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8th IARU Region 3 Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships

Thailand

**29th October - 3rd November 2009,
Nakhon Nayok, Thailand**

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Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, Under The Royal Patronage of His Majesty The King (RAST) is pleased to invite ARDF teams, individual competitors and visitors from other IARU Regions, as well as guests from all over the world to participate in the 8th IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships to be held in Thailand.

Venue of the Championships:

The Championships will be held in Nakhon Nayok, situated 106 km North-East of Bangkok. It is famous for its refreshing natural beauty including waterfalls and parks, renowned historical sites, soft adventure activities, and its variety of fruits. From Bangkok, travel by Highway 305.

Program of the Championships: (tentative schedule)

Date: 29th October ~ 3rd November 2009

29th October	Thursday	Arrival Registration
30th October	Friday	Arrival Registration International Jury Training
31st October	Saturday	Opening Ceremony Training Jury and Team Leader meeting
1st November	Sunday	144MHz competitions Jury meeting Awarding ceremony
2nd November	Monday	Free day excursion Jury and Team Leader meeting
3rd November	Tuesday	3.5MHz Competitions Juries meeting Awarding ceremony Farewell party
4th November	Wednesday	Departure

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Transportation/Airport pick-up:

The most convenient route to the competition site is to land at Bangkok International Airport - Suvarnabhumi

The organizers will meet and provide transportation from the airport to the hotel.

Those who arrive by train will be similarly met at the to be announced railway station and will be provided transportation to the hotel. These transfers to and from the venue, will only be upon request.

(automatically add into the fees)

Accommodation:

The accommodation will be organised in a resort located nearby the site. Rooms with WC, bath, and TV are provided. Double and single occupancy accommodation is available upon request (see below). Accommodation prior and post Championships is also available upon request.

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Weather:

Nakhon Nayok in the month of November is nice and warm with a mean temperature of 28.1 degree C.

This is normally the start of the dry season.



Competition Rules:

The competition will be based on RULES FOR IARU REGION 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AMATEUR RADIO DIRECTION FINDING (downloadable from <http://www.iaru-r3.org/ardf/r3ardfrules.doc>). However, it is possibly to take few minor modifications to the specification on terrains, registering devices and some other items to suit the practical conditions. The revisions will be announced before the first team leader's meeting prior to the start of the Championships.



Categories and Classification

Categories and Classification will be the same as in the IARU Region 1 Rules.

A series of official R3 awards is set for R3 member Societies only. A series of friendship awards is set for R3 member societies and non-member societies, and an additional "SEA Awarding" is set to members from South East Asia.

Entry fee and terms of payment:

A full package including accommodation and board is available to all participants:

Early payments per person : US\$ 400 or Baht 14,000
(before June 15 -2009)

Late payment (*upon arrival*) : US\$ 440 or Baht 15,400

- The following services are covered in the participation fees:
- Accommodation in double bedrooms with TV and bath;
 - Board 3 meals daily, food packets in the competition dates, free day and departure day;
 - Transport between hotel and competition sites;
 - Free day excursion;
 - Farewell party.

Prior/Post Championships accommodations and extra tour program are available upon request with additional payments.

Bank Account

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Bank : SIAM COMMERCIAL BANK PC, Bangkhen Branch

SWIFT CODE : SICOTHBK

Visa requirements:

Those societies that need visa will be informed accordingly after receiving their Letter of Intent.

Generally, a foreign visitor who wishes to enter the Kingdom of Thailand is required to obtain a visa from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General.

However, nationals of certain countries do not require a visa if they meet visa exemption requirements as follows:

- They are nationals of countries which are exempt from visa requirements when entering Thailand for tourism purposes.

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Such nationals will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period not exceeding 30 days, or



- They are nationals of countries which hold bilateral agreements with Thailand on the exemption of visa requirements.



Nationals of certain countries may apply for a visa upon arrival in Thailand. Travellers with this type of visa are permitted to enter and stay in Thailand for a period not exceeding 15 days.



Travellers travelling from/through countries which have been declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas must acquire an International Health Certificate verifying receipt of a Yellow Fever vaccination. Nationals of certain countries are required to apply for a visa only at the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General in the applicant's country of residence, or at the Royal Thai Embassy which has jurisdiction over his or her country of residence. Travellers are advised to enquire about the authorized office for visa issuance at any Royal Thai Embassy or Royal Thai Consulate-General before departure.

To understand whether nationals from your country need to apply in advance for a visa, or whether you can simply fly to Thailand and obtain permission to enter Thailand on arrival at the airport in Bangkok, refer to the Thai government website at <http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php>.

The documents required to apply for a visa include the following:

- Passport or travel document with validity of not less than

6 months.

- Visa application form completely filled out.
- Recent (4 x 6 cm.) photograph of the applicant.
- Evidence of travel from Thailand (air ticket paid in full).
- Evidence of adequate finance (10,000 Baht per person and 20,000 Baht per family).
- Consular officers reserve the rights to request additional documents as deemed necessary.

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