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Subject: ATS Message Handling System (AMHS)/
System Wide Information Management (SWIM) Workshop
and the Seventh Meeting of Aeronautical
Telecommunication Network Implementation
Co-ordination Group (ATNICG/7) of APANPIRG
(Chiang Mai, Thailand 5 – 9 March 2012)

Action Required: Reply at the earliest convenience,
preferably **before 20 February 2012**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honor to invite your Administration to the Seventh Meeting of Aeronautical Telecommunication Network Implementation Co-ordination Group of APANPIRG (ATNICG/7) to be held at Le Meridien Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand from 7 to 9 March 2012. The meeting will be preceded by a two days AMHS/SWIM workshop on 5 and 6 March 2012 to be held at the same venue. The meeting and the workshop will be hosted by the Aeronautical Radio of Thailand (AEROTHAI).

The objective of the meeting is to progress the work of ATNICG included in the Subject/Tasks List adopted by APANPIRG. The AMHS/SWIM Workshop is being organized with the objective of exchanging experiences on ATN/AMHS implementation and to inform the participants about the concepts of futures systems planned for use in Ground-Ground and Air-Ground communications.


I would request you to arrange for the participation of suitably qualified professional(s) from your Administration for the ATNICG/7 meeting and the AMHS/SWIM workshop.

Provisional agenda for the meeting is provided in Attachment 1. Your comments, if any on the provisional agenda would be appreciated. Working/Information Papers containing inputs relevant to the proposed agenda for the meeting may be submitted in the MS Word/MS Power Point format at your earliest convenience, preferably **before 20 February 2012**. The meeting will also review the status of ATN/AMHS implementation in the region. States are therefore requested to arrange for the presentation on implementation status in their Administration in the format provided at Attachment 1A. Meeting Bulletin containing information on the Meeting venue and other important details useful for the participants is provided at Attachment 2.

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I shall be grateful if you could arrange to send us the complete Nomination Form(s) as provided in Attachment 3 at your earliest convenience, **preferably before 20 February 2012.**

Accept Sir/Madam the assurance of my highest consideration.



Mokhtar A. Awan
Regional Director

Enclosures:

Attachment 1:	Provisional Agenda
Attachment 1A:	Implementation Status
Attachment 2:	Meeting bulletin
Attachment 3:	Nomination form



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**AMHS/SWIM SEMINAR AND THE SEVENTH MEETING OF
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Chiang Mai, Thailand, 5 – 9 March 2012

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1:** Adoption of Provisional Agenda
- Agenda Item 2:** Review outcome of relevant meetings/workshops
- Agenda Item 3:** Review States' ATN/AMHS Implementation Status, Transition and Operational Issues:
(member States are expected to provide latest implementation status in the attached format)
- Agenda Item 4:** IPS Transition
- Agenda Item 5:** Security
- Agenda Item 6:** Review and update Subject/Tasks List, Performance Framework Form(Objective 8), Action Items List etc.
- Agenda Item 7:** Any other business

ATTACHMENT 1 A

FORMAT FOR REPORTING IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

- Contract Signed (Date)
- Completion of physical installation (Date)
- Completion of Training (Date)
- Completion of local testing (Date).....
- Circuit test schedule
 - o *Bilateral agreement signed with the reciprocal end (Date):*.....
 - o *Bilateral test carried out as per the procedure prescribed (Date):*
- Transition AFTN/AMHS (Date/Schedule)
- Setting up of AMHS UA (Date)
- Final Acceptance and Contract Signoff (Date).....
- AMHS transition (Date/Schedule).....



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MEETING BULLETIN

1. Location and schedule of workshop/meeting

1.1 The AMHS/SWIM Workshop will be held at Le Meridien Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand from 0900 hrs., 5 - 6 March 2012. The ATNICG/7 will be held from 0900 hrs. at the same venue from 7 to 9 March 2012. Both workshop and meeting are hosted by the Aeronautical Radio of Thailand Ltd. (AEROTHAI).

1.2 The hotel is located at Chang Klan Road and close to Night Bazaar Street; approximately 7 Kilometers from Chiang Mai International Airport. A map shown the direction to the hotle is provided in **Annex 1** to this attachment.

1.3 Participants are requested to check and arrange accommodation directly with the hotel at the following address:

Le Meridien Hotel
108 Chang Klan Road
Tambol Chang Klan
Amphur Muang
Chiang Mai 50100
Thailand
Tel: +66 (053) 253666
Fax: +66 (053) 253 667
URL: <http://www.lemeridienhotelchiangmai.com>

1.4 The daily schedule and order of business will be announced at the first day of the workshop/meeting.

2. Registration of participants

2.1 Participants are requested to register at the Registration Desk in front of the meeting room between 0830 - 0900 hours on the opening day of the workshop (5 March 2012) and the meeting (7 March 2012).

3. Officers and Secretariat concerned with the workshop/meeting

3.1 Messrs. Li Peng and Sujan K.Saraswati, Regional Officers CNS, will act as Secretaries of the meeting.

3.2 Contact addresses for the Secretariat are as follows:

Mr. Li Peng, Regional Officer CNS
Tel: +66 (2) 537 8189 Ext. 158
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Mr. Sujan K. Saraswati, Regional Officer CNS
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4. Meeting documents, papers for distribution

4.1 In order to enable the Secretariat to take appropriate action, participants wishing to present papers for distribution during the workshop/meeting are requested to forward the papers/presentations as early as possible **but not later than 20 February 2012** to the ICAO Regional Office by the following e-mails for distribution at the workshop/meeting: APAC@icao.int; pli@icao.int and ssaraswati@icao.int.

5. Hotel Accommodations

5.1 The alternative accommodations within walking distance are provided as follows:

5.1.1 Centara Duangtawan Hotel

http://www.centarahotelsresorts.com/cdc/cdc_default.asp

- o Superior room (for 1 guest) 1,400 THB / Night
- o Superior room (for 2 guests) 1,600 THB / Night
- o Deluxe room (for 1 guest) 1,600 THB / Night
- o Deluxe room (for 2 guests) 1,800 THB / Night

5.1.2 The Imperial Mae Ping Hotel

<http://www.imperialhotels.com/imperialmaeping/>

- o Superior room (for 1 guest) 1,600 THB / Night
- o Superior room (for 2 guests) 1,800 THB / Night
- o Deluxe room (for 1 guest) 1,800 THB / Night
- o Deluxe room (for 2 guests) 2,000 THB / Night
- o Royal Suite 2,900 THB / Night

5.1.3 Lanna Palace (Arrangement via traveling agents or traveling website is recommended)

- o Superior room 1,200 THB / Night
- o Deluxe room 1,500 THB / Night

5.1.4 Royal Princess Chiangmai

<http://www.dusit.com/dusit-princess/princess-chiang-mai.html>

- o Superior King/Queen/Twin 2,400 THB / Night
- o Deluxe King/Queen/Twin 2,800 THB / Night
- o Executive Plus King/Queen/Twin 3,400 THB / Night

6. Passport and Visa

6.1 All foreign nationals entering Thailand must possess valid passports or other valid documents for traveling. Participants from certain countries are not required to obtain visas for a temporary visit not exceeding 15 days. It should, however, be noted that the temporary visas issued upon arrival at the Airport cannot be extended beyond the period of 15 days except under extraordinary circumstances. Detailed instructions on visa requirement can be obtained from the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand: www.mfa.go.th

7. Customs

7.1 International certificates of vaccination against yellow fever are required if arriving within 6 days after leaving or transiting an infected area. Following items can be brought in duty free:

- a) Personal effects such as clothing etc.
- b) 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of cigar or tobacco.
- c) 1 litre alcoholic beverages.
- d) Perfume for personal use.

8. Currency and Credit card

8.1 The local currency is Thai Baht (THB). THB 1,000, THB 500, THB 100, THB 50 and THB 20 notes are in circulation along with THB 10, THB 5, THB 2, THB 1, THB 0.50 and THB 0.25 Coins. International credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Card, JCB, etc. are normally accepted at major hotels and departmental stores. Banks are open from 0830 hrs. to 1530 hrs, Mondays through Fridays. Most Banks accept travellers' cheques and operate currency exchanges. Current exchange rate US\$1 = approximately Baht 32. Money can also be exchanged at Chiang Mai International Airport.

8.2 There are no restrictions on import of foreign currency. However, if the amount exceeds US\$10,000 it must be declared on entry. Foreign currencies may be taken out of the country up to the amount imported and declared.

9. Other useful information

9.1 Chiang Mai, Thailand, is seven hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC +7).

9.2. Weather in Chiang Mai: It is toward the beginning of summer season in March. A warm weather is likely to be expected in Chiang Mai where the temperature will be between 19°C – 34°C (66°F – 94°F).

9.3 Electricity: Electrical voltage used in Thailand is 220 – 240 volts AC. The power plugs used are normally 3-pin and 2-pin regular type.

9.4 Water: Drinking straight from the tap water is not recommended. Bottled water can be purchased throughout Chiang Mai.

9.5 Telephone: Most hotels offer in-room Local and International call service. Rates of calls are vary, please check with the hotel where you are staying.

9.6 Tipping: Tipping is expected but not compulsory. Most restaurants already levy a 10% service charge on the bills.

9.7 Language: The official language is Thai. However, English could be used in most hotels and restaurants around Chiang Mai.

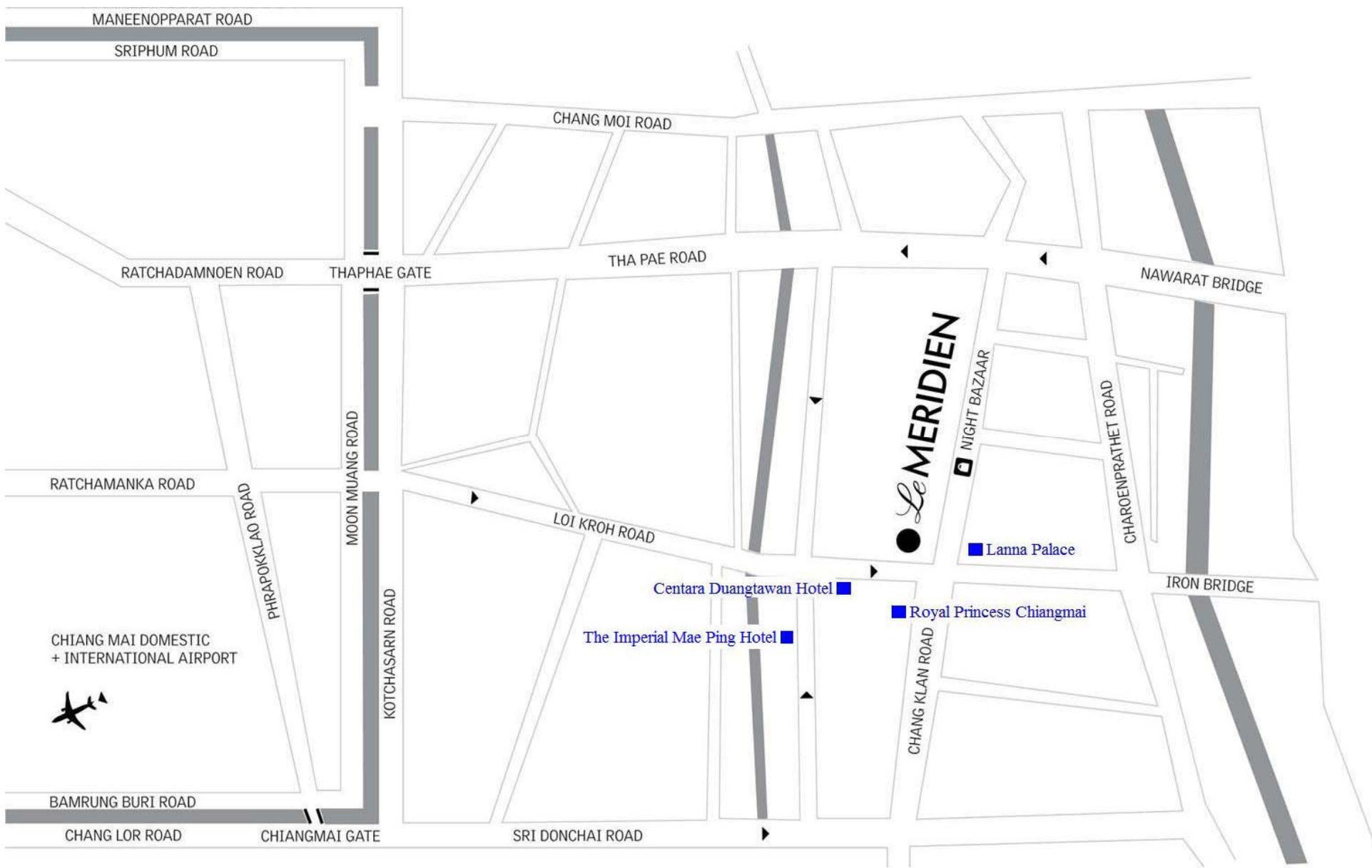
10. **Contact Point**

10.1 For any additional inquiries regarding the AMHS/SWIM workshop and ATNICG/7 meeting, please contact:

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Annex to Attachment 2





**ATS Message Handling System (AMHS)/
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Registration Form				
State/ Organization				
Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Family name (capitals)	First name	Middle initial
Title/Official Position				
Mailing Address				
Telephone (office)				
Telephone (mobile)				
Fax				
e-mail (1)				
e-mail (2)				
Hotel in Chiang Mai				

***Note:** Participants are expected to make their own hotel/visa arrangements*

Please submit the completed form by 20 February 2012 by e-mail, fax or mail.

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