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Mekong Research Symposium 2023
“Data into Action for a Resilient Mekong”
Le Méridien Resort, Chiang Rai, Thailand
March 14-16, 2023

Logistics Note for Self-Funded Participants

Dates and Locations

Date	Topics	Location
March 13	NexGen Professional Development Day	Mae Fah Luang University
March 14	MRS Day 1: Data availability and actionable information	Le Méridien Resort, Chiang Rai Utopia Ballroom, 1st Floor
March 15	MRS Day 2: Operationalizing information Optional field trips	
March 16	MRS Day 3: Informed planning and proactive decision support Mekong Implementers Workshop	

Meeting Venue

Le Méridien Resort, Chiang Rai, Thailand

Conference room: Utopia Ballroom, 1st Floor

Address: 221, Kwae Wai Rd, Tambon Robwieng, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai 57000

Tel: (+66) 053-603-333

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ceimd-le-meridien-chiang-rai-resort-thailand>



Travel Arrangements to Chiang Rai, Thailand

Self-funded participants may arrive at Chiang Rai Airport on **March 13** (March 12 for invited participants of NexGen Professional Development Day) and depart **March 17**. There are two airports that you may choose to transit from Bangkok to Chiang Rai: Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK) and Don Mueang International Airport (DMK). List of domestic flights available as of January 2023 are as follow. Please check for flights operation confirmation upon your booking with travel agent.

Airport	Departure from Bangkok to Chiang Rai on Monday, March 13th, 2023	Return from Chiang Rai to Bangkok on Friday, March 17th, 2023
Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK)	THAI SMILE AIRWAYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WE 130 BKK CEI 0810 0940 • WE 132 BKK CEI 1225 1355 • WE 136 BKK CEI 1850 2020 	THAI SMILE AIRWAYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WE 131 CEI BKK 1020 1150 • WE 133 CEI BKK 1425 1555 • WE 137 CEI BKK 2050 2215
	THAI VIETJET AIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VZ 130 BKK CEI 0630 0755 • VZ 138 BKK CEI 0950 1115 • VZ 132 BKK CEI 1355 1520 • VZ 136 BKK CEI 1550 1715 • VZ 134 BKK CEI 1800 1925 	THAI VIETJET AIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VZ 131 CEI BKK 0825 0950 • VZ 139 CEI BKK 1145 1310 • VZ 133 CEI BKK 1550 1715 • VZ 137 CEI BKK 1745 1910
Don Mueang Airport (DMK)	THAI AIRASIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FD3199 DMK CEI 0655 0830 • FD3201 DMK CEI 1205 1340 • FD3207 DMK CEI 1440 1615 • FD3209 DMK CEI 1620 1755 • FD9201 DMK CEI 1845 2015 • FD3205 DMK CEI 1940 2105 	THAI AIRASIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FD3200 CEI DMK 0900 1030 • FD3202 CEI DMK 1410 1535 • FD3208 CEI DMK 1645 1820 • FD3210 CEI DMK 1825 2000 • FD9202 CEI DMK 2045 2210 • FD3206 CEI DMK 2145 2300
	NOK AIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD 100 DMK CEI 0610 0725 • DD 102 DMK CEI 1015 1130 • DD 106 DMK CEI 1340 1500 • DD 108 DMK CEI 1835 1955 	NOK AIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD 101 CEI DMK 0755 0910 • DD 103 CEI DMK 1200 1315 • DD 107 CEI DMK 1530 1645 • DD 109 CEI DMK 2025 2140

If you prefer to be arranged on same domestic flights with Pact's funded participants, please contact:

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Satguru Travel & Tours and Shivam General Trading Co. Ltd.

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Tel: + 66 - 26530331 - 2 ,+66 - 26530357 - 8

Email: ticketing@satguruun.com

Website: <http://www.satguruun.com>

Visa to Thailand

An entry visa is not required for all ASEAN citizens. For citizen of other countries, please check visa requirement at Royal Thai Embassy in your home country or visit <https://thaievisa.go.th/> for more information.

Airport Transfer

Self-funded participants can arrange their own airport transfer by either a taxi meter (**meter rate**) or airport taxi (**flat rate**). Taxi stands can be easily reached at taxi counters outside the arrival hall, on the left-hand side towards **exit 3**. You can tell the dispatcher your destination who will then advise the driver.



Exit 3



Airport Taxi (flat rate)



Taxi Meter (meter rate)

Phone Sim Card

A local SIM card with 4G internet access can be conveniently purchased inside the Airport at the price of approximately \$10 and validity of seven days.

Currency

Thai baht (THB) is the local currency in Thailand. Major credit cards are accepted in most places and there are also several currency exchanges operating near the hotel, as well as at the airport.

Accommodations

Self-funded participants may choose to stay at the same hotel as the event. When reserving a room with the Le Méridien Resort, Chiang Rai please specify to the salesperson that you are a participant of the Mekong Research Symposium 2023 conference which hosted by Pact. By doing so, you will receive a special group rate.

You can also choose to stay at other hotels of your choice. Our recommended hotels are listed below:

1. **The Riverie by Katathani** (15-minute drive to the event venue) <https://www.theriverie.com/>
2. **The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort and Spa** (10-minute drive to the event venue) <https://www.thelegend-chiangrai.com/>
3. **Amarin Resort Chiang Rai** (5-10 minutes' walk to the event venue) <http://amarin-resort.chiangraihotelspage.com/en/>

Meals

The event will also provide **lunch for all participants on March 14 - 16**, with coffee/tea and snacks during meeting breaks. For dinner, we will provide a **welcome dinner on the night of March 13 only**. Participants may visit restaurants located in the surrounding vicinity or nearby areas.

Sightseeing

The list of things to do could be endless, Le Méridien Resort suggests their guests to tour historic attractions near the resort such as Chiang Rai Night Market and Bazaar that lures travellers with tempting smells of authentic Thai treats, colorful handmade clothing, and artistic collectible souvenirs. You can also visit the historic Clock Tower and King Meng Rai monument nearby; as well as the majestic beauty of Wat Phra That Doi Chom Thong (the White Temple). Please check out the resort's suggestion on local attractions [here](#).

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