



Regional training workshop on food security analysis of food consumption data collected in National Household Surveys (NHS)



23 to 27 July 2012

National Statistical Office, Bangkok, Thailand

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. VENUE AND DATES

The workshop will be held in Bangkok, Thailand at the National Statistical Office.

Address:

National Statistical Office
The Government Complex, Rattaprasasanabhakti Building,
Chaeng Wattana Road, Laksi,
Bangkok 10210, Thailand
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2. WORKSHOP ARRANGEMENTS

The normal working hours of the Workshop will be 08.30 to 16.30 hours, unless otherwise decided by the Secretariat. A provisional agenda is attached d. Please return the completed Nominee Profile Form attached with the Invitation Letter.

Country's Inputs

- Prepared food data from most recent national household survey according to FAO Statistics instructions (to be sent once FAO receives nomination from national statistical office). Data files should be sent to FAO Statistics Mr Seevalingum Ramasawmy; (E-mail: seevalingum.ramasawmy@fao.org) by **1 June 2012**.
- Presentation of the collection and analysis of food consumption through national household surveys. (lectures should be submitted Mr Seevalingum Ramasawmy; (E-mail: seevalingum.ramasawmy@fao.org) by **10 July 2012**.

Working Languages

The workshop will be conducted in English.

3. ACCOMODATION

FAO has secured accommodation booking at the TK Palace Hotel, 54/7 Chaeng Wattana Road, Soi 15, Laksi, Bangkok for foreign participants. Accommodation is inclusive of daily breakfast plus special privileges for participants including unlimited use of wireless internet in their rooms.

Check-in/Check-out time:

Check-in 22 July 2012 after 14.00 hours
Check-out 28 July 2012 at 12.00 hours

4. REGISTRATION

Monday, 23 July 2012 from 08.00 – 08.30 hours at the National Statistical Office (NSO), The Government Complex, Bangkok, Thailand.

5. LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

FAO will cover the return airfare (economy class) for the most direct route for all participants. The arrangement of the air travel and accommodation shall be made by NSO Thailand. The participants will be coordinated by the NSO Thailand team via e-mail. In addition, the participants will receive a reduced Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for Bangkok, as some meals will be provided by the organizers, plus a flat sum for terminal expenses as per FAO regulations.

Any concerns or issues on travel, accommodation and in-land transportation should be addressed to Ms. Chalermkwun Chiemprachanarakorn (E-mail: kwunny@nso.go.th) of NSO.

6. FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO THAILAND

Please note that foreigners seeking entry into the Kingdom of Thailand must possess a passport or travel document with validity not less than 6 months. Visa is not required for participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDF, Mongolia and Viet Nam. Those holding a diplomatic/official passport, may enter Thailand without a visa. However, it is advised that participants should contact a Thai Embassy or Consulate-General in their respective countries for the most up-to-date information on visa requirements. For more information, please refer to the following websites: <http://www.thaiembassy.org/> or <http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php>

7. TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE SUWANNABHUMI AIRPORT AND THE HOTEL

Participants need to arrange their own transport between the airport and the hotel. Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK) is located approximately 45 minutes from the city and is primarily serviced by taxis.

Public Taxi

Taxis from the airport are readily available located on the 1st level of the Suvarnabhumi International Airport. As most taxi drivers do not speak English, it is advisable to contact the taxi hiring counter to assist you communicating with the driver. The one-way fare from the airport to the city is approximately 350 - 400 Baht plus 50 Baht surcharge for the driver and highway toll charges are additional (around 25 - 45 Baht) each.

8. CURRENCY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES

The monetary unit of Thailand currency is the Thai Baht. The current exchange rate (1 April 2012) is approximately: USD1 = Baht 30.00-30.60. All major credit cards are readily accepted in Thailand. US dollar traveller cheques can be conveniently cashed at the banks and authorized money changers. Exchange facilities are available at the Airport, at the banks and at the exchange counters in many locations in Bangkok.

9. CLIMATE

Thailand has a tropical climate with 3 distinct seasons: summer from March–May, rainy season from June–October and cool season from November–February. The climate in July of Bangkok should be warm and humid. Temperature ranges from 25°C to 35°C (77°F TO 95°F).

10. ELECTRICITY

The electricity current is 220 Volt AC (50 cycle) throughout the country. There are many type of plugs and sockets in use. Traveler with shavers, tape recorders and other appliances should carry a plug-adaptor kit.

11. CONTACT

All correspondence concerning the workshop should be addressed to FAO-RAP Office and copied to NSO at the addresses below:

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