

MYP & DP Regional Workshops

New International School of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand

Friday - Sunday, 18 – 20 September 2009

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MYP Subject: The Reclining Buddha Of Wat Po
General Information

- MYP Introductory for Administrators
- MYP Coordinators (Level 1)
- MYP Coordinators (Level 2)
- MYP Language A (Level 1)
- MYP Language B (Level 1)
- MYP Humanities (Level 1)
- MYP Mathematics (Level 1)
- MYP Sciences (Level 1)
- MYP Physical Education (Level 1)

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- DP Subjects offered:-
- English A1 (Level 1)
 - English A1 (Level 2)
 - English B (Level 1)
 - English B (Level 2)
 - English A2 (Level 1)
 - English A2 (Level 2)
 - Design Technology (Level 1)
 - Computer Science (Level 1)

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Visit: www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops for online registration

Note that participants are requested to check the "Workshop Descriptions" online to ascertain the level of experience required to attend these workshops.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL TILL 26 JUNE. REGISTRATION CLOSES ON 24 JULY



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WORKSHOP DETAILS

Programme Schedule

The structure of each subject workshop features 12 sessions delivered over the course of 3 days. Refer to the cover page for the type of subjects offered at the venue.

Time/Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
8.30 – 10.00	Welcome Address/Session 1	Session 5	Session 9
10.00 – 10.30	AM Break		
10.30 – 12.00	Session 2	Session 6	Session 10
12.00 – 1.00	Lunch		
1.00 – 2.30	Session 3	Session 7	Session 11
2.30 – 3.00	PM Break		
3.00 – 4.30	Session 4	Session 8	Session 12 (ends at 4pm)
4.30	End of the Day		

Prerequisites

Refer to the workshop descriptions at www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops to ascertain the level of IB teaching experience(s) in a specific subject needed to attend a workshop.

Priority will be given to teachers currently teaching in IB World Schools or candidate schools working towards authorization.

Representatives from schools that have registered interest to implement IB programmes may register for introductory and/or Level 1 workshop(s) only. Independent teachers who are not currently teaching in IB schools may attend the introductory and/or Level 1 workshops provided there are vacancies left after the registration deadline.

Agenda

A copy of the subject agenda will be posted on the website (<http://www.ibo.org/events>) about **ONE** month before the date of workshop.

Certificate of Attendance

An official "IB Certificate of Attendance" is only awarded to **registered** participants who have attended **ALL** sessions of a subject workshop. Please note that your travel arrangements do not preclude your candidacy for a certificate.

Workshop Fee includes:-

- Refreshment breaks and lunches for 3 days
 - *Catering will not include pork or lard only*
 - *Vegetarian food will be available*
 - Workshop materials
- ** Fee **excludes** cost of travel and hotel accommodation.

Register before **26 June** to receive
US\$70 Early Bird Discount,
Standard Registration Fees: **US\$595**

REGISTRATION CLOSES
24 July 2009

VENUE DETAILS

Workshop Venue

New International School of Thailand

36 Sukhumvit Soi 15, Bangkok 10110

Thailand

Tel: +66 (0) 2651 2065

Fax: +66 (0) 2253 3800

Website: <http://www.nist.ac.th>

** More details will be sent to the registered email address 2 weeks before event. Please make sure you have entered the correct email address.

Entry Visa

Most visitors can stay for 30 days without a visa or can apply visa upon arrival. Check with a Thai embassy or consulate in your country or visit <http://www.thaivisa.com/visa/passport-holders-who-can-enter-thailand-without-visa.html> for more information.

Contact us at ibapevents@ibo.org if an invitation letter is required from the organiser.

Air Transportation

Bangkok is both Thailand's and Southeast Asia's air travel hub. International and domestic flights arrive and depart from the newly opened Suvarnabhumi airport, 30km (20mi) east of Bangkok.

Airport Departure Tax

Departure tax is normally inclusive in the ticket price. Please check with your travel agent.

Airport Transfer

Please check with your hotel to arrange airport pickup or take a metered taxi at the airport. It takes less than 30mins to reach Sukhumvit area and will cost approx 500 bahts.

Ground Transportation

A free city map can be picked up at The Bangkok Tourist Division office, Bangkok Tourist Information Booths throughout Bangkok and the TAT office.

BTS Sky Train - Train stations can mostly be found in commercial areas of Sukhumvit and Silom, it is fast and safe. The sky train is divided into 2 lines: Sukhumvit line (On Nut Station-Mo Chit Station), and Silom lines (Saphan Taksin Station-National Stadium Station). The sky train has a minimum and maximum fare of 10-40 baht. Tourists may buy 30day tourist tickets to save money, only 250 baht/10 trips, or day tickets, 100 baht (unlimited trips).

The BTS Tourist Information Centers is open daily from 8.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. at the following stations: Siam, Nana and Saphan Taksin.

BCLM - The city's subway system or MRT connects many of the top tourist attractions with the accommodation areas, markets, and the business district. Fares range from 14 to 36 baht. The trains run from 6 a.m. to midnight, daily. For more information, visit www.bangkokmetro.co.th

Taxis cruising city streets use meter. They charge a minimum of 35 baht for the first 3 kilometres, and approximately 5 baht per kilometre thereafter. Make sure you have change, as taxi drivers often don't! Passengers must pay tolls in the case of using an expressway.

Tuk-Tuk - three-wheeled open-air motorised taxis are popular for short journeys. Fares must be bargained in advance. Minimum fares, for journeys of up to 3 kilometres, are approximately 30 baht.

Motorcycles Taxi - In rush hours, there is a lot of traffic jam, if you are late and want to be on time you can try the motorcycle taxi. Fares must be bargained in advance. Minimum fares are 5 baht. You need to bargain the fare before taking the ride.

Transportation from the Hotel to the School & Vice Versa

Buses will NOT be provided as the school is located within walking distance from the recommended hotels.

Accommodation Options

Workshop participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

Please book early – The rates quoted below are subject to room availability at the time of booking and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Do quote **“International Baccalaureate”** to enjoy the special negotiated rates.

Hotels	Rates per room per night	Contacts
<p>The Royal President Executive Serviced Apartments (3*)</p> 	<p>Standard Room: Bht 2,100nett per night Deluxe Room: Bht 2,300nett per night</p> <p>Above rates are inclusive of 10% Service Charge, Breakfast and Internet access.</p> <p>Cancellation Policy: Please check with hotel when booking</p>	<p>Address: 43 Sukhumvit Soi 15 Bangkok 10110 Tel: +66 2 253 9451 - 61 Fax: +66 2 253 8959 Email: sales-co@royalpresident.com Website: www.royalpresident.com</p> <p>Do email or call to reserve a room using code “International Baccalaureate”</p>
<p>Grand President Executive Serviced Apartments (3*)</p> 	<p>Standard Room: Bht 2,100nett per night</p> <p>Above rates are inclusive of 10% Service Charge, Breakfast and Internet access.</p> <p>Cancellation Policy: Please check with hotel when booking</p>	<p>Address: 14, 16 Sukhumvit Soi 11, Bangkok 10110, Thailand Tel: +66 2 651 1200 Fax: +66 2 651 1260-1 E-mail: enquiry@grandpresident.com Web Site: www.grandpresident.com</p> <p>Do email or call to reserve a room using code “International Baccalaureate”</p>
<p>President Solitaire Hotel (4*)</p> 	<p>Executive Studio: Bht 2,950nett per night</p> <p>Above rates are inclusive of 7% VAT, 10% Service Charge, Breakfast and Internet access.</p> <p>Cancellation Policy: Please check with hotel when booking</p>	<p>Address: Sukhumvit Soi 11, Bangkok 10110, Thailand Tel: +66 2 255 7200 Fax: +66 2 253 2330 E-mail: jiraphan@presidentsolitaire.com Web Site: www.presidentisolitaire.com</p> <p>Do email or call to reserve a room using code “International Baccalaureate”</p>
<p>Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Hotel (5*)</p> 	<p>Room with 1pax breakfast: Bht 5,000++ per night</p> <p>Above rates are subjected to 7% VAT, 10% Service Charge & Daily Breakfast</p> <p>Cancellation Policy: Please check with hotel when booking</p>	<p>Address: 30 Sukhumvit 21 (Asoke) Road, Bangkok 10110 Thailand</p> <p>Tel: +66 2 204 4000 Fax: +66 2 204 4199 Email: sineenart.p@grandmillenniumskv.com Website: www.grandmillenniumskv.com</p> <p>Please download the room reservation form for reservation</p>

General Information

Visit the following website for more information on Bangkok:-

<http://www.tourismthailand.org/>

<http://www.bangkoktourist.com/>

<http://www.tatnews.org/>

<http://www.bangkok.com/tourism/>

Weather

The climate is influenced by seasonal monsoon. There are three main seasons; Rainy (May-October), Winter (November-January) and Summer (February-April). The average temperature ranges from 20°C to 30°C.

Exchange Rate

Due to recent exchange rate fluctuations please check: <http://www.xe.com/>

Money can be exchanged at the airport, banks and major hotels. ATMs are widely available which accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Tipping

Tipping is not usually practiced in Thailand although it is becoming more common. Most hotels and restaurants add a 10% service charge to the bill. Taxi drivers do not require a tip, but the gesture is appreciated and 10-20 baht is acceptable for porters.

Tap Water

Tap water is clean but drinking from it directly should be avoided. Bottled water is recommended.

Shopping

Bargaining - Fixed prices are the norm in department stores, but at most other places bargaining is to be expected. Generally, you can obtain a final figure of between 10-40% lower than the original asking price. Much depends on your skills and the shopkeeper's mood. But remember, Thais appreciate good manners and a sense of humour. With patience and a broad smile, you will not only get a better price, you will also enjoy shopping as an art.

V.A.T. Refunds - Visitors on a tourist visa are entitled to refund of the 7% V.A.T. on goods purchased at registered retail outlets.

Culture

The Monarchy - Thai people have a deep, traditional reverence for the Royal Family, and a visitor should be careful to show respect for the King, the Queen and the Royal Children.

Religion - Visitors should dress neatly in all religious shrines. They should never go topless, or in shorts, hot pants or other unsuitable attire. It is acceptable to wear shoes when walking around the compound of a Buddhist temple, but not inside the chapel where the principal Buddha image is kept.

Each Buddha image, large or small, ruined or not, is regarded as a sacred object. Never climb onto one to take a photograph or do anything which might indicate a lack of respect. Buddhist monks are forbidden to touch or be touched by a woman, or to accept anything from the hand of one. If a woman has to give anything to a monk, she first hands it to a man, who then presents it.

Local Food & Drink

Bangkok not only has plenty of Thai restaurants, but a wide-selection of world-class international cuisine too. Prices are generally high by Thai standards, but cheap by international standards; a good meal is costs around 300 baht.

- Phad Thai and curry shops everywhere
- Tom Yum Goong, don't miss out on trying this famous soup
- All the Thai restaurant chains covered in the main Thailand article
- Restaurants featuring cuisine from all over the world on Sukhumvit Road

One of Bangkok's main party districts is Silom, home not only to perhaps the world's most famous go-go bar strip **Patpong**. For a drink with a view, the open-air rooftop bar/restaurants of **Vertigo** and **Sirocco** are particularly impressive. Similar bars to the ones at Patpong can be found in the lower

Sukhumvit area, at **Nana Entertainment Plaza** (soi 4) and **Soi Cowboy** (soi 23), while a large number of more trendy and more expensive bars and nightclubs can be found in the higher sois as well, eg. **Thong Lor** (soi 55), **Bed Supperclub**, **Q Bar**, or **Met bar**.

Shopping

Central World Plaza, corner of Rama I and Ratchaprarop (*Chidlom BTS Station*) - Formerly the *World Trade Center*, this reopened in 2006 after massive expansion and renovation. Ice skating rink and a multiplex on the top floor, it contains a large **Isetan** and **Zen** department stores. **B2S** on the 3rd floor is Bangkok's largest bookstore, holding around 30,000 titles (many in English) and a large selection of magazines

Emporium Shopping Center, Sukhumvit Soi 24 (*Phrom Phong BTS Station*) – has a popular food court and a good selection of restaurants on the 5th floor. The Cinema on the top floor is also where you can see the amazing Private Library of design. You can get a free day pass, Come spend the day ready amazing books, or just using the internet.

Mahboonkrong, or just **MBK** (*National Stadium BTS Station*) - is a vast and packed mall full of a variety of tiny stalls (2500 of them, to be exact). There's a heavy emphasis on clothing, especially the cheap and trendy teen type. Gold, furniture and Thai food are also well represented, and a section of the 6th floor has been dedicated to handicrafts and souvenirs. There's a large **Tokyu** department store bolted on the north side facing the BTS station.

Pratunam Wholesale Garment District (*corner of Phetchaburi and Ratchadamri*) - An amazing place to shop for clothes. Although it is geared towards exporters, anyone can shop there. Everything is cheap but cheaper still if you buy in bulk.

Chatuchak Weekend Market (*BTS Mo Chit, Metro Kampaeng Phet*) - Northern Bangkok's biggest draw, this **incomprehensibly vast** 35-acre outdoor market has over 8,000 vendors selling anything and everything under the sun. A good rule of thumb is to buy an item immediately if you spot something interesting, because you will never find the same stall again.

Silom's Suan Lum Night Bazaar - more centrally located, it's open at night when it's cooler and there are a number of restaurants where cold beer and decent food is available. The range of goods on offer is, however, not quite as immense as at Chatuchak.

Street market on Sukhumvit, between Sois 1 and 20, offers many of the same items as the Patpong night market (although usually at somewhat better prices). Haggling is generally expected. Many tailor shops can be found here.

Sightseeing

Most of Bangkok's sights are concentrated in the "Old City" on Rattanakosin Island. Out of Bangkok's many temples, the following usually make the top 3:

1. Wat Arun (The Temple of Dawn)
2. The Grand Palace, featuring Wat Phra Kaew (The Temple of the Emerald Buddha)
3. Wat Pho, home of the world's largest reclining Buddha and a famed massage school

Erawan Shrine - At the intersection of Ploenchit and Ratchaprarop, it was built to appease the spirits after a series of construction accidents occurred when the nearby Grand Hyatt Erawan hotel was being built, it's a small but photogenic and perennially packed shrine dedicated to Brahma (*Phra Phrom*) and named after his elephant, teak models. During the day you can see traditional Thai dancing.

How to Register for IB Asia Pacific Regional Workshops

In order to help serve you better, we appreciate your assistance in following the procedures below to ensure registration runs smoothly.

Step 1:- Check and Prepare

Have ready the 6-digit School Code and the teacher(s)' particulars:-

1. Full Name (in the correct format to be printed on certificate and name tags)
2. Years of Experience in teaching that particular subject in IB Schools
3. Email Address (try not to provide coordinator's email address unless he/she is the registered participant)

**** Please check the "Workshop Descriptions" to ascertain the level of experience required to attend these workshops. The Regional Office reserves the right to de-register those who do not meet the pre-requisite so as to maintain the quality level of workshops.**

Step 2:- Register Online

Visit www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops, and follow instructions.

Step 3:- Select Payment Methods

Payment Methods	Pay by Credit Card (via Pay Pal)	Pay by Bank Draft / TT	Pay by Credit Note
Upon submission of online registration	Link to Pay Pal website. Upon completion of payment, you will receive an instant confirmation email.	Receive an automated email reply to acknowledge receipt of registration. **	Receive an automated email reply to acknowledge receipt of registration. **
Status of Registration	CONFIRMED. You do not need another confirmation email from Events Team unless you did not receive the instant confirmation email.	PENDING. Payment must reach us within 2 weeks to receive the confirmation email sent by Events Team. To speed up the process, quote Reference Number when submitting the bank advice to ibapfinance@ibo.org	PENDING. Contact ibapfinance@ibo.org with your Reference Number and Credit Note Number /Amount. Upon verification of Credit Note, you will receive the confirmation email sent by Events Team.

** If you do not receive any automated email reply upon completion of online registration, this implies either you did not submit the registration or you have entered an invalid email address for the coordinator. Contact ibapevents@ibo.org for assistance.

How to Make Payment for IB Asia Pacific Regional Workshops

Payment by Credit Card

You need to have a valid Pay Pal account. If not, please select payment by bank draft or TT. Note that once online registration is closed, option to pay via credit card will not be available.

Payment by Telegraphic Transfer

Please arrange for payment to be remitted to:

Name: International Baccalaureate Organization
 Account Number: 243 - 036225 - 178 (USD)
 Bank: Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (Tanglin Branch)
 6 Claymore Hill, #01-00 Claymore Plaza, Singapore 229571
 Swift Code: HSBCSGSG

****Please inform your Finance Dept that all bank charges are to be borne by the Remitter and that IB must receive the workshop fee in FULL.**

Payment by Bank Draft

Bank Drafts should be made payable to: ""**International Baccalaureate Organization**"" and mailed to the IB Asia Pacific Regional Office (see address on cover page). **Please include an extra USD25 to pay for bank charges.**

In order for us to record and verify your payment correctly, please quote the relevant references on the Bank Transfer Slip or on the back of the Bank Draft:

- a) Name of the workshop
- b) Reference Number
- c) School Name
- d) Participant name(s)

Registration is **COMPLETED** only when you receive the confirmation email from the Events Team. If you would like to withdraw the registration at any point, please contact ibapevents@ibo.org as soon as possible. Refer to the Cancellation Policy on next page.

Hurry! Register online at
<http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops>

Early Bird Fee (Registration & Payment by 26 June)	Regular Fee (Registration & Payment after 26 June)
US\$525	US\$595
Registration Deadline: 24 July 2009	

Important Information:

- 1) ***Underpayment of workshop fees will delay the confirmation of registration.***
- 2) If Regional Office has yet to receive payment after the Early Bird deadline, you will lose the Early Bird privileges and the fees will automatically revert to the regular rate.
- 3) Reservations of seat with generic name are not entitled to Early Bird privileges and will need to pay an additional administrative fee of US\$80 when you submit the names of participants.
- 4) Programme Coordinators should communicate to participants regarding their registration and payment status. **Participants are required to show their copy of the confirmation email for verification purposes.**
- 5) Travel arrangements should be made only after receipt of confirmation email from the Events Team. Confirmation email will **only be sent** based on the following 2 criteria:-
 - Full payment has been made and verified by Finance
 - Sufficient numbers of registered participants in that workshop for viable learning
- 6) Unregistered teachers who appear for events on-site should not expect to be admitted. The Regional Office reserves the right to deny admission under these circumstances.

It is very important for the Events Team to have accurate and timely registration data in order to fulfill the considerable logistical requirements of workshops. Accurate details are essential for the preparation of the venue, workbooks, support materials, certificates, transportation, catering and other aspects of events. When schools make changes in participants' registration status, it poses significant challenges to the administration of a successful professional development experience for all.

In consideration of these circumstances, please note the following:-

Cancellation & Substitution Policy

	Deadline	Policy
Cancellation after online registration, prior to registration deadline	Before 24 July 2009	US\$80 per participant - If payment is made, it will be refunded less cancellation charge in the form of credit note - If payment is still pending, an invoice for cancellation charge will be issued
Cancellation after online registration deadline and before 14 days prior to the workshop	Between 25 July – 4 September 2009	US\$200 per participant - If payment is made, it will be refunded less cancellation charge in the form of credit note - If payment is still pending, an invoice for cancellation charge will be issued
Cancellation within 14 days prior to the workshop or participant did not turn up for workshop	After 4 September 2009	No refund or credit note - If payment is made, it will be forfeited. - If payment is still pending, an invoice for full registration fee will be issued
Cancellation due to Visa refusal	NA	No refund or credit note
Regional Office cancels workshop	NA	- If payment is made, full refund of registration fees less bank charges in the form of a credit note - If payment is still pending, registration is void by default
Substitution A substitution is a change of participant originally registered within the same subject workshop in the same event OR different subject workshop in the same event.	NA	US\$80 per substitution <i>If for a different subject, do check with the Regional Office for availability first.</i>

The Regional Office reserves the right to amend any of the policies and procedures as it deemed fit and necessary.

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