



**18<sup>th</sup>**  
SESSION

**CCCCF**



# **CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS**

**23-27 JUNE 2025**

**BANGKOK, THAILAND**



# GENERAL INFORMATION

The 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF18) will be held from June 23 to 27, 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand, at the Millennium Hilton Bangkok Hotel. The Kingdom of Thailand will co-host CCCF18 with the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Remote participation (via Zoom) will also be possible for listening and verbal interventions.

The pre-meetings will start on Sunday, June 22. The plenary session will begin on Monday, June 23 at 09:00 and will end after the adoption of the report, on Friday, June 27.

The Registration Desk will be open on Sunday, June 22, from 12:00 to 18:00, and on Monday from 08:00 to 16:00. Name badges will be distributed at the registration desk. Delegates and participants are requested to wear their name badges visibly to enter meeting rooms. Lost name badges should be reported immediately to the conference facilities staff.

**On Monday, June 23**, all delegates are invited to a reception on an elegant cruise ship that will take you on a scenic trip along the Chao Phraya River to explore its historical landmarks.

**On Wednesday, June 25**, there will be a reception exclusively for Heads of Delegation at a location to be announced later.

### **Remote Participation**

Plenary sessions will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. CCCF18 will be convened in a hybrid modality with both physical presence in Bangkok and participation through the Zoom videoconferencing platform. Connection details will be provided to those Members and Observers who have indicated in their registration that they would like to participate remotely.

The Zoom meeting will be displayed in the meeting room so that participants attending CCCF18 physically will be able to see and listen to the participants attending the meeting virtually, and vice versa.

All interventions should be made by the Head of Delegation. If the Head of Delegation is participating remotely, then they should request the floor via the raise hand function on Zoom. Requests for the floor from Heads of Delegation participating remotely will be added to the Chairperson's speaker list. Also, Observers may choose to be present in-person or remotely, or both.

The meeting will also be webcast. Further information including relevant links to follow the discussions will be provided on the CCCF18 page. Members and Observers that are planning to follow the discussions via the webcast do not need to register to the meeting.

### **DOCUMENTS**

Delegates are asked to bring their own documentation to the meeting. Working documents are available in English, French, and Spanish and some documents may remain in original language such as conference room documents (CRDs) at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=18>

### **INTERPRETATION**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, and Spanish.

### **SEATING**

The number of chairs is limited to a certain number per delegation. Additional seating will be available at the back on left and right wings of the plenary room.



# TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

**Sunday  
22 June 2025**

The working group meeting and side events will begin in the plenary meeting room. The topics will be announced on the Codex website. The session will be conducted in English only. After that, there will be first-time delegate meeting, right after the working group meeting. Please register via [info@codexalimentarius.nl](mailto:info@codexalimentarius.nl).

**Monday  
23 June 2025  
To  
Wednesday  
25 June 2025**

The official opening ceremony will take place on **Monday, 23 June, at 9:00**. The plenary session will follow and continue until **18:00**.

**Friday  
27 June 2025**

The adoption of the report will start at **11:00**



# CODEx ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Participants are invited to register by **May 23, 2025** using the Online Registration System (ORS). Please find further information on Codex website and the CCCF18 page.

Registration must be completed through your Codex Contact Point, who can access the system at: **<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en/>**. If your point of contact needs help with the online registration system, please contact **[codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)**.

Please make sure that you are registered by your Codex Contact Point exactly as you will attend, either online or physical, so you will either receive a seat in Bangkok or a link to attend the meeting via Zoom.

**Your Codex Contact Point can later change your attendance from physical to virtual or vice versa.**

All delegates planning to attend CCCF18 in Bangkok are advised to register early to ensure appropriate seating and visa arrangements.

# PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Consular Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand now offers an online system for Thai visas to facilitate the visa application process. All participants wishing to enter Thailand must have a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six (6) months beyond the intended visiting period. Delegates are strongly recommended to check with visa requirement and apply for e-visa, if required, at least 30 days before travel date. For more information on e-visa requirements, please visit <https://www.thaievisa.go.th/>



The Department of Consular Affairs also suggests that all participants should select Non-Immigrant and “ED” type with the purpose of visit “To attend workshop, training or seminar organized by government agency or foreign mission and international organization in Thailand.” This visa type falls under the category of Studying Visa (Study visit and training).

Travelers are recommended to navigate to the “Frequently Asked Questions” section, then select your “Country or territory of passport” and “Number of days planned to stay.” The system will confirm whether the visa is required.

Although the Codex Contact Point of Thailand cannot influence the visa process, we will assist in any way we can, including providing notification of registration letters to each registered delegate. It is the responsibility of delegates to complete the procedures for requesting and obtaining their visas in a timely manner. If you do not do this early enough, you may not be able to obtain your visa in time to attend the meeting.

It is important that delegates from all member organizations and countries have the opportunity to participate in Codex meetings. Completing and submitting the visa application without delay will allow the work of Codex to accurately reflect the views and contributions of all its members.

If further assistance is needed to facilitate the issuance of a visa, please send the details to Codex Contact Point of Thailand via [cccf18th@gmail.com](mailto:cccf18th@gmail.com) before May 23, 2025. The Codex Contact Point of Thailand is prepared to provide all possible assistance to delegates in the visa application process for Codex participants.



# MEDICAL NOTE

Delegates from yellow fever endemic countries must provide yellow fever vaccine certificate through the electronic health declaration form available at <https://thaihealthpass.com>.

## The list of yellow fever endemic countries includes:

### AFRICA:

- Angola
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Republic of the Congo
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Equatorial Guinea
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Togo
- Uganda



### SOUTH AMERICA:

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- French Guiana
- Guyana
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Venezuela

# VENUE OF THE MEETING



## Millennium Hilton Bangkok Hotel

123 Charoennakhon Road, Klong Ton Sai,  
Klong San, Bangkok 10600, Thailand  
Phone : +66 2442 2000 / Fax : +66 2442 2020  
Email : [bkkhi.informations@hilton.com](mailto:bkkhi.informations@hilton.com)

The Sunday working group and plenary session will be held at the **Grand Ballroom on the second floor**.

The following conference rooms, located on **the 30th floor**, are available for the meetings of Coordinating Committees from Sunday 22 June 2025 and throughout the week:

Room name	Coordinating Committees
Amazon	CCLAC
Danube	CCEURO
Yangtze	CCAFRICA
Ganges	CCASIA
Nile	CCNE
Thames	CCNASWP



## ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are responsible for arranging their own accommodations. The organisers have secured a special rate for CCCF18 delegates at the event venue, Millennium Hilton Bangkok Hotel. It is recommended that reservations be made as soon as possible to ensure availability.

In addition, the following hotels are located near the event venue. Please note that rates are subject to change and should be confirmed at the time of booking. For up-to-date prices and detailed terms and conditions, please contact the hotels directly.

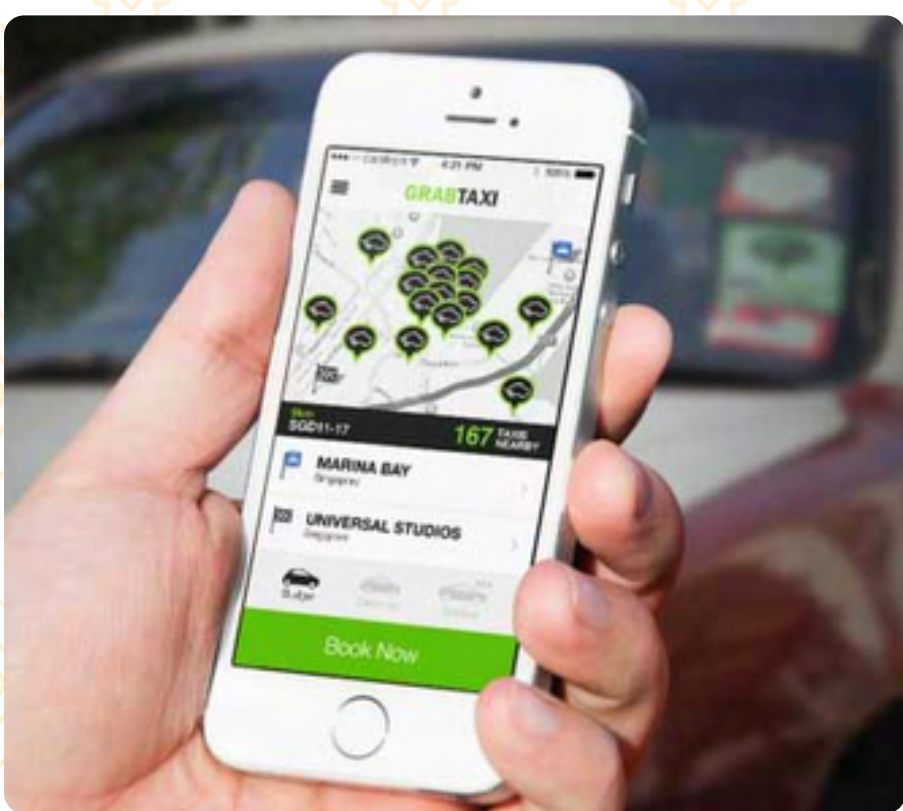
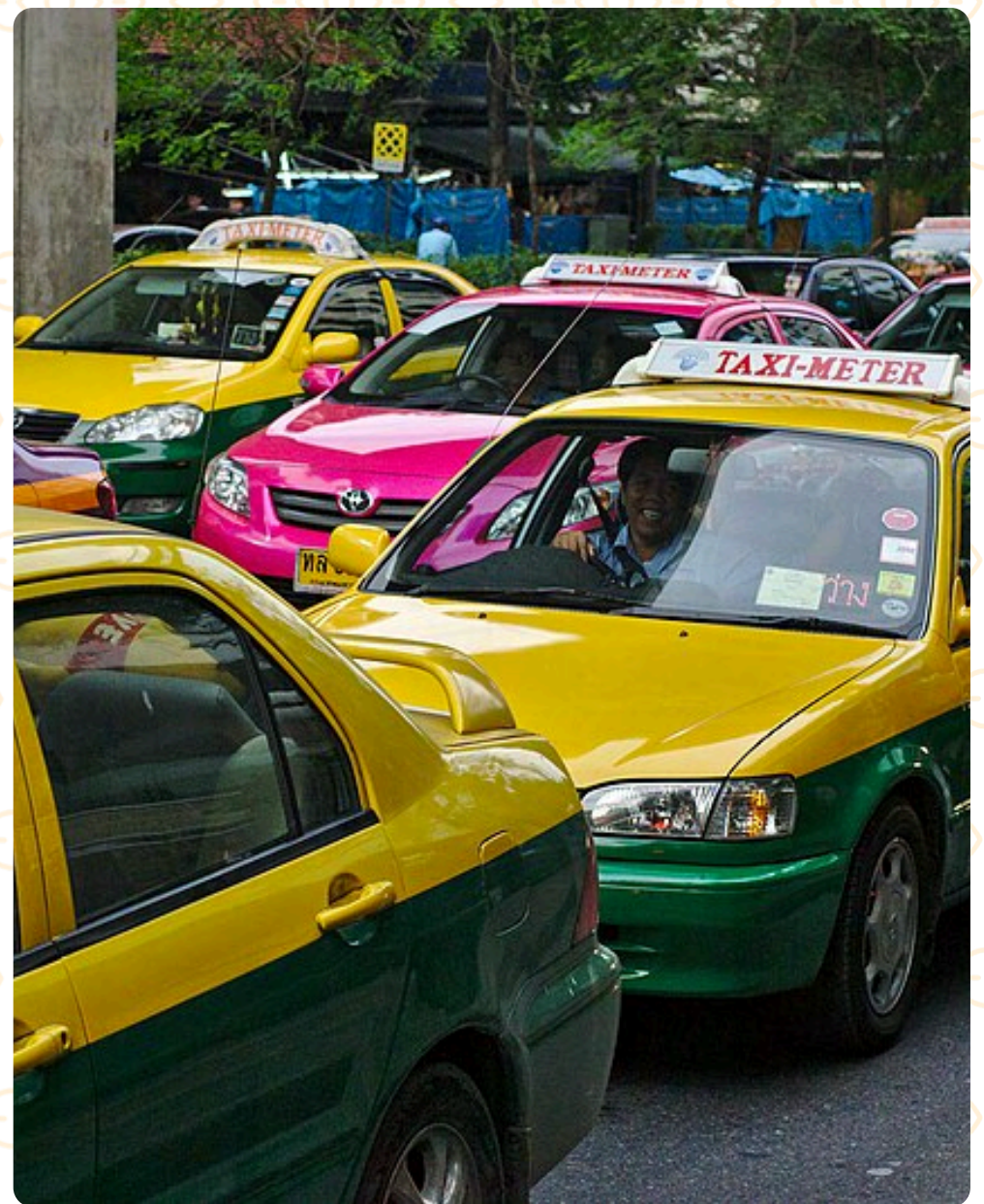
Hotel	Walking distance from venue	Hotel Contact	Reservation Link / website	Exclusive Price
<div>Millennium Hilton <b>Bangkok Hotel</b></div> <div>(venue of the Meeting)</div> <div></div>	-	123 Charoennakhon Road, Klong Ton Sai, Khlong San, Bangkok 10600, Thailand	<div></div> <div>CLICK HERE</div>	<p>฿ 5,200 (single) ฿ 5,500 (double)</p> <p>Price includes 10% service charge and 7% VAT</p> <p>(Offer Validity until May 15, 2025) * non-refundable</p>
<div>Hilton Garden Inn Bangkok Riverside</div> <div></div> <div></div>	400 m	168 ICS Tower, Charoen Nakhon Rd, Khlong Ton Sai, Khlong San, Bangkok, 10600, Thailand	<div></div> <div>CLICK HERE</div>	<p>฿ 3,786 (King or Twin room )</p> <p>Price includes 10% service charge per stay, but excludes 7% VAT</p> <p>(Offer Validity until June 5, 2025)</p>
<div>The Quarter Chaophraya</div> <div></div> <div></div>	750 m	1190 Soi Somdet Chao Phraya 17, Khlong San, Bangkok	<div>reservation @quarterchao phraya.com</div> <div>with reservation code: CCCF</div>	<p>฿ 2,800 – 3,450</p> <p>The rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 7% VAT</p>



## Travel from Suvarnabhumi Airport to the Hotel (35 kilometers)

### Taxi

Getting a taxi is a simple, comfortable and quick way to reach the city centre. Depending on where exactly your accommodation is located, the journey will probably take about 40-60 minutes depending on the traffic. Fares generally range from 350 THB to 450 THB in addition to a 50 THB airport surcharge, payable directly to the driver. Please note that passengers are also responsible for toll charges, which range from 50 THB to 70 THB. The taxi stand is located on floor 1, near the arrivals area.



### Grab Taxi Service

The Grab service center at Suvarnabhumi airport serves as a convenient pick-up point for passengers and users of the Grab application to book taxis. This service offers arriving travelers more transportation options. The center operates 24 hours and is located at Gate 4, on the first floor of the airport's passenger terminal.

The fare of a Grab taxi from Suvarnabhumi Airport to central Bangkok typically ranges from 300 THB to 600 THB one way. The exact cost may vary depending on the pick-up and drop-off locations, traffic conditions, and the type of vehicle selected. Payment can be made in cash or through the Grab application by adding your credit or debit card details. For more information, please visit <https://www.grab.com/global/airport-rides/suvarnabhumi-airport/>.



## Transfer service

Even simpler and more comfortable option is to pre-book a transfer service to your hotel. Upon arrival at the airport, you can find and contact service desks which are easily accessible all over both Arrival Hall and Buggage Claim Hall on the second floor of the Passenger Terminal. For more information, please visit <https://www.aot-limousine.com>.

## Train

The Airport Rail Link offers an affordable and reliable option for reaching Bangkok's city centre from the airport. It provides connections to the BTS Skytrain station at Phaya Thai Station (45 THB, 30 minutes) and the MRT Metro at Makkasan Station (35 THB, 25 minutes), with trains operating from 06:00 to 24:00.

From these central stations, you can easily access your accommodation via Bangkok's public transport system. For more information, please visit <https://www.bts.co.th/eng/routemap.html>. The BTS station closest to the Millenium Hilton Hotel is Charoen Nakhon on the Gold Line.



## Local buses

For travelers on a budget or those looking for a true local experience, catching a local bus from the airport is a great choice. Just hop on the free shuttle bus at Suvarnabhumi, which will take you to the public transport terminal about 3 km away.

From there, the main buses to the city centre are line 551 to BTS Victory Monument Station (40 THB, running frequent from 5:00 to 22:00) and line 552 to BTS On Nut Station (20 THB, also frequent from 5:00 to 22:00). Once you reach these stops, you will likely need to grab another form of public transport or taxi to get to your hotel.





## Travel from Don Mueang International Airport to the Hotel (34 kilometers)

There are several options for reaching central Bangkok from Don Mueang Airport:

### Taxi

The fare to the city center typically does not exceed 450 THB, with an additional 50 THB airport surcharge and tolls charges are also covered by passengers. Taxis are available outside the arrivals halls.



### Bus

Several buses depart from the airport to key locations in Bangkok, providing an affordable and convenient option for travelers. Outside arrivals area, buses operate daily from approximately 7:30 to 23:30, serving various BTS Skytrain stations and important destinations.

- Bus A1 stops at **BTS Mo Chit Station**.
- Bus A2 serves both **BTS Mo Chit Station** and **BTS Victory Monument Station**.
- Bus A3 stops at **Pratunam** and **Lumphini Park**.
- Bus A4 stops at **The Khao San** and **Sanam Luang**.
- Buses depart every 30 minutes and the fare is 50 THB.

### Hotel Shuttle Boat Schedule:

- **From Hotel to Sathorn pier (Saphan Taksin BTS station):**  
07:00 to 21:35 – every 30 minutes.
- **From Sathorn pier (Saphan Taksin BTS station) to Hotel:**  
07:15 to 21:45 – every 30 minutes.



## ABOUT THE CITY OF BANGKOK, THAILAND

Bangkok or Krung Thep means “the city of angels”. As the political, economic, cultural and culinary capital of Thailand, Bangkok features both old-world charm and modern convenience. Bangkok exceeds 1,500 square kilometres in area and is home to one-tenth of the country’s population.

Many tourists who travel to Bangkok are immediately overwhelmed by the sheer size of the city and the vast number of attractions. Indeed, there is a wide variety of Bangkok sightseeing opportunities spanning more than two centuries of rapid development following the city’s founding in 1782 by King Rama I, the first king of the present Chakri dynasty.

Attractions in Bangkok range from exotic temples, which underscore Thailand’s strong Buddhist history, to modern shopping malls, which make shopping an integral part of any Bangkok holiday. Bangkok pleases visitors either simply passing through the city or spending their entire holiday in Bangkok.



## Time zone

Bangkok follows Indochina Time (ICT), which is seven hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+7).



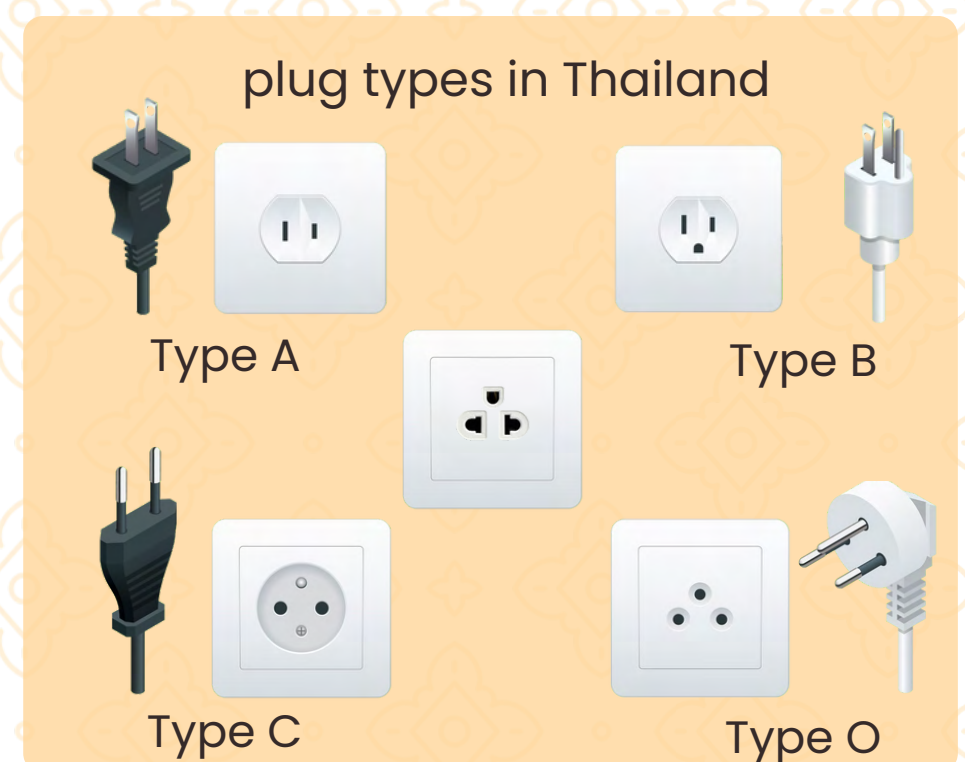
## Weather

Thailand is located between vast areas of land and water, so it is impacted by both the summer and the winter monsoons. As a result, Thailand weather consists of six months of rainfalls during the wet season, three months of dry and cooling breezes during the winter, and three months of heat during the summer. The average temperature of Thailand ranges from 18 to 38°C. During the monsoon season months of June through September rains come quickly and heavily, particularly in the afternoon. Adequate footwear and an umbrella are advisable.

## Electricity

The standard electrical supply throughout the country is 220 volts at 50 Hz.

A variety of plug types and sockets are used in Thailand. A universal adaptor is recommended as it should be able to fit various socket types in Thailand.



## Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in public areas.



## Currency and Exchange

The official monetary unit in Thailand is BAHT. The exchange rate of 1 US\$ is equivalent to approximately 35 baht and 1 Euro is equivalent to approximately 36.5 baht (as of January 2025). Currency exchanges are available at banks and foreign exchange houses.

Bank Notes: 20, 50, 100, 500, 1000 Baht

Coins: 1, 2, 5, and 10 Baht

## Credit cards

Credit cards are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants and shops.

## TIPS AND TAXES

### Taxes

Visitors entering Thailand on tourist visas are entitled to refunds of the 7% value-added tax (VAT) after spending at least 2,000 Baht at shops and department stores displaying “VAT Refund for Tourists” signs.

### Tips

Tipping is not customary in Thailand but it is appreciated for exceptional service. At restaurants and bars, tipping at 5–10% of the total bill, or up to 15% for exceptional service. A service charge at some restaurants is an additional fee added to the total bill to account for the cost of service. Typically ranging from 10% to 15%, this charge helps cover various operational expenses related to staffing, such as employee wages, administrative costs, and benefits.



# LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

## **The Grand Palace & Wat Phra Kaeo (The Temple of the Emerald Buddha)**

The Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaeo, where the Emerald Buddha is housed, is a treasure of Thai Kingdom. The complex also features the Royal Thai Decoration and Coin Pavilion, where a permanent exhibition of royal regalia, decorations, medals and coins dating back to early 11th century are on display. Visitors are advised that polite and modest dress is essential.



## **Wat Benchamabophit (The Marble Temple)**

Constructed during the reign of King Rama V, this unique marble temple is a traditional Thai architecture with European influences which are evident in the use of Carrara marble and stained glass. The temple is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **Wat Arun (The Temple of Dawn)**

This famous Bangkok landmark is on the Thon Buri side of the Chao Phraya River, directly opposite the Grand Palace complex and easily accessible by boat. The Temple dates back to the Ayutthaya period. The temple was enlarged by King Rama II and King Rama III. Renovations were completed in the reign of King Rama IV.



## **Wat Pho (Temple of the Reclining Buddha)**

Adjacent to the Grand Palace, Wat Pho houses the 46-meter-long Reclining Buddha. The temple was also the first centre of public education in the Kingdom. Nowadays, it serves as an important centre for the teaching and administering of traditional Thai massage. Wat Pho is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Modest attire is required.

## The Giant Swing

The red swing outside Wat Suthat was once used in Brahmanic ceremonies to honour the highest God Shiva.



## Chatuchak Weekend Market

Located near the Bangkok Bus Terminal (Mo Chit II), this enormous weekend market, hugely popular with local and foreign shoppers is open weekend from dawn to dusk approximately 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Chatuchak Weekend Market is a Bangkok landmark where visitors can buy just about everything from all over Thailand, ranging from clothing to pets and everything in between, a paradise for browsers and bargain-hunters. It is also where professional and amateur art lovers and artists meet.

## Chinatown Yaowarat

On Yaowarat Road and Sampheng Lane, Bangkok's Chinatown offers an abundance of jewelry shops specialized in gold trading. The 1.5-km-long road offers a variety of food, sweets, fresh fruits, and fruit juice. Also, there are fresh markets selling Chinese traditional food and ingredients.



## ICONSIAM

situated on Charoen Nakhon 5, is located approximately 200 metres from the Millennium Hilton Bangkok Hotel. It is a complex of department and luxury shopping malls.

ICONSIAM is not only a home to over 7,000 brands around the world, but it is also a new and leading food destination with restaurants all across the 4th – 6th floors with a spacious food court on ground floor.

ICONSIAM is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



For more information or inquiries about the upcoming meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods, please contact:

- **The Codex Contact Point of Thailand:** For questions regarding visas and organising matters at [cccf18th@gmail.com](mailto:cccf18th@gmail.com)
- **The Secretariat in the Netherlands:** For questions regarding the content of the meeting at [info@codexalimentarius.nl](mailto:info@codexalimentarius.nl)

# WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN BANGKOK!

CCCF Netherlands Secretariat and Codex Contact Point of Thailand

