-passing during voting or speeches. If sent to the Chair, any notes ruled Dilatory, Absurd or Frivolous will be sent to the Advisers' Room and the sender may lose his/her note-passing privileges. Notes will be censored. No note passing is permitted during formal speaking.

9. **UNSC, HSC and HCC:** The Security Council, Historical Security Council and Historical Crisis Committee may at any time summon delegates from another committee to answer questions on issues related to the delegates' country. Please be prepared for this.

10. **Dress:** professional dress should be worn –

Boys should wear a business shirt and tie (short or long sleeves), tailored trousers, leather shoes (not sports shoes). Suits and jackets are permitted.

Girls should wear a shirt with collar, short or long sleeves; or a dress with sleeves so shoulders are covered; skirts and dresses should reach the knee or lower; leather dress shoes, low heels, closed toe (no sports shoes); slacks are permitted.

In order to not cause offence to other delegates, national dress, military uniforms, sunglasses, armbands and other accessories are not permitted.

11. **Procedures:** consult the THAIMUN website <http://www.thaimun.org/> under “Delegate Prep” and “Procedures” for:

- Rules of Procedure
- Streamlined Rules of Procedure
- Simplified Procedures
- Security Council Procedures
- Historical Crisis Committee Rules of Procedure
- USCC and UKPC Rules of Procedure
- ICJ and ICC Manuals
- Resolution Checklist

12. **General Behaviour:**

Although the THAIMUN Conference is an educational exercise intended for young people, delegates are simulating the councils and committees of the United Nations. Thus, for the period of the conference, they are regarded as diplomats and ambassadors for the country they are representing, as well as representatives of their schools. This demands a high standard of personal conduct and behaviour from all delegates, both during the conference sessions and outside the conference venue.

It is extremely important that delegates behave appropriately at all times. This is important for the good name of the school concerned. Attendance at the THAIMUN conference is by invitation and this invitation may be withheld in the future if students do not conform to accepted standards of behaviour.

13. **Advisers:** it is against MUN protocol for advisers to coach delegates on the floor of the committees or the General Assembly.

An **Advisers' Meeting** will be held on the last afternoon of the conference, for the purpose of:

- a. Reviewing Chairs' nominations for Best Delegates and the Secretariat's nomination for Best Chairs
- b. Reviewing the conference overall and suggestions for the next THAIMUN conference