

**Information on the Preparation for the 2nd Asia-Pacific
Water Summit, Bangkok, 2012**
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1. Date of the Summit

1.1 The Summit

- The Summit will be held for 2 days on Sunday 15 to Monday 16 January 2012.

- It is proposed to organize a two day programme for the Summit which includes:

Day One (morning) Parallel Sessions by SOM and International Organizations

(afternoon) Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address

Day Two (morning) Speeches by Heads of Government

(afternoon) Closing Ceremony including Presentation of the session summary reports and the Summit's outcome documents

1.2 Awareness Raising Activities

- Water resources awareness raising activities will be held for 5 days from Thursday 12 to Monday 16 January 2010.

- Activities will include academic sessions / exhibitions, organized by invited government agencies and state enterprises, international agencies and organizations and a private sector; a short documentary film about the King of Thailand and his dedicated work on water resources; Thai culture and local wisdom on water resources.

2. Venue of the Summit and awareness raising activities (12-16 January 2012) is

Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC) in Bangkok.

- QSNCC locates on Rachada-pisek Road, in the center of Bangkok. It has easy accessibility; by car, taxi, bus, BTS skytrain and MRT subway. There are many 5-star hotels in the vicinity of QSNCC.

- QSNCC has extensive on-site car parking space for 700 cars and 30 buses and 1,500 vehicles space adjacent to the center.

- QSNCC has served as the venue for lots of international / regional conferences and events such as the Asia-Europe Leaders' Meeting (ASEM) in 1996, the 10th United Nation Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD X) in 2000, 3rd World Conservation Congress (WCC) in 2004.

3. Proposed Sub-themes and topics for the Summit

- Please see in the separate sheet.

4. Establishment of a Steering Committee and 4 Organizing Committees

The Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the National Water Resources Committee has appointed 5 Committees for the preparation and organization of the Summit and related activities namely:

1. Steering Committee for organizing the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, chaired by the Minister of Natural

Resources and Environment (MONRE), comprising heads of other Ministries/agencies concerned or their representatives.

2. The Organizing Committee on formulation of framework and technical aspect of the Summit, chaired by the Permanent Secretary of MONRE.

3. The Organizing Committee on protocol, logistics and facilitation of the Summit, chaired by the Permanent Secretary of MONRE.

4. The Organizing Committee on security and traffic management of the Summit, chaired by the Commissioner General of the Royal Thai Police.

5. The Organizing Committee on public relations of the Summit, chaired by the Permanent Secretary of MONRE.

*** It is expected that the 4 Organizing Committees will convene their first meeting very soon. They will then report and recommend to the Steering Committee and the National Water Resources Committee on issues that need to be decided by the appropriate authorities.

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