



The Sixth International Symposium of International Geoscience Programme IGCP Project 608



“Cretaceous Ecosystems and Their Response to Paleoenvironmental Changes in Asia and the Western Pacific”

November 11-17, 2018, KhonKaen-Kalasin, Thailand

First Circular



INVITATION & AIMS

We cordially invite you to participate in the 6th International Symposium of IGCP608, which will be held from November 11 to 17, 2018 in KhonKaen-Kalasin Province, Thailand.

The mechanisms underlying the evolution of the Asia-Pacific Cretaceous ecosystems are far from being fully understood. The IGCP608 project is aimed to reconstruct the Cretaceous ecosystems and the history of their responses to paleoenvironmental changes in Asia and the Western Pacific. The Symposium will serve as a platform for participants to share their views on the paleoenvironmental changes impacts both on terrestrial and marine ecosystems. The scientific programme will cover a wide range of topics including paleoclimate, paleogeography, paleontology, stratigraphy, tectonics, and petroleum geology.

The symposium is dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the Sirindhorn Museum. The Sirindhorn Museum is an important tourist attraction of Thailand. It is a well-known dinosaur museum containing new dinosaur genera and species first found in Thailand. These new dinosaurs are important additions to our knowledge of dinosaur diversity during the Mesozoic Era. Moreover, the museum is a research institution, and its beauty attracts large numbers of both Thai and foreign tourists. Thus far, more than 3,000,000 people have visited the museum, and each passing year adds significantly to this total. The museum has a conservation approach to tourism activities and promotes cooperation with local communities, helping local people to supplement their income by producing and selling souvenirs.

The 6th International Symposium of the IGCP608 in KhonKaen-Kalasin will provide an opportunity for discussion of the latest advances in studies of Asia-Pacific Cretaceous ecosystems. In addition to scientific sessions, the pre-symposium field excursion will be organized in Khorat Plateau, Northeastern Thailand to observe the Jurassic-Cretaceous non-marine deposits (Khorat Group) with abundant the dinosaurs and other geo-conservation sites.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Preliminary schedule

Sunday, November 11, 2018 – Arrival of participants.

Monday to Wednesday, November 12-14, 2018 – Pre-symposium field excursion “The Jurassic-Cretaceous non-marine deposits (Khorat Group) with abundant dinosaur and other vertebrate sites.

Thursday, November 15, 2018 – Opening ceremony, scientific sessions, welcome dinner.

Friday, November 16, 2018– Scientific sessions, business meeting.

Saturday, November 17, 2018 – Departure of participants.

Venue

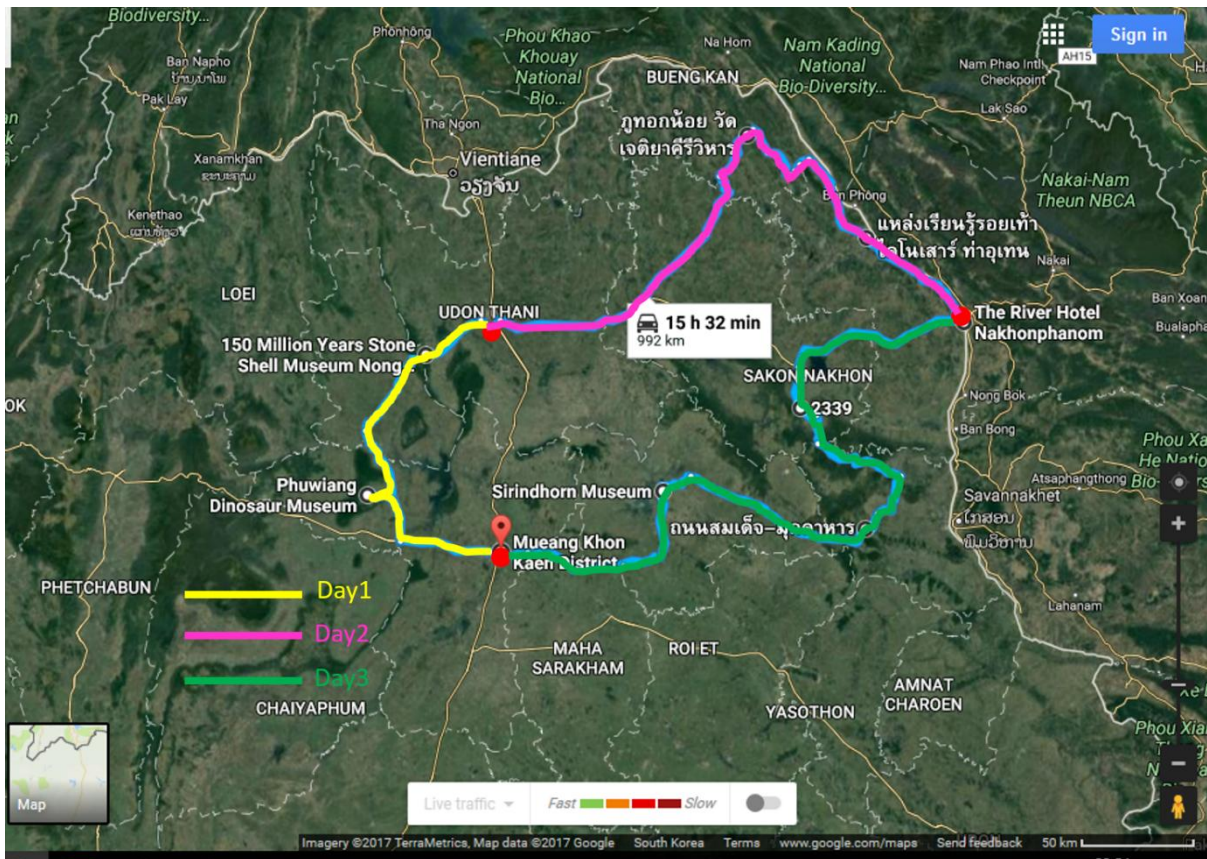
The Symposium and scientific sessions will be held at the Hotel in KhonKaen Province, Northeastern Thailand.

Pre-symposium field excursion

Monday, November 12, 2018 – Day1, From KhonKaen-Udon Thani, visiting the Phuwiang Dinosaur Museum and 150 million year Shell Museum, arrival at hotel in Udon Thani.

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – Day2, From Udon Thani-Nakhon Phanom, the red bed of Phutok Formation and Dinosaur footprints at Tha Uthen, arrival at hotel in Nakhon Phanom.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – Day3, From Nakhon Phanom-KhonKaen, leave for the red-bed succession and Sirindhorn Museum, arrival at hotel in KhonKaen.



Registration Fees

Event	Fee per person
Technical sessions (including admission fee, abstract volume, refreshments, lunch, welcome dinner and other social events)	Regular participant: US\$ 400 Student: US\$ 200
Pre-symposium field excursion (including excursion guidebook, accommodation, meals, refreshments, and transportation during the excursion)	US\$ 300

Language of the symposium

The official language of the symposium is English.

Accommodation and Rates

Information about accommodation and rates will be announced in the next circular.

Financial Support

The Organizing Committee will provide financial support for a part of the expenses such as registration fee, accommodations or field excursion fee mainly from developing countries, who satisfy the following conditions: 1) submit an abstract before the deadline and 2) participate in the symposium. In principle, a few participants per country will be given support, and priority will be given to the Regional Coordinators and younger scientists. As our project is under one-year extension without UNESCO funding, applicants are requested to understand our limited budget condition this year.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Participants who wish to give a presentation (oral or poster) should submit an extended abstract of the presentation. The extended abstract should not exceed 3 single-spaced pages (A4 size), including figures, tables, and references. For all text (including tables and the reference list), the preferred font is Times New Roman, 12 points. For any text in figures, the preferred font is Arial, and font size may range from 7 to 12 points. Abstracts should have the following structure: Title; Author(s); Affiliations, including e-mail address of the first author; Text; References; Figure and Table Captions. The extended abstract should be submitted as e-mail attachments: text in MS Word or Rich Text Format (RTF), and artwork file(s) in EPS, CDR, TIFF, or JPEG formats. Please send your abstract(s) to Dr. Phornphen Chantasit (e-mail: aom025@hotmail.com) and Dr. Pradit Nulay (e-mail: Pradit_2004@yahoo.com), no later than June 30, 2018.

INVITATION AND VISA

Foreign citizens are required to obtain a Thai visa in order to enter the Kingdom of Thailand. Exceptions exist for citizens from countries with which the Government of Thailand has established a visa-free entry agreement, please find the attachment herewith. The required document for obtaining Thai visa is an Invitation Letter. Participants, who need an Invitation Letter for visa application, please indicate it in the "Registration Form". The full information about the necessary documents for obtaining a Thai visa can be found at the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulates in your country.

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 30	Distribution of First Circular
May 15	Reply to First Circular (Returning deadline for registration form)
May 30	Distribution of Second Circular
June 30	Deadline for submission of abstracts
July 30	Distribution of Final Circular

REGISTRATION FORM

First name(s):			
Surname (Family name):			
Title or position:			
Sex (male, female):		Nationality:	
Organization name:			
Organization address:			
City/Post Code/Country:			
Telephone number:		Fax number:	
E-mail address:			

I AM PLANNING TO GIVE

Oral presentation, title:

Poster presentation, title:

I WILL TAKE PART IN THE

Symposium as Formal participant:	
Symposium as Student:	
Field excursion:	

IF YOU NEED INVITATION, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Date of birth:		Country of birth:	
Place of birth:			
Passport No.			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:	
Date of arrival in Thailand:		Date of departure:	

Others requests:

Please complete this form and return it no later than May 15, 2018

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Summary of Countries and Territories entitled for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival to Thailand

Ordinary Passport						Diplomatic/Official Passport			
Passport holders of the following countries/ territories may apply for Visa on Arrival	Passport holders of the following countries/ territories may enter Thailand without a visa					Passport holders of the following countries/ territories may enter Thailand without a visa			
	Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme			Bilateral Agreement		Bilateral Agreement			
Period of stay	Period of stay			Period of stay			Period of stay		
15 days	30 days			14 days	30 days	90 days	30 days	90 days	
Andora	Australia	Oman	Brazil*	Cambodia	Hong Kong**	Argentina	Cambodia	Albania	Nepal
Bulgaria	Austria	The Philippines	Korea (ROK)*		Laos	Brazil*	Brunei	Argentina	Panama
Bhutan	Belgium	Poland	Peru*	Myanmar	Macau	Chile	China	Austria	Peru
China	Bahrain	Portugal	Hong Kong**	<i>(International Airports only)</i>	Mongolia	Korea (ROK)*	Ecuador	Belarus	The Philippines
Cyprus	Brunei	Qatar	Vietnam**		Russia	Peru*	Hong Kong	Belgium	Poland
Ethiopia	Canada	Singapore		Vietnam**		Indonesia	Bhutan	Romania	
Fiji	Czech Republic	Slovak				Kazakhstan	Brazil	Russia	
India	Denmark	Slovenia				Laos	Chile	Serbia	
Kazakhstan	Estonia	Spain				Macau	Colombia	Slovakia	
Latvia	Finland	South Africa				Malaysia	Costa Rica	South Africa	
Lithuania	France	Sweden				Mongolia	Croatia	<u>Spain</u>	
Maldives	Germany	Switzerland				Myanmar	Czech Republic	(Diplomatic only)	
Malta	Greece	Turkey				Oman	<u>Estonia</u>	Sri Lanka	
Mauritius	Hungary	UAE				<u>Pakistan</u>	(Diplomatic only)	Switzerland	
Papua New Guinea	Iceland	UK				(Diplomatic only)	<u>France</u>	Tajikistan	
Romania	Indonesia	USA				Singapore	(Diplomatic only)	Tunisia	
San Marino	Ireland					Vietnam	Germany	Turkey	
Saudi Arabia	Israel						Hungary	Ukraine	
Taiwan	Italy						India	Uruguay	
Ukraine	Japan						Israel		
Uzbekistan	Kuwait						Italy		
	Liechtenstein						Japan		
	Luxembourg						Korea (ROK)		
	Malaysia						Liechtenstein		
	Monaco						Luxembourg		
	The Netherlands						Mexico		
	New Zealand						Montenegro		
	Norway						Morocco		
							The Netherlands		

Department of Consular Affairs, 18 April 2018

Remarks

* Passport holders of Brazil, Republic of Korea and Peru are entitled for tourist visa exemption scheme. Meanwhile, Thailand also holds bilateral agreements on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports for a visit of not exceeding 90 days with Brazil, Republic of Korea and Peru.

** Passport holders of Vietnam and Hong Kong are entitled for tourist visa exemption scheme. Meanwhile, Thailand also holds bilateral agreements on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports for a visit of not exceeding 30 days with Vietnam and Hong Kong.