

ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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Ref. APT/2021/APT WTDC21-4/INV

30 November 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: The 4thMeeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21 24 – 28 January 2022, Bangkok, Thailand (Hybrid Meeting)

I would like to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee of the APT will organize the 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21 (APT WTDC21-4) 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 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.

APT WTDC21-4 will continue the discussion on the issues of interest to the region for World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21) and develop Preliminary APT Common Proposals for WTDC-21. APT WTDC21-4 is expected to:

- consider the input contributions from APT members;
- review outcomes of the views of other regional organizations;
- review outcomes of TDAG and Council 2021;
- develop Preliminary APT Common Proposal for WTDC-21; and
- develop arrangements for APT Coordination Meetings during WTDC-21.

In this regard, I would like to invite representative(s) from your administration/ organization who are currently involved in telecommunication and ICT development to attend the APT WTDC21-4. The Provisional Agenda and Information for Participants will be posted in due course on the APT website.

As arrangements for this meeting, please note that:

- Plenary and Working Groups meetings will be organized in a hybrid format with broadcasting via APT Zoom meeting from the meeting venue.
- Drafting group meeting will be organized as virtual/online meeting only.

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.

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Since the number of physical attendance 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 by the deadline on Friday, 17 December 2021. Please note that this deadline CANNOT be extended.

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. Should further information or assistance regarding the meeting is required, please contact APT Secretariat by an email aptwtdc@apt.int. APT Secretariat will do the best to provide the necessary environment for both physical and remote participations.

APT members that wish to submit contribution to the event should prepare their contribution in Microsoft Word, English Version and send it to aptwtdc@apt.int. The deadline for submission of the contribution is 14 January 2022.

I look forward to your good support and cooperation in ensuring a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

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Masanori Kondo Secretary General

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

To: APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International/Regional Organizations

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.

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.

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

	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	All Countries
	Note: Must reside in the countries for at least 21 consecutive days, except those who have just travel out from Thailand	
Quarantine	No quarantine	Travel restricted in Sandbox Area (Bangkok) for 7 days
	Note: Must wait for RT-PCR test result at the hotel for 1 night or until receive negative result	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	7 Days Reservation at SHA+ Hotel in Sandbox Area
	Note: Payment Confirmation required	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

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

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