

General Information

Conference Venue

The Fifth International Conference on Information, Communications and Signal Processing (ICICS 2005) will be held during December 6 – 9, 2005 at the Grand Hotel, Bangkok. In addition to the regular technical sessions, there will be keynote speeches, tutorials, special sessions, social programs, exhibitions, and excursions.

Bangkok is one of Asia's most cosmopolitan cities. Created as the Thai capital in 1782 by the first monarch of the present Chakri dynasty, Bangkok is a national treasure house and Thailand's spiritual, cultural, political, commercial, educational and diplomatic centre.

Bangkok exceeds 1,500 square kilometres in area and is home to one-tenth of the country's population. Major tourist attractions include glittering Buddhist temples, palaces, timeless "Venice of the East" canal and river scenes, classical dance extravaganzas, and numerous shopping centres.

To discover more about Thailand, go to
<http://www.tourismthailand.org/about/aboutthailand.aspx>

Thailand Visa

As a general rule, any foreigner seeking entry into the Kingdom of Thailand for business, investment, study, medical treatment, mass media, religion, employment and other purposes is required to apply for a visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General.

However, passport holders from 40 countries including Singapore, Republic of Korea, Japan, US, Australia, Canada, UK, and Hong Kong SAR do not require a visa when entering Thailand for tourism purposes if their stay in the Kingdom does not exceed 30 days. The complete list of the **40 countries can be found at the following web page:**

<http://www.mfa.go.th/web/12.php#Tourist>

For general information about Thailand's visa, please visit the official link at
<http://www.mfa.go.th/web/12.php>

For participants who have to apply for Thailand's visa, please contact the Royal Thai Embassies or Consulates in your countries and the contact details can be found at
<http://www.thaiembassy.org>

For the REGISTERED AUTHORS who need the hardcopy of signed invitation letter for visa application purpose, please send the e-mail to icics05@kmitl.ac.th under the topic "Request for Signed Official Invitation Letter." In the e-mail, please include your accepted and registered paper ID and its title with your mailing information.

Currency Exchanges

Money exchange at the Foreign Exchange Rates is available at the Check-in Counter of the venue on the 2nd floor or at the Siam Commercial Bank Public Company Ltd and Thai Farmers Bank Public Company Ltd in a walk distance from the Venue (opening time: 0830 – 1530, Mon.-Fri. except National Holidays).

Thai currency is in Baht. The average exchange rate is about 1 US\$ = 40 Baht. Presentation of your passport is required for money exchange.

On-Site Conference Secretariat and Presentation Preparation Room

The on-site Conference Secretariat is located at the Chaang Luang Room on the 4th floor, from December 6 – 9. For information concerning the technical program and other conference related issues, please inquire at the secretariat counter from 0800 – 1700.

Fax, photo copy and telephones for international as well as domestic calls are available at the Business Center on the 1st floor. International and domestic calls can also be made in the guest room.

Message Board

Any program changes or urgent announcement from the Secretariat and person-to-person messages will be posted on the Message Board located at the Foyer of the Plimarnmek Grand Ballroom on the 3rd floor. Please check the board occasionally.

Conference Registration

All conference registrations include admission to all technical sessions, keynote speeches, special sessions, social programs, exhibitions, conference guide and proceedings (CD-ROM), conference kits, coffee breaks and lunches. The lunch coupons are inserted in the conference bag and will be collected when served.

Early registration is on December 6, from 1700 – 2000, in front of the Chao Samphaya Room on the 4th floor where the Cocktail Reception will be arranged.

Normal registration is on December 7 – 9, from 0800 – 1700, at the Foyer of the Plimarnmek Grand Ballroom on the 3rd floor where the Opening Ceremony will be arranged.

Tutorial Registration

Registration for Tutorial sessions is on December 6, from 0800 – 1400, in front of the Uthai Thep Room and Boromatrai Room on the 4th floor.

Exhibitions

The exhibitions are being held in conjunction with ICICS 2005 conference technical program. The exhibitions will be available from December 7 – 9 in the Chao Samphaya Room on the 4th floor, from 0800 – 1700.

Internet Access

Internet access with Broadband High-speed Wireless access is available (free of charge) at the Chao Samphaya Room on the 4th floor, from 0800 – 1700 on December 7 – 9.

Guidelines for Presenters

Our staff will do their best to assist you in your presentation, however we request your kind cooperation on the following items:

1. Please report to the conference secretariat at least two hours before the session, and to try out your presentation slides.
2. Computer (installed with Window XP, Microsoft Office 2003 and Acrobat Reader 7.0), overhead and LCD projectors are available as a presentation tool. Please notify the organiser in advance if you need other kind of presentation tools (e.g. slide projector, VHS player, etc).
3. The presentation time is 15 minutes, followed by a 5-minute discussion. More discussion can be held or can be done during the coffee break or lunch time.
4. Powerpoint or Acrobat PDF slides for presentation on an LCD video projector are recommended for your presentation.

Social Programs

Cocktail Reception

An informal cocktail reception will be arranged to welcome all conference participants. Traditional Thai musical band will be performed.

Date & Time: December 6 (Tue.) 1800 – 2030
Venue: Chao Samphaya Room on the 4th floor

Opening Ceremony

Opening Ceremony will be held at Plimarnmek Grand Ballroom on the 3rd floor on December 7 from 0900 – 0930.

Conference Banquet

An International Buffet Dinner (Sit-down style, round table) will be served. Northeastern musical band will be performed to introduce the participants to the graceful culture and countryside of Thailand.

Date & Time: December 8 (Thur.) 1830 – 2130
Venue: Plimarnmek Grand Ballroom on the 3rd floor

Free Tours

The Conference organiser will be arranging two half-day tours (free of charge) for conference participants and accompanying person on first-come-first-served basis. Reservation should be done at the Registration Desk.

1. December 8 (Thurs.), morning:
 - The Grand Palace (<http://www.into-sia.com/bangkok/attractions/grandpalace.php>) or (<http://www.thaistudents.com/guidebook/palace1.html>)
 - The Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaeo) (<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/7153/watpakao.htm>)
2. December 9 (Fri.), morning:
 - The Vimanmek Mansion Dusit Palace (<http://www.vimanmek.com>).

Conference Schedule

Tuesday, December 6

Time	Events	Venue
0700 - 1400	Registration at Room Uthai Thep & Boromatrai, 4 th Flr	
0900 - 1230	Tutorial 1 (TA1) Iterative ('turbo') Algorithms on Factor Graphs: Theory and Applications <i>Prof. Ezio Biglieri, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN</i>	Uthai Thep Room, 4 th Flr
	Tutorial 2 (TA2) IP-Oriented QoS in Next Generation Networks <i>Prof. Richard Harris, Massey University, NEW ZEALAND</i>	Boromatrai Room, 4 th Flr
1230 - 1330	Lunch at Bualuang Restaurant, 2 nd Flr (for full-day tutorial participants only)	
1330 - 1700	Tutorial 3 (TA3) Watermarking, Data Hiding and Image Forensic <i>Prof. Alex Kot, Nanyang Technological University, SINGAPORE</i>	Uthai Thep Room, 4 th Flr
	Tutorial 4 (TP3) Wireless Networks: Today and the Future <i>Prof. Ma Maode & Prof. Peter Chong, Nanyang Technological University, SINGAPORE</i>	Boromatrai Room, 4 th Flr
1800 - 2030	Cocktail Reception	Chao Samphaya Room, 4 th Flr

Wednesday, December 7

Time	Events	Venue
0800 - 0900	Registration	Ballroom Foyer
0900 - 0930	Opening Ceremony	Ballroom
0930 - 1030	Keynote Speech 1 Symmetry and its Applications in Multidimensional Signal Processing <i>Professor M.N.S. Swamy, Concordia University, CANADA</i>	Ballroom
1030 - 1100	Tea / Coffee	Foyers
1100 - 1220	Technical Session 1 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan, Boromatrai & Nachwangnoy	
1220 - 1320	Lunch at Bualuang Restaurant and Ampornphimarn Lounge, 2 nd Flr	
1320 - 1500	Technical Session 2 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan, Boromatrai & Nachwangnoy	
1500 - 1520	Tea / Coffee	Foyers
1520 - 1700	Technical Session 3 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan, Boromatrai & Nachwangnoy	

Thursday, December 8

Time	Events	Venue
0800 - 0900	☛ Registration	Ballroom Foyer
0900 - 1000	Keynote Speech 2 Receivers for Coded Signals: A Unified View Based on Factor Graph <i>Professor Ezio Biglieri, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN</i>	Ballroom
1000 - 1020	Tea / Coffee	Foyers
1020 - 1220	Technical Session 1 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan, Boromatrai & Nachwangnoy	
1220 - 1320	Lunch at Bualuang Restaurant and Ampornphimarn Lounge, 2 nd Flr	
1320 - 1500	Technical Session 2 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan, Boromatrai & Nachwangnoy	
1500 - 1520	Tea / Coffee	Foyers
1520 - 1700	Technical Session 3 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan, Boromatrai & Nachwangnoy	
1830 - 2130	Conference Banquet	Ballroom

Friday, December 9

Time	Events	Venue
0800 - 0900	☛ Registration	Ballroom Foyer
0900 - 1000	Technical Session 1 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan, Boromatrai & Nachwangnoy	
1000 - 1020	Tea / Coffee	Foyers
1020 - 1220	Technical Session 2 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan, Boromatrai & Nachwangnoy	
1220 - 1320	Lunch at Bualuang Restaurant and Ampornphimarn Lounge, 2 nd Flr	
1320 - 1500	Technical Session 3 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan & Boromatrai	
1500 - 1520	Tea / Coffee	Foyers
1520 - 1700	Technical Session 4 at Room Plimarnmek A & B & C, Uthai Thep, Wungchan & Boromatrai	

Date/Time	Other Information	Venue
6 – 9 Dec 0800 - 1700	On-Site Conference Secretariat and Presentation Preparation Room	Chaang Luang Room, 4 th Flr
7 – 9 Dec 0800 - 1700	Internet Access	Chao Samphaya Room, 4 th Flr
7 – 9 Dec 0800 - 1700	Exhibitions	Chao Samphaya Room, 4 th Flr

- ☛ On Dec 6, the registration will resume from 1700 – 2000 at Chao Samphaya Room, 4th Flr
On Dec 7 - 9, the registration will resume from 1030 – 1700 at Ballroom Foyer, 3rd Flr