



## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

March 19, 2008

Dear Participant,

On behalf of the Centre for Applied Economic Research (CAER), we are delighted to invite you to join us in Thailand for the regional training workshop on the Economic Valuation of the Goods and Services of Coastal Habitats to be held from March 23-28, 2008 at the Ban-Taihad Resort, Samut Songkram Province. You may find the following information helpful for your preparation to the workshop.

### Course Dates

All participants should arrive in Thailand on the March 23. The workshop registration will begin in the evening of March 23 at the Ban-Taihad Resort, Samut Songkram Province, Thailand. You will be picked up by our staffs from the Suvarnabhumi airport at the **meeting point** on the second floor of the arrival terminal and take you to the Ban-Taihad Resort, the training site. The workshop will end on the evening of Friday, March 28. We will all depart from the workshop location on Saturday, March 29.

### Laptop Computers

We strongly encourage you to bring a laptop computer for computer exercises during the workshop.

### Personal Expenses

You are responsible for all your personal expenses, such as personal telephone calls, mail, photocopy of personal materials and food items outside the regular meals provided by the course. Visa and MasterCard are accepted at the resort. For local shops and restaurants, cash will be needed.

### Wireless connection

During the workshop at the Ban-Taihad Resort the organizers will provide wireless connection (WLAN) to the participants. Please ask at the registration point to get a password and assistance for the installation.

### Housing Facilities and Grounds

The course will be held at the Ban-Taihad Resort which is located 80 km southeast of Bangkok. You will stay in a double bed room sleeping 2 people, each with a private bath. There is also an outdoor swimming pool and Thai massage service at the resort.



The mailing address at "Ban-Taihad Resort" is:

Ban-Taihad Resort  
1 Mu 2, Taihad Sub-district, Muang District  
Samut Songkram, Thailand

Phone: + 66 34 767 220 - 4  
Fax: + 66 34 767 221  
Web site: [www.baantaihad.com](http://www.baantaihad.com)

### Dining

Meals at the workshop are simple and wholesome. Muslim food will also be provided at every meal.

### Currency

You can exchange money at the airport upon arrival at banks and exchange booths at an official rate. We will provide you an allowance in a total amount of 1,900 baht to cover incidental costs during the workshop.

### Insurance

The workshop organizers will provide a basic group accident insurance in Thailand. All participants are advised to arrange their own health insurance before commencing their journeys to the workshop.

### The Surroundings

Ban-Taihad Resort is located in Samut Songkram, Central Thailand. The training site is sufficiently far away from the town as to make walking unfeasible. We will procure any necessary or forgotten items. There will be one or two scheduled trips into a convenient store near the resort, but please prepare on having limited access to shops and stores.

There is a mosque nearby the resort. On Friday afternoon, March 28, we will provide transportation to and from the mosque.

### What to bring

Clothing: In Thailand, it can be very warm in March. The minimum temperature is around 25° C in the morning and maximum temperatures of 33°-37° C in the afternoon. Bring comfortable, casual clothes – at least enough to last 7 days without doing laundry. Bring long pants and shorts or skirts, both long- and short-sleeved shirts.



Among other items, we recommend you bring:

Clothes:

- shoes for walking and slippers
- a thin sweater (seminar and bedrooms can be a little cool)

Equipment and other items:

- personal medication
- camera
- flashlight
- sunscreen
- sunglasses
- calculator
- pens and pencils
- mosquito repellent

We will provide the following:

- a sun hat
- a small backpack

If you have any inquiries regarding preparation to the workshop, please feel free to contact us. We wish you a pleasant flight and look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

Sincerely,

Workshop organizers

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