

**The 4thMeeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21**

**(APT WTDC21-4)**

24 – 28 January 2022, Bangkok, Thailand (Hybrid Meeting)

**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21 (APT WTDC21-4) is scheduled to be held from 24 to 28 January 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand with physical attendance as well as virtual/online participation through APT Zoom meeting (i.e. hybrid meeting). The event will be organized by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and hosted by the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES) and the Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), Thailand, and take place at Intercontinental Hotel Bangkok.

Please find the following information for the convenience of participants.

**MEETING PLATFORM**

The Introduction to APT Zoom Meeting is attached. Detailed information to access the virtual meeting will be sent directly to registered participants in due course.



**PARTICIPATION**

All APT Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members may participate in the meeting. The Organizations which have a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the APT or other relevant international or regional organizations may send representatives to attend the meeting.

For Members, Associate Members and International/Regional Organizations, it is kindly requested to send the official list of members in your delegation.

Participation of Non-Members:Non-APT Members may participate with the observer status at the discretion of the Chairman of APT WTDC-21 and the Secretary General of APT in consultation with the relevant Member Administration, as appropriate.

For physical attendance, the Attachment 1 provides some relevant information as of 30 November 2021. Please check the latest information with relevant authorities and organizations as the conditions may change. Please note that there will be no fellowship for physical attendance and all costs for physically attending this meeting would be borne by the participant.

Since the number of physical attendances influences some preparations for the meeting venue and other arrangements, your administration/organization is kindly requested to inform the number and name of delegates who wish to participate physically in Bangkok to APT Secretariat at [aptwtdc@apt.int](mailto:aptwtdc@apt.int) by the **deadline on Friday, 17 December 2021.** Please note that this deadline **CANNOT** be extended.

**REGISTRATION**

For both physical and virtual/online attendance, registration can be done online at <https://www.apt.int/content/online-registration>, preferably by **3 January 2022** for making necessary arrangements. Once the registration is accepted, APT Secretariat will inform Zoom meeting link, password, and other relevant information directly to the registered participant one week prior to the meeting. Only the registered participants are entitled to join the meeting.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION RATE & RESERVATION**

**1) Intercontinental Hotel Bangkok (Recommended Accommodation)**

Address: 973 Phloen Chit Road, Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330

Phone: +662 656 0444

Fax: +662 656 0994

Email: [rsvn.bkkhb@ihg.com](mailto:rsvn.bkkhb@ihg.com)

URL: [www.intercontinental.com/icbangkok](http://www.intercontinental.com/icbangkok)

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| **Room Type** | **Room Rate/Night** | | **Reservation** |
| **Single** | **Double/Twin** |
| Grande Deluxe Room (45 sqm.) | THB 3,300 net | THB 3,600 net |  |

* *Rates are inclusive of an International buffet breakfast at Espresso restaurant and free Wi-Fi in room*
* *Rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 7.7% applicable government tax per room per night*
* *Early arrival and extensions of stay 3 days before/after event date, spaces are subject to availability upon request.*

The hotel can accommodate the requirements as follows:

Option 1 for travelers who come from 63 countries (Attachment 4) that can enter Thailand with test and go, the hotel providing 1-night packages and take a RT-PCR COVID-19 test on the day of arrival.

Option 2 for travelers who come from out of the list in 63 countries, the hotel provides 7-night packages and takes a RT-PCR COVID-19 test on the day of arrival as well as Antigen Test on 6 or 7 days of the stay.

**2) Holiday Inn (Alternative Accommodation)**

Address: 971 Phloen Chit Road, Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330

Phone: +662 656 0555

Fax: +662 656 1666

Email: [rsvn.bkkpc@ihg.com](mailto:rsvn.bkkpc@ihg.com)

URL: [www.holidayinn.com/hibangkok](http://www.holidayinn.com/hibangkok)

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| **Room Type** | **Room Rate/Night** | | **Reservation** |
| **Single** | **Double/Twin** |
| Deluxe Room (28.5 sqm.) | THB 2,400 net | THB 2,800 net |  |

* *Rates are inclusive of an International buffet breakfast at Espresso restaurant and free Wi-Fi in room*
* *Rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 7.7% applicable government tax per room per night*
* *Early arrival and extensions of stay 3 days before/after event date, spaces are subject to availability upon request*

The hotel can accommodate the requirements as follows:

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Option 2 for travelers who come from out of the list in 63 countries, the hotel provides 7-night packages and takes a RT-PCR COVID-19 test on the day of arrival as well as Antigen Test on 6 or 7 days of the stay.

**3)** **Renaissance Bangkok Ratchaprasong Hotel (Alternative Accommodation)**

Address: 518/8 Phloen Chit Road, Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330

Phone: +662 125 5000

Email: [Sunisa.p@renaissancehotels.com](mailto:Sunisa.p@renaissancehotels.com)

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| **Room Type** | **Room Rate/Night** | | **Reservation** |
| **Single** | **Double/Twin** |
| Deluxe Room (38 sqm.) | THB 3,100++ | THB 3,500++ |  |
| Studio Suite (53 sqm.) | THB 3,800++ | THB 4,200++ |
| Executive Club Room (38 sqm.) | THB 4,600++ | |

* *The above rates are subjected to 10% service charge and government VAT, currently at 7%*
* *These rates will be valid till* ***14 January 2022****, otherwise new rate will be applied.*
* *Extra beds are available for some room categories for additional charge THB 1,500++ with breakfast*
* *Check in time is 14.00 hrs / Check out is 12.00 hrs.*

The hotel can provides only travelers who come from 63 countries that can enter Thailand with test and go, the hotel provides 1-night packages and take a RT-PCR COVID-19 test on the day of arrival.

For more information regarding accommodation & reservation, please directly send to the hotels and copy to:

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**MEETING WEBSITE, MEETING DOCUMENTS AND CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES**

Related information about the meeting and provisional meeting documents will be available at the APT Website at: <https://www.apt.int>.

Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International Organizations that wish to submit contribution to the event should prepare their contribution(s) in Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint, English Version and send it to [aptwtdc@apt.int](mailto:aptwtdc@apt.int). **The deadline for submission of the contributions is 14 January 2022.**

**WIRELESS LAN**

Internet Access over wireless network will be available during the meeting. Physical participants who wish to utilize wireless facility are kindly requested to bring their own laptop computers with Wi-Fi capability.

**TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL**

Physical participants are requested to use public transportation facilities of the Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Thailand. For more information, please visit website: <http://www.bangkokairportonline.com/>.

For your general information, the following transportations are available from Suvarnabhumi International Airport to the Hotel:

* Public Meter Taxi, is located on 1st floor of the Arrival Hall, entrance 4 and 7. Fare shown on meter, plus THB 50 surcharge for boarding at the airport.
* Airport Limousine Service, the limousine service to various destinations in the city, is located at the arrival floor of the airport.
* Hotel Limousine Services
* Mercedes Benz E220 CDI: THB 2,500 net per car per way

(maximum of 3 guests per car)

* Toyota Commuter Van: THB 2,500 net per van per way

(maximum of 5 guests per van)

It takes about 50 minutes by car from Suvarnabhumi International Airport to the hotel via express way.

There are good public transportation facilities at the Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Thailand. For more information, please visit website: <http://www.bangkokairportonline.com/>.

**VISA AND IMMIGRATION INFORMATION**

Visa requirements to Thailand may vary for the citizens of different countries. Please check the visa requirements with your nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate General. Kindly visit <http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/4908> for more details. If you require a visa supporting letter from NBTC, please contact:

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**INSURANCE**

APT will not able to bear any cost of insurance for participants, any medical expenses or any other expenses. APT, therefore, requests your administrations/organizations to kindly make necessary arrangements for insurance and medical coverage of your participants before travel.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For any further information about APT WTDC21-4, please contact:

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**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Conditions for traveling to Thailand (as of 30 November 2021)

Attachment 2: Vaccines Approved by Thailand and recommended timeframe for each vaccine type

Attachment 3: Scheme for Entering Thailand (Bangkok) without Quarantine Effective  
1 November 2021

Attachment 4: List of Countries/Territories that can enter Thailand with Exemption from Quarantine (Test and Go) Scheme

**Attachment 1**

**Conditions for traveling to Thailand (as of 30 November 2021)**

Entering Thailand with Exemption from Quarantine (Test and Go) / Sandbox Program

Travelers from abroad can enter Thailand and participate at the meeting in either one of the two schemes i.e., Exemption from Quarantine (Test and Go) or Sandbox Program. For both schemes, the basic requirements to be entitled to enter Bangkok, Thailand are:

* Fully vaccinated (at least 14 days prior to traveling) with vaccines approved by Thailand as listed in Attachment 2.
* Insurance with minimum coverage of USD 50,000
* Accommodation requirement according to Test and Go scheme or Sandbox Program
* RT-PCR COVID-19 test result issued within 72 hours before travelling
* Application of Thailand Pass at least 7 days before travelling. Thailand Pass FAQ can be found here: <https://www.mfa.go.th/en/content/thailand-pass-faqs> and <https://consular.mfa.go.th/th/content/thailand-pass-faqs-2>

(Note) As of 30 November, the details of the Test and Go schemes and Sandbox Program are provided in Attachment 3 And the List of countries/territories that can enter Thailand with Test and Go scheme is provided in Attachment 4.

**Attachment 2**

**Vaccines Approved by Thailand and recommended timeframe for each vaccine type**

Vaccine approved by Thailand include:

* Coronavac (Sinovac)
* AstraZeneca
* Pfizer-BioNTech
* Moderna
* COVILO (Sinopharm)
* Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
* Sputnik V

Thailand fully recognizes mixed vaccination. However, your second dose needs to be administered based on the recommended timeframe for each vaccine type (first dose), as follows:

* 1st dose (Sinovac) = 2nd dose after 2 weeks
* 1st dose (AstraZeneca) = 2nd dose after 4 weeks
* 1st dose (Pfizer-BioNTech) = 2nd dose after 3 weeks
* 1st dose (Moderna) = 2nd dose after 4 weeks
* 1st dose (Sinopharm) = 2nd dose after 3 weeks
* 1st dose (Sputnik V) = 2nd dose after 3 weeks

To be considered fully vaccinated, your 2nd dose must be administered at least 14 days before your travel.

Those vaccinated with Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine do not need to receive their 2nd dose to be considered fully vaccinated.

**Attachment 3**

**Scheme for Entering Thailand (Bangkok) without Quarantine**

**Effective 1 November 2021**

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|  | Exemption from Quarantine  (Test and Go) | Sandbox Program  (Note: Bangkok is one of the Sandbox Area, hence it is eligible to enter Bangkok with Sandbox program) |
| Eligible Countries | Only Eligible Countries as listed in Attachment 4  Note: Must reside in the countries for at least 21 consecutive days, except those who have just travel out from Thailand | All Countries |
| Quarantine | No quarantine  Note: Must wait for RT-PCR test result at the hotel for 1 night or until receive negative result | Travel restricted in Sandbox Area (Bangkok) for 7 days  Note: Must wait for RT-PCR test result at the designated hotel before travelling |
| Vaccination | Fully vaccinated  (at least 14 days prior to travelling) | Fully vaccinated  (at least 14 days prior to travelling) |
| Accommodation Requirements | 1 Day Reservation at SHA+ or AQ Hotel  Note: Payment Confirmation required | 7 Days Reservation at SHA+ Hotel in Sandbox Area  Note: Payment Confirmation required |
| Insurance | Insurance with minimum coverage of USD 50,000 | Insurance with minimum coverage of USD 50,000 |
| COVID-19 test result before Departure | Have a RT-PCR COVID-19 test result issued within 72 hours before travelling | Have a RT-PCR COVID-19 test result issued within 72 hours before travelling |
| COVID-19 test in Thailand  (Travellers are responsible for test fees which are included in hotel reservation) | One RT-PCR COVID-19 test on arrival date and ATK self-test on Day 6-7 | One RT-PCR COVID-19 test on arrival date and ATK self-test on Day 6-7 |

**Attachment 4**

**List of Countries/Territories that can enter Thailand with**

**Exemption from Quarantine (Test and Go) Scheme**

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| **Australia** | Iceland | Norway |
| Austria | **India** | Oman |
| Bahrain | **Indonesia** | **Philippines** |
| Belgium | Ireland | Poland |
| **Bhutan** | Israel | Portugal |
| **Brunei Darussalam** | Italy | Qatar |
| Bulgaria | **Japan** | Romania |
| **Cambodia** | **Korea (Rep. of)** | Saudi Arabia |
| Canada | Kuwait | **Singapore** |
| Chile | **Lao PDR** | Slovak Republic |
| **China** | Latvia | Slovenia |
| Croatia | Lithuania | **Sri Lanka** |
| Cyprus | Luxembourg | Spain |
| Czech Republic | **Malaysia** | Sweden |
| Denmark | **Maldives** | Switzerland |
| Estonia | Malta | United Arab Emirates |
| Finland | **Mongolia** | United Kingdom |
| France | **Myanmar** | United States |
| Germany | **Nepal** | **Viet Nam** |
| Greece | Netherlands | **Hong Kong** |
| Hungary | **New Zealand** | Taiwan |