Essential Information for Travelers to Thailand

- **Climate:** Thailand has a tropical climate. In November, temperatures range from 28°C to 36°C with hot and humid weather. While it's not the rainy season, occasional showers are possible. Light, breathable clothing is recommended. However, inside the venue, the temperature can be low because of air conditioning.

- **Local Etiquette:** Thai culture values respect and politeness. A "wai" (a slight bow with hands pressed together) is a common greeting. Dress modestly when visiting temples or formal events.

- **Currency Exchange:** The local currency is the Thai Baht (THB), with an approximate exchange rate of 35 Baht to 1 USD. Exchange rates may vary daily. Currency exchange services are available at airports, banks, and exchange booths. ATMs are widely accessible, but it's advisable to have some Thai Baht in cash before boarding a taxi. All major credit cards are accepted at most hotels and restaurants.

- **Sim card:** Visitors arriving in Thailand can easily buy SIM cards at the airport, with stores from major operators (AIS, DTAC, and TrueMove H) conveniently located in the arrivals area. Bring your passport to register your SIM card, and you can pay cash or with a credit card. There are several tourist plans with options ranging from 8 to 30 days. All operators have wide coverage offering nationwide 4G/5G connectivity.

- **Power Voltage:** Thailand operates on 220-240V AC at 50 Hz. Plugs generally support flat, two-pin, or three-pin configurations. Consider bringing a universal adapter if your device uses a different plug type.

- **Transportation**: Taxis, ride-hailing apps like Grab or Bolt, and the BTS Skytrain are convenient ways to navigate Bangkok. Here's how you can reach these locations:
  - *Airport Limousine***:** Limousine services are available at counters inside the airport, with fares ranging from 1,200 to 2,000 Baht depending on the vehicle type and distance.
  - *Public Metered Taxi***:** Available 24/7 at both Suvarnabhumi (BKK) and Don Mueang (DMK) airports. Follow the "Public Taxi" signs to the designated taxi stands:
    - At Suvarnabhumi (BKK): Proceed to the first floor (ground level) of the airport and queue at the public taxi counters. You will receive a ticket with your assigned taxi number. See below for more detailed information.

- ■ <u>At Don Mueang (DMK)</u>**:** Head to the taxi counters located outside the arrivals area near Gates 8 and 9.

- ■ <u>Fare Information</u>: Fares are calculated based on distance, with an additional airport service fee of 50 Baht and expressway toll fees, which you pay directly at toll booths. Ensure the taxi meter is running when the ride begins. Typical fares to AITCC are between 600 and 900 Baht, excluding toll fees. Prepare cash in Thai Baht for taxi or toll fees.

Ordering taxis with apps such as Grab, Line, and Bolt is a convenient option but may have slightly higher fares than metered taxis. Download the app in advance and ensure you have mobile data or Wi-Fi access.

- ● **Emergency Contact:** The general emergency number in Thailand is 191, and for tourist police, dial 1155. In the case you need help you can contact the Ms. Agnes at + (66) – 02 – 524 – 5688.

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How to Get to AIT/AITCC Hotel by Public Taxi from Suvarnabhumi International Airport
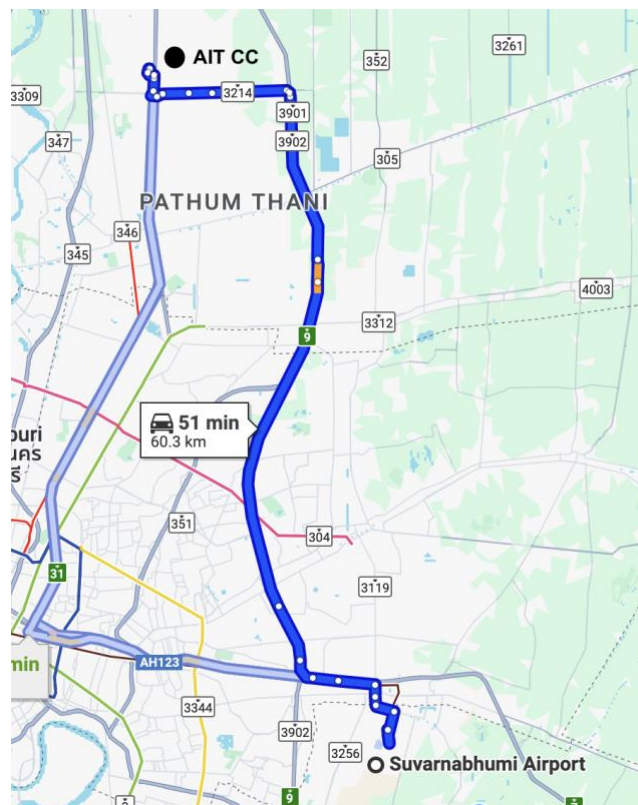
AIT/AITCC Hotel Address:

AIT Conference Center Hotel

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

58 Moo 9, Km. 42 Paholyothin Highway

Klong Luang, Pathumthani, 12120, Thailand

For convenience, print and provide the following address written in Thai to your taxi driver:

สถาบันเทคโนโลยีแห่งเอเชีย (AIT) (ข้างมหาวิทยาลัยธรรมศาสตร์รังสิต)
จอดตรงหอประชุม AITCC
(เข้ามาจากทางเข้าสถาบันแล้วเลี้ยวขวาไปทางหอนาฬิกา สามารถถามเส้นทางจาก รปภ. หน้าประตูได้)
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An overview map of the taxi ride:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/YPmSTSJmb2W6oAcu9

Step-by-Step Guide (Taxi):

1. *Proceed to the Taxi Area:*
   ○ After clearing customs and collecting your luggage, follow the signs for "Public Taxi" or "Taxi Service" to **Level 1 (Ground Floor)**.

   ○ Exit the terminal and head to the designated taxi queue area.
2. *Choose the Right Queue* (we suggest you choose the Regular Cars queue)**:**
   ○ The taxi area has three types of lanes:
     ■ Regular Cars: Suitable for small groups and limited luggage.
     ■ Large Cars (SUVs/Minivans): Ideal for larger groups or extra luggage.
     ■ Local Area Taxis: These serve destinations close to the airport and are not applicable for AIT/AITCC.
3. *Collect a Taxi Ticket:*
   ○ Use the automated ticket machine at the end of your chosen queue to get a ticket.
   ○ The ticket displays the parking spot number of your assigned taxi.
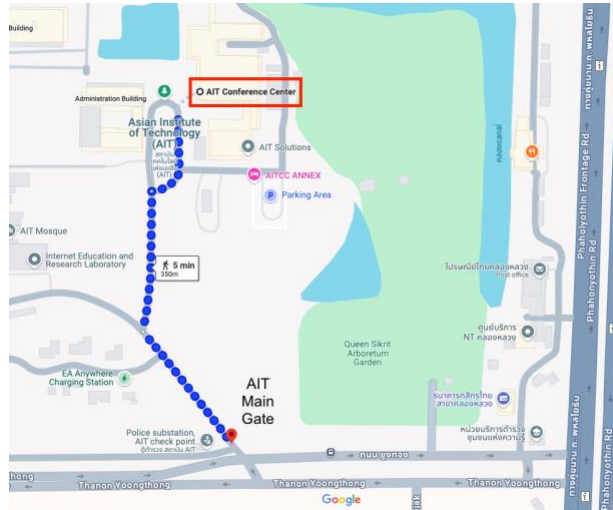   ○ Walk to the corresponding parking lot and find your taxi.

4. *Communicate the Destination:*
   ○ Show the printed Thai address of AIT/AITCC to the taxi driver for clarity.
   ○ Inform the driver to follow the Paholyothin Highway towards Pathum Thani and head to the **AIT main gate** near Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus.
5. *Understand the Charges:*
   ○ Airport Service Fee: A 50 Baht surcharge is added to the taxi fare.

- ○ <u>Metered Fare</u>**:** Ensure the driver starts the meter for an accurate fare calculation.
    - ○ <u>Expressway Toll</u>s: Be prepared to pay additional toll fees directly at toll booths (usually 50–75 Baht per toll).
6. *Seek Assistance if Needed:*
    - ○ Airport staff near the taxi counters can assist with any issues or questions.
7. *Arrival at AIT Main Gate:*
    - ○ Upon reaching the AIT main gate, the taxi driver must present their ID to the security guard.
    - ○ Request the guard to guide the driver to the **AITCC Conference Center**, near the clock tower inside the campus, turning right at the first junction after the AIT gate.

Estimated Fare:

- Total fare (including airport service fee and tolls) typically ranges between **600–900 Baht**, depending on traffic conditions.
- The journey takes approximately **45–60 minutes** under normal traffic.

Feel free to ask the security guard for help if the driver is unsure of directions upon entering the AIT campus.
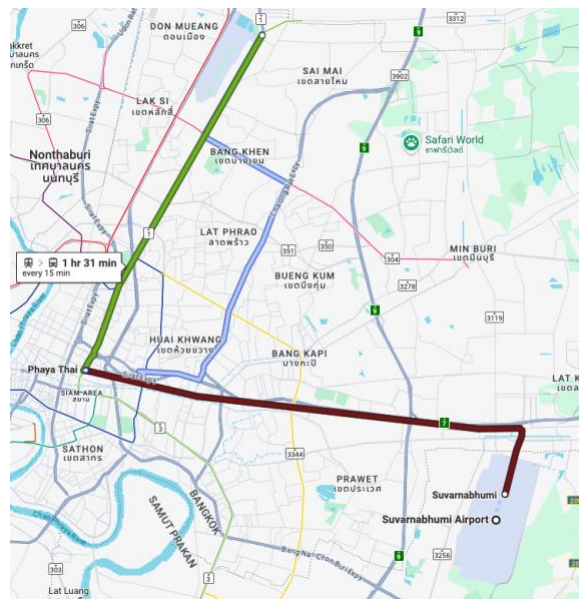
Step-by-Step Guide (Train + Taxi/Bus):

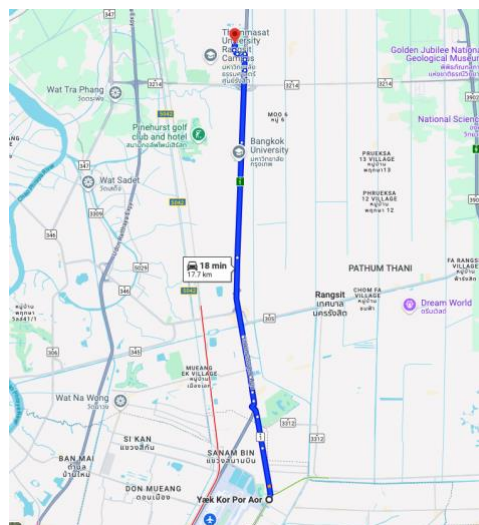1. **Proceed to the Airport Rail Link (ARL):**
   - After clearing customs and collecting your luggage at Suvarnabhumi Airport, follow signs for "Airport Rail Link" or "Train to City" to the Basement Level (B1).
   - Purchase a ticket from the ticket machines or counter for the City Line to Yæk Kor Por Aor station (fare approximately 45 THB).
2. **Take the Airport Rail Link to Yæk Kor Por Aor:**
   - Board the City Line train, which operates from 05:30 to 00:00 daily, with departures every 10–15 minutes.
   - Travel to Yæk Kor Por Aor station.
   - Exit the station and proceed to the nearby bus stop or taxi stand.

3. **Choose Your Transport Option from Yæk Kor Por Aor:**

- o **Option 1: Bus 510 or Bus 39**
  - Locate the bus stop near the Yæk Kor Por Aor station exit (ask station staff for directions if needed).
  - Board Bus 510 or Bus 39 heading towards Rangsit. Inform the conductor you're getting off at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) near Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus.
  - Fare: Approximately 16–35 THB, depending on the bus and distance.
  - Travel time: About 30–40 minutes, depending on traffic.
  - Get off at the AIT stop or Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus, and walk or take a short motorcycle taxi (20–30 THB) to the AIT main gate.
- o **Option 2: Taxi**
  - At Yæk Kor Por Aor, find the taxi stand near the station's car park or hail a metered taxi.
  - Show the driver the AIT address in Thai for clarity: สถาบันเทคโนโลยีแห่งเอเชีย (ข้างมหาวิทยาลัยธรรมศาสตร์ ศูนย์รังสิต).
  - Ensure the driver uses the meter. The fare should be approximately 150–200 THB, plus possible toll fees (50–75 THB).
  - Travel time: About 20–30 minutes, depending on traffic.

4. **Communicate the Destination:**
   - o Whether by bus or taxi, mention that AIT is located beside Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus, along Phahonyothin Highway towards Pathum Thani.
   - o For taxis, showing the address on a map or in Thai can help avoid confusion.

5. **Understand the Charges:**
   - o **Bus:** No additional fees beyond the ticket price (16–35 THB).
   - o **Taxi:** Metered fare (150–200 THB) plus possible expressway tolls (50–75 THB). No airport surcharge applies from Yæk Kor Por Aor.
   - o Always insist the taxi driver uses the meter to avoid overcharging.

6. **Arrival at AIT Main Gate:**
   - o At the AIT main gate, the taxi driver (or you, if arriving by bus) may need to present ID to the security guard.
   - o Request the guard to direct the driver to the AIT Conference Center (AITCC) near the clock tower, turning right at the first junction after the gate.

7. **Seek Assistance if Needed:**
   - o If the driver or conductor is unfamiliar with AIT, mention its proximity to Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus.
   - o AIT security staff can assist with directions upon arrival.