

THIRD CIRCULAR

23 July 2018

Dear All,

Countdown to the 12th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2018) during 8 – 17 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 39 teams have confirmed their participations of the IESO 2018:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Macau, Macedonia, Malawi, Malaysia, Myanmar, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Turkey, Ukraine, USA and Thailand.

Registration Procedure

I highly encourage all of you to send us the information in the registration page, if you have not done so, **by accessing <https://ieso2018.mahidol.ac.th/ieso/> before 25 July 2018.**

PLEASE kindly recheck the information of your delegation in the registration page. After 25 July 2018, all information should be complete. The important information for our preparation is listed below:

- arrival and departure
- size of T-shirt
- food restriction

If you have difficulty in accessing our registration page, you can send the required information via e-mail at the address: ieso2018@posn.or.th.

Important Information Regarding Travel Arrangement

Upon your arrival, we will arrange multiple pick-up services on Wednesday 8 August 2018 between Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK) and the IESO 2018 venue in Kanchanaburi.

Airport Arrival and Pick up Procedures on 8 August 2018

Step 1 : Retrieve your luggages and belongings at the baggage carousel.

Step 2 : Proceed to custom clearance.

Step 3 : **Take exits B or C.**

Step 4 : Look for the IESO sign board and follow the arrow sign to the meeting point on the left hand side. Our staffs will meet and greet you in this restricted area (**meeting point**) on the 2nd floor.

Step 5 : Our staffs will escort you down to the 1st floor and then to the bus.

IESO sign boards



Important Information

Currency: Thai Baht (THB) is the local currency. You can exchange currency to Thai Baht at Suvarnabhumi International Airport (at least 1,000 THB per person is recommended). It may not be easy to do currency exchange in Kanchanaburi.

Local time: The time in Thailand is seven hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (+7 hours GMT).

Weather: Kanchanaburi has a tropical climate. The monsoon season starts in June and lasts until September. The average temperature is between 24°C and 32°C (75°F and 90°F). Just a reminder that it is a rainy season in August. Hot (above 30°C) and humid (heavy rain) weather may be expected during the IESO 2018 event. Please prepare outfits accordingly.

Electricity: Voltage in Thailand is 220V/50Hz. Electric sockets accept two round-pin or perpendicular flat-pin plugs. Appliances designed to operate on 110/120V need a voltage converter and a plug adapter. (Ref. <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/thailand/>)



Accommodation: Accommodation for mentors and observers will be at Ban Rim Kwae Resort (<http://www.banrimkwae.com/>). There will be an extra fee of US\$ 300 for a mentor or an observer who requests single-room accommodation.

For students, accommodation in shared rooms will be at Heaven Kwai Resort (<http://www.heavenkwai.com/home/>)

Dress: For the opening ceremony, **please dress formally**. Do not wear shorts, tank tops, spaghetti-strap dresses, and any extremely informal dresses. National costume is also recommended. For the closing ceremony, also dress formally.

Student performances: In the 15 August night, 3 minutes will be provided for student performance of each team.

Laptop: For mentors, kindly bring your personal laptops/computers, adapters for electrical supply for jury meetings and translating sessions. Please update your web browser

to the latest version. If possible, please install chrome web browser to your computers. Printers will be provided.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at e-mail address: ieso2018@posn.or.th. We look forward to welcoming you and your delegation in Kanchanaburi this August.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Thatchavee Leelawat". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Asst. Prof. Thatchavee Leelawat, Ph.D.

Chairperson of the 12th IESO Organizing Committee