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ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY COMMISSION

TENTH MEETING OF THE APFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chiang Mai, Thailand, 21-22 October 2014

APFC Executive Committee Information Note

1. Venue

Tenth APFC Executive Committee Meeting

Le Méridien Hotel Chiang Mai

108 Chang Klan Road, Tambol Chang Klan

Amphur Muang, Chiang Mai 50100

Tel: +66 53 253 666

Fax: +66 53 253 667

Website:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/lemeridien/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1846>

2. Dates

Partner's Roundtable Meeting 20 October 2014 (Monday)

Field excursion 21 October (Tuesday morning)

Tenth APFC Executive Committee Meeting: 21-22 October 2014 (Tuesday-Wednesday)

3. Visa regulations

Please check whether you need to obtain an entry visa to Thailand from a Thai diplomatic or consular mission at your point of origin in advance of your trip before departure or en route to Thailand. For official visits with official passports, visa application procedures are always required depending on your nationality.

4. Transportation from the Airport to the hotel in Bangkok or to FAO

We regret that it will not be possible to arrange FAO transportation to meet the participants upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport. Public metered-taxis, however, are readily available at the taxi stand outside the terminal building (about Baht 350 including fare shown on meter, Baht 50 surcharge and toll way fee) for journey to the hotel. Alternatively, airport limousines (Baht 1,000-2,200) are also available.

5. Hotel reservation in Bangkok

For reasons of economy, this document is produced in a limited number of copies. Delegates and observers are kindly requested to bring it to the meetings and to refrain from asking for additional copies, unless strictly indispensable.

Most FAO meeting documents are available on Internet at www.fao.org

Plaza Athénée Hotel will be reserved for participants for the night of 19 October 2014, where the Partners Round Table meeting will be held on 20 October 2014. The rate for single occupancy per night is THB 3,000 (approx. USD94), including breakfast.

Hotel's information

Address: Plaza Athénée Hotel, 61 Wireless Road, Lumpini
Pathumwan, Bangkok, Thailand
Tel: +66 2 650 8800
Fax: +66 2 650 8844
Website: www.lemeridien.com/bangkokplazaathenee

6. Hotel reservation in Chiang Mai

Le Méridien Hotel Chiang Mai has been reserved for all participants. The rate for deluxe room for single occupancy is Baht 3,200 (approx. USD 100), including breakfast.

Hotel's information

Address: Le Méridien Hotel
108 Chang Klan Road
Tambol Chang Klan
Amphur Muang, Chiang Mai 50100
Thailand
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7. Transportation from Bangkok to the Suvarnabhumi International Airport

Following completion of the Partners Roundtable meeting in the morning of 20 October 2014, FAO will provide transportation from Plaza Athénée Hotel to Suvarnabhumi International Airport.

8. Transportation from the Chiang Mai Airport to the Hotel

The hotel does not run a shuttle bus. Taxi service is available at the airport. Official airport taxi to the hotel costs approximately Baht 180 per person.

9. Field Excursion

The field excursion will be organized for a half day of 21 October, to the community forest at Mae Tha, Chiang Mai. The transportation will be arranged, and will leave the Le Méridien Hotel in the morning of 21 October, at 7:00 hrs, and return at 12:30 hrs.

Mae Tha forest is located at Tambon Tha Nue, Mae On district, Chiang Mai province, covering an area of 128.3 sq km.

The Mae Tha community was founded more than 200 years ago. The villagers rely on forests for their food supply, firewood and wood for other purposes. In 1995 when the government gave a logging concession to a private company, the villagers deliberately took part of the forests and turned them to community forests. They established rules and regulations to take care of the 47,208 rai or 128.3 sq km. community forest. With the strong leadership of the community and the assistance from NGOs, the community had the opportunity to survey forest resources and to plan their own forest management. Management issues identified by the community are forest fires, illegal tree cutting, collecting of non-timber forest products, and unclear boundary of the national park.

More information can be found on the following website:

<http://enviroscope.iges.or.jp/modules/envirolib/upload/1504/attach/ir98-3-13.pdf>

10. 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 average temperature in October in Northern Thailand including Chiang Mai is 18-30°C.

11. Currency and foreign exchange services

The monetary unit of Thailand currency is the Thai Baht. The current exchange rate is approximately: USD 1 = Baht 31.95. All major credit cards are readily accepted in Thailand. US dollar traveler cheques can be conveniently cashed at the banks and authorized money changers.

12. Electricity

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

13. Emergency Number

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