



12<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL EARTH SCIENCE OLYMPIAD  
8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Mahidol University,  
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Attachment: Tentative Schedule

To Whom It May Concern:

Countdown to the 12<sup>th</sup> International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2018) during 8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Mahidol University, Kanchanaburi Campus in Thailand! On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome student participants, mentors and observers from all over the world to attend this event. At the moment, the following 29 countries have confirmed their participations of the IESO 2018.

Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, China-Macau, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, The Philippines, Russia, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, USA

### **Registration Procedure**

I highly encourage all of you to send us the intention of participation letter, if you have not done so, by writing to [ieso2018@posn.or.th](mailto:ieso2018@posn.or.th) as soon as possible with the following information: country; name(s) of contact person; number of participants; e-mail address; postal address; and phone number. Please check our website (<https://ieso2018.posn.or.th/prelimregistration.html>) for further information regarding this step. The fees are listed below,

### **The registration fee rates for the 12<sup>th</sup> IESO**

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**Early Registration: 1<sup>st</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

A National Delegation (per country): US\$ 2,000  
Observer, Guest Student (per person): US\$ 1,000

**Regular Registration: Before 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
(Closing Date)**

A National Delegation (per country): US\$ 2,500  
Observer, Guest Student (per person): US\$ 1,200

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<https://ieso2018.posn.or.th/payment.html> .

We would like to inform you about the online registration procedure, which is active on May 1, 2018. For the countries listed above that had sent the intention of participation letter to us, the next step is registration fee payment by **Telegraphic Transfer** method. The information for sending the payment is as follows,

- Pay to: POSN Foundation
- Bank Name : Siam Commercial Bank
- Address : Siam Commercial Bank, Chulalongkorn University Branch, 254 Phayathai Rd., Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 , Thailand
- Swift Code : SICOTHBK
- Account Number : 408-626936-7

<https://ieso2018.posn.or.th/payment.html>

After completing the registration fee payment and sending us a **scanned copy** of the proof of payment, we will generate a **user name** and **password** set and instructions for each registered national delegation for online registration and send them to you. After completing the online registration process, the official invitation letter for visa application will be provided.

### **Important Information Regarding Travel Arrangement and Visa Application**

Each participating country must pay the travel expenses of its delegation to and from Suvarnabhumi International Airport (airport code : BKK), Bangkok. It is recommended that all participants prepare for travel and health insurance of their own. The organizing committee will provide insurance covering only **accidents** for all participants. We will arrange multiple pick-up services on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 between BKK Airport and the IESO 2018 venue in Kanchanaburi.

Citizens of some countries are required to apply for VISA. To secure your VISA approval, please avoid VISA on arrival application and to avoid unexpected delay, considering first to apply for a Thai VISA in your own country is highly recommended. The participants of IESO 2018 who wish to apply for a VISA to Thailand are suggested to proceed the application at least 30 days prior to the arrival date. Please visit the following link to learn more about the VISA process, <https://ieso2018.posn.or.th/visa.html> .

### **Important Dates**

May 1, 2018	Participant Registration Begins
June 8, 2018	<b>Deadline</b> : Registration for Early Registration Fee Rate <i>Regular Registration Fee Rate Will Be Applied After This Date</i>
July 20, 2018	<b>Deadline</b> : Registration for Regular Registration Fee Rate
August 8, 2018	<b>Official Arrival Day</b> (pick-up services <i>only at Suvarnabhumi International Airport</i> , airport code : BKK)
August 9, 2018	<b>Opening Ceremony of IESO 2018</b>
August 17, 2018	Official Departure Day

## Accommodation

The organizing committee will cover all other expenses directly related to the IESO 2018, including accommodations (2 persons per room), meals and local transportations. If a participant would like to request for a single-room accommodation, please indicate this choice during the registration step. There will be an extra fee of US\$ 300. This single-room accommodation has a limited space and the organizing committee **do not** promise that all requests will be met. Information about the accommodation arrangements for mentors and students can be found at <https://ieso2018.posn.or.th/accommodations.html>. The hotels are within minutes from the Mahidol University Kanchanaburi Campus.

Please take a look at the tentative schedule attached with this letter. If you need any further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact us at e-mail address: [ieso2018@posn.or.th](mailto:ieso2018@posn.or.th). We are looking forward to welcoming you and your national delegation in Kanchanaburi this August.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairperson of the 12<sup>th</sup> IESO Organizing Committee

**Tentative Schedule**

DATE		STUDENT	MENTOR & OBSERVER
<b>Wednesday, Aug 8</b>	Whole day	Arrival and Registration	
<b>Thursday, Aug 9</b>	Morning	Opening Ceremony	
	Afternoon	Excursion	1 <sup>st</sup> Jury Meeting, Discussion of Tests
	Evening	Dinner	Continue with Discussion of Tests and Dinner
<b>Friday, Aug 10</b>	Morning	Excursion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jury Meeting, Discussion of Tests
	Afternoon		
	Evening	Dinner	Continue with Discussion of Tests and Dinner
<b>Saturday, Aug 11</b>	Morning	Written Test	Excursion
	Afternoon		
	Evening	Dinner	Dinner
<b>Sunday, Aug 12</b>	Morning	Practical Test	Excursion
	Afternoon	Practical Test and Group Activities	
	Evening	Dinner	Dinner
<b>Monday, Aug 13</b>	Morning	International Team Field Investigation (ITFI)	International Team Field Investigation (ITFI) (visit)
	Afternoon		
	Evening	Dinner	Dinner
<b>Tuesday, Aug 14</b>	Morning	Full Day Excursion	
	Afternoon		
	Evening	Preparation for ITFI (PPT) and ESP (Poster)	Moderation and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jury Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Aug 15</b>	Morning	Preparation for ITFI (PPT) and ESP (Poster)	Special Activity
	Afternoon	ITFI PPT Presentation and ESP Poster Display	Attend ITFI Presentation and ESP Display
	Evening	Dinner and Student Performances	
<b>Thursday, Aug 16</b>	Morning	Closing Ceremony	
	Afternoon	Visiting Local Community and Shopping	
	Evening	Farewell Party	
<b>Friday, Aug 17</b>	Whole day	Departure	