



PILnet Global Forum 2024

Welcome Guide





WELCOME MESSAGE

We are delighted to welcome you to PILnet's 2024 Global Forum! The Global Forum will be held this year from November 12-14 in Bangkok.

Since 2007, the Global Forum has been held annually in response to the rapid growth of interest in pro bono and public interest law around the globe. Every year, lawyers and advocates from around the world attend presentations, interactive workshops, social events, and structured networking opportunities to collaborate and develop strategies to serve our societies. This year, similar to previous years, various pro bono and public interest law topics including civic space, climate change, forced displacement, access to justice, and the promotion of pro bono, will be discussed. We hope this Forum will bring new connections and insights for all of us.

Apart from participating in the Global Forum, you can also immerse yourself in the unique blend of ancient culture and modern dynamism in Bangkok. In this city, you can explore historical ruins, local street food, vibrant markets, breathtaking rooftop views, and so much more. We hope you enjoy your time in this fabulous place.

Should you have any enquiries, kindly contact Communications and Events Manager **Emily Thompson** at **ethompson@pilnet.org**.

Warmest regards,
PILnet

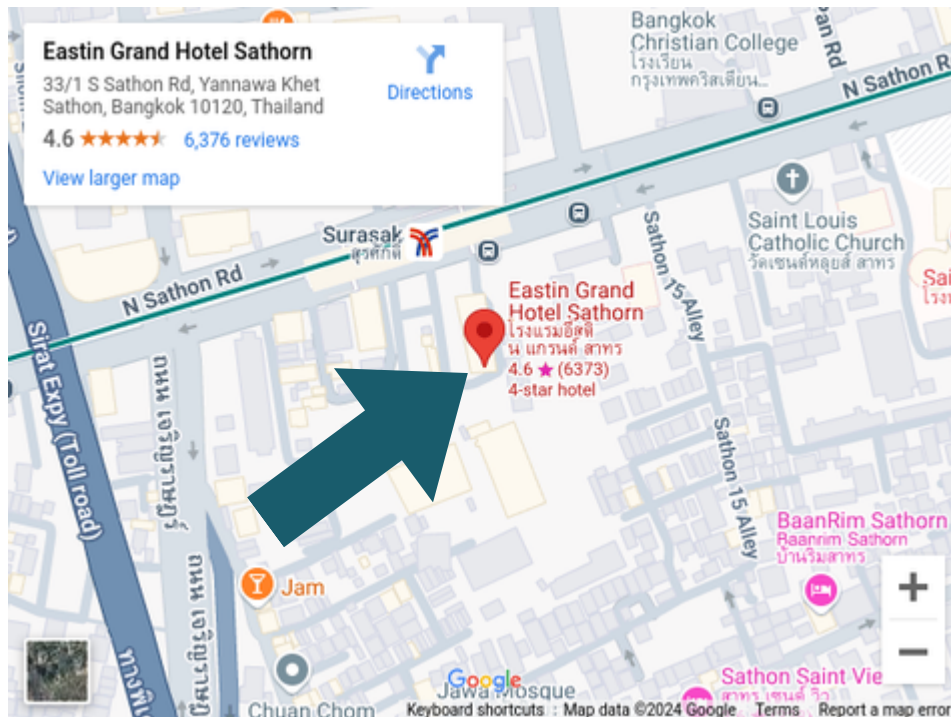


VENUE AND MAP OF THE AREA

The 2024 Global Forum will be held at:

Eastin Grand Hotel Sathorn Bangkok

Location: 33/1 South Sathorn Road, Yannawa,
Sathorn, Bangkok, 10120, Thailand



Should you need to contact the hotel, you may call at **+66 2 210 8100** or
send an email to **rsvn@eastingrandsathorn.com**.



ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION



A limited number of rooms at the venue are available at a discounted rate. To book your room, click [here](#).

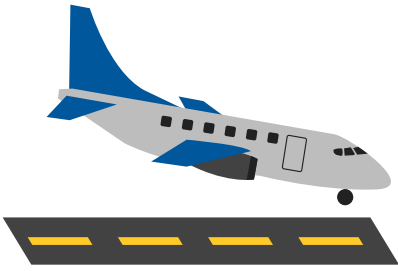
Kindly note that the availability of rooms cannot be guaranteed.

Alternatively, you may also make your own bookings at any other hotels in Bangkok. We recommend the following hotels close to the Forum venue:

- [Mode Sathorn Hotel](#)
- [Best Western Click Sathorn 11 Bangkok](#)
- [Asai Bangkok Sathorn](#)
- [Holiday Inn Bangkok Silom](#)
- [Holiday Inn Express & Suites Bangkok Central Pier](#)



TRANSPORTATION TO THE VENUE



Upon arrival in Bangkok, participants are expected to make travel arrangements to and from the respective airports. The following guide will provide the different travel options to Eastin Sathorn.

*Please note that Bangkok has two airports:

(1) **Suvarnabhumi Airport** and (2) **Don Mueang Airport**

(1) Suvarnabhumi Airport

Thailand's **main** airport. Both departure and arrival flights are available to/from **domestic and foreign** destinations.

Address: 999 Soi Mu Ban Nakhon Thong 1, Nongprue, Bang Phli, Samut Prakan, Thailand



(2) Don Mueang Airport

It serves as a **secondary hub for low-cost flights**, for both domestic and international destinations.

Address: 222 Vibhavadi Rangsit Road, Sanambin, Don Mueang, Bangkok, Thailand



TAXI AND “GRAB” RIDE HAILING SERVICES

Metered taxis can be found outside the arrivals hall at **both** airports.

From Suvarnabhumi Airport:

1. Follow the sign “Public Taxi.”
2. When you reach the taxi stand, choose the “Regular Taxi” lane.
3. There should be a ticket machine where you can obtain a ticket.
4. Go to the lane number printed on your ticket.



The taxi cost includes a 50 Baht airport surcharge, expressway fees, and the taxi fare (500-600 Baht depending on traffic).

It takes around 45-60 minutes to reach the hotel, outside of rush hour.

From Don Mueang International Airport:

1. Follow the sign “Taxi” to reach the taxi stand.
2. Press the button to get the ticket.
3. Go to the number printed on your ticket.

The taxi cost includes a 50 Baht airport surcharge, expressway fees, and the taxi fare.



It takes around 45-60 minutes to reach the hotel, outside of rush hours.

You may also download the “Grab” hailing application and utilize their services. When using metered taxis please always make sure the meters are turned on.

The Forum venue also offers airport pick-ups and you may reach out directly to the hotel to arrange a pick-up at your own cost.



Airport Rail Link from Suvarnabhumi Airport



The Airport Rail Link Line departs every 10-15 minutes. Alight at the last stop, i.e., **Phaya Thai Station** (see the arrows above).



Switch from the Airport Rail Link to the **Sukhumvit Line of the BTS Skytrain**.

Take the train in the direction of **Kheha**.

You are required to make an interchange at the **Siam BTS Station**.

Then take the **Silom Line in the direction of Bing Wa**, to reach **Surasak BTS station**.

It takes around **1 hour** and costs **120 Baht** in total.

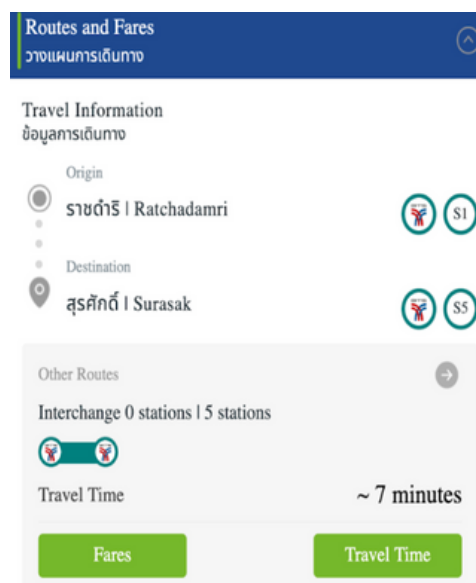
This option is recommended if you have little luggage and during morning or evening

Airport Shuttle Bus: A3 from Don Mueang International Airport

1. Take the **A3 airport shuttle bus** towards **Lumpini Park**, which departs every 10-15 minutes and alight **at the stop of Lumpini Park**.
2. Then walk around 3 minutes to the Ratchadamri station of the BTS Skytrain system and take the Silom Line towards Bang Wa to reach Surasak BTS station.

It takes around **1.5 hours** and costs **90 Baht** in total.

Once you have arrived at the Surasak BTS station, the hotel is just next to the station and requires a 5-minute walk.



LOGISTICS

REGISTRATION

On 13 November, registration will commence from 8 am onwards on the 11th floor.

We strongly advise you to come early for registration so that you can network with the other attendees.



MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS



Breakfast

If you are staying at the hotel: Breakfast will be included and made available every morning.

Please enjoy the flavorful breakfast at the hotel!

Lunch and Coffee Breaks

During the Forum, lunch and coffee breaks will be served by the hotel. Vegetarian options are available for all meals.

Kindly inform PILnet in advance **during** registration if you have any other special dietary requirements.



MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

Bangkok offers a wealth of attractions for every interest.

Here are a few suggestions:



Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew



Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)



Wat Phra Chetuphon



Chatuchak Weekend Market



Lumpini Park



SEA LIFE Bangkok Ocean World





Wat Saket (Golden Mount)



Asiatique: The Riverfront



Siam Paragon and Siam Square



Safari World Bangkok



Mahanakhon Tower



Historic City of Ayutthaya



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

THAI CULTURE AND ETIQUETTE

Thailand is a country with rich cultural traditions. Here are a few basic guidelines:



Wai

A traditional Thai greeting with hands pressed together in front of the chest.



Foot-related Actions

Avoid pointing with your feet or touching someone with your feet.






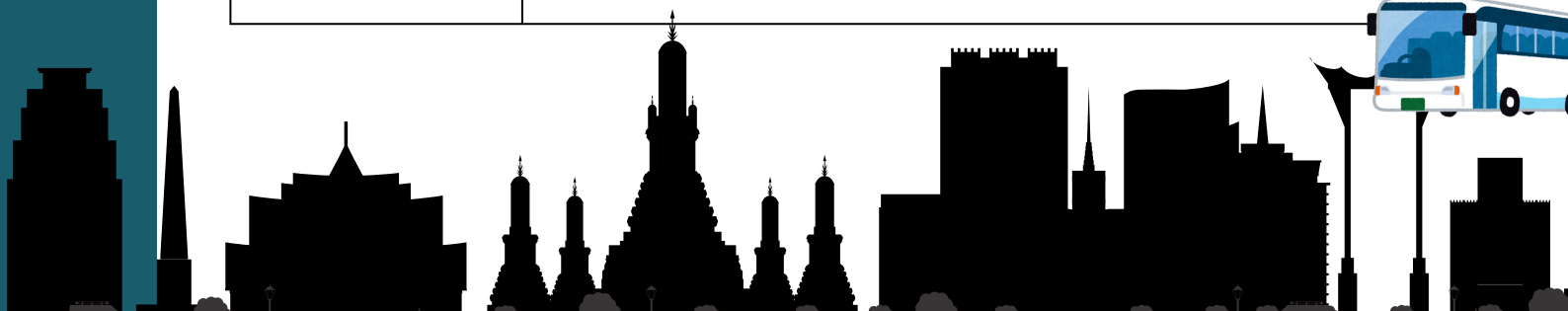
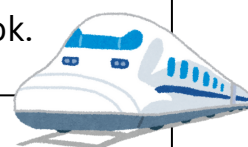
Dress Code

While casual attire is generally acceptable, it's respectful to dress modestly when visiting temples.

TRANSPORTATION IN BANGKOK

Here are some tips to navigate Bangkok easily:

 Taxi	Widely available and relatively inexpensive. Be sure to use meter taxis or download the app "Grab."
 Tuk-tuks	A unique and fun way to explore the city, but be prepared to negotiate fares.
BTS Skytrain	Convenient for exploring central Bangkok.
 MRT Subway	Covers a growing network of underground stations.
Public Buses	Affordable but can be crowded and time-consuming.



OPERATION HOURS

Regular bank operation hours in Bangkok are **from 8:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday to Friday**. Several banks have **special foreign-exchange offices** that are open for longer hours, including weekends.



Shopping malls usually open **until 10PM** every day of the week. Hours for restaurants and cafés vary from place to place.

MONEY

Exchange booths and ATM machines are located at the **airport** and **around the city**. You may find them in shopping malls, supermarkets, and in the BTS or MRT stations.



Kindly note that ATMs usually **charge a fee of 200 Baht** for international cards not associated with the bank. For money exchange, remember to **always bring your passport along**.

SIM CARD



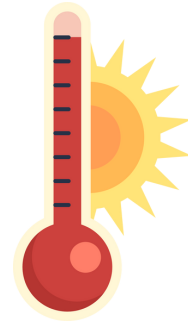
Tourist SIM cards can be purchased at the airport in the arrivals hall. Providers such as **True, AIS, and DTAC** are all reliable and the cost between them is similar.

SIM cards can also be bought **at any 7-11 shop** but you **must bring your passport** to obtain a SIM card.



WEATHER

The weather in Bangkok is hot and humid throughout the year. Average temperatures range between 24 to 31 degrees Celsius.



EMERGENCY



Tourist Police: 1155



Emergency Services: 191



Closest Hospital:

- (1) BNH Hospital
- (2) The Bangkok Christian Hospital





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