



## **The 5<sup>th</sup> WLI-Asia Conference**

**(RRC-EA Information Sharing and Training Workshop for Wetland Managers)**

24 - 28 August 2015

**Venue:** Maruay Garden Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

**Host:** Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea and ONEP, Thailand

**Organizers:** Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia, Wetlands Link International, Ramsar Convention, and EAAFP

The 5<sup>th</sup> WLI-Asia Conference will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 24-28 August 2015. The conference is for those working at wetland education/visitor centers across the Asia region, that are delivering education and engagement work at wetland and flyway sites. The five day conference will bring together site managers and experts from across the region, pulling together best practice and advancing the wetland center approach.

### **Objectives:**

The Conference will be organized for

1. Sharing best practice and experience
2. Developing strategies to improve WLI-Asia network
3. Sharing guidance and resources, including the Manual on Best Practice in Wetland Center Development
4. Training with helpful topics, including flyway issues, fund-raising, Ramsar Tools and CEPA activities

### **Presentation:**

All participants are required to prepare for a presentation, and to submit it in advance

1. The presentation should be of about 15 minutes and should be written in English
2. The presentation is required to be made of and focused on the success and failure in wetland visitor center management and current challenges
3. The presentation material should be submitted, no later than, the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Working language: English**



### **Preliminary Agenda:**

The preliminary agenda is attached and the final agenda will be distributed prior to the workshop.

### **Day 1 (24 August 2015)**

#### **09: 00 – 10:00 *Opening Ceremony***

*Opening & Welcoming Remarks*

*- WLI, Ramsar Convention, RRC-EA and ONEP*

*Keynote Speech*

- 1. Ramsar Convention and Wetland Conservation*
- 2. Update on the WLI-Global and WLI-Asia*

#### ***Session 1-1. Experience Sharing on Wetland Visitor Center Management***

*(All participants will give a 15 minutes presentation on their best practices, experiences of solving problems and urgent problems to be solved.)*

*10:00 – 12:00 6 Presentations and Q&A*

*12:00 – 13:00 Lunch*

*13:00 – 15:00 6 Wetland CEPA evaluation – best practice and discussion*

*15:00 – 15:20 Coffee Break*

*15:20 – 17:40 WLI network development I (Group workshop on priorities, needs, aspirations and plans)*

*17:40 – 18:00 Summary of Day 1*

*18:00 – Welcome Reception*

### **Day 2 (25 August 2015)**

#### ***Session 1.2. Experience Sharing on Wetland Visitor Center Management***

*09:00 – 11:00 6 Presentations and Q&A*

*11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break*

*11:20 – 12:30 3 Wetland centre resources presentation*

*12:30 – 14:00 Lunch*

*14:00 – 16:00 6 Presentations and Q&A*

*16:00 – 16:20 Coffee Break*

*16:20 – 18:00 WLI network development II (Group workshop on priorities, needs, aspirations and plans)*

*18:00 – 18:30 Summary of the Day 2*

### **Day 3 (26 August 2015)**

*09:00 – 16:00 Field Trip*

### **Day 4 (27 August 2015)**

**Session 2.1. Lectures on the Wetland Visitor Center Management**

- **Marketing and Fundraising**
- **Proposal Development**

**Session 2.2. Lectures on the Ramsar Convention and its tools**

- **Ramsar Convention and CEPA Programme**
- **Ramsar Site Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool**
- **Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention**

**Day 5 (29 August 2014)**

**Session 2.2. East Asia - Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)**

- **Introduction to the EAAFP**
- **EAAFP CEPA Activities**
- **Importance of Wetland Visitor Center's Network for the Migratory Bird Conservation**

**WLI network development III (Group workshop on priorities, needs, aspirations and plans)**

**Program Evaluation**

- Survey on the Program
- Discussion on future direction of the program

**Closing Ceremony**

- Certificate
- Photo Session

**Venue & Accommodation**

Maruay Garden Hotel

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- Suvarnabhumi International Airport (by Car) : 30 minutes
- Don Mueng Bangkok Old Airport (by Car) : 10 minutes



### **Flight** (for sponsored participants)

1. Please look for the most reasonable price flight ticket and inform us the airfare including flight schedule.
  - If it is affordable, we will email you to proceed to the booking.
  - If it is not, we will provide you other options.
2. The airfare will be reimbursed after the workshop based on the original receipt. Therefore, do not forget to bring the receipt and bank account for international wire transfer.
3. As a recommendation, we suggest that you use the website (www.kayak.com or www.momondo.com) as a suitable online ticket purchasing agency.
4. If you have any question, please contact me (Email: suhseungoh@gmail.com).

### **Travel**

Detailed information on travel from the airport to the venue (Maruay Garden Hotel) will be provided soon by email.

### **Cost**

For the sponsored participants, all expenses (travel cost, accommodation and meal) during the workshop will be provided by the organizer.

### **Entry visa**

1. If you need a visa to travel Thailand, Please inform us.
2. ONEP will issue you an official invitation letter for your visa.

### **Contact person**

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