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Inspection visit
Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand
30th April – 1st May 2015

As decided during the Executive committee meeting held on November 16th – 18th 2014, I was in charge to inspect the preparation works of IYPT 2015 on site. **I can confirm that the preparation works are running smoothly and there are no expected risks connected with the event. A great IYPT 2015 is expected.**

List of topics discussed:

Transportation and logistics

Arrival from the airport will be secured by coaches with about 3-4 teams in one coach. The waiting time on the airport shall not exceed 3 hours for any team arriving according to information provided during registration.

Teams are advised to plan their arrival time before 16:00 to arrive to the hotel at reasonable times.

EC members *are requested* to do so, to make it possible to have a short EC meeting in the evening on the arrival day.

For departures, the teams should plan the departure times after 14:00 on the departure day. The IOC members can plan their departure time after noon on the IOC departure day.

Local transportation will be secured by vans, where each country will have one van for their exclusive use. For transportation between the hotel, competition room and lunch area there will be an extra van available for jurors that will not be able to join their team, either due to the fact that they are a member of a group with 4 teams starting earlier or have a free morning/afternoon.

Capacity of each van is 10 persons plus the driver. So for teams with more than 1 independent juror or EC member special arrangements will be made.

Guides and fight assistants

Each team will be provided by two team guides.

There will be 25 fight assistants available, which makes it 2 per competition room plus a few extra.

Each team will get a local SIM card to be able to call the guide when needed (bring your own spare mobile phone if possible).

Accommodation and food

Everyone will be accommodated in Sima Thani hotel. Breakfast and dinner will be also provided here. It is an exquisite hotel providing high level accommodation and catering.

Transport to the SUT campus takes about 20-25 minutes.

Lunches will be provided on the SUT campus, about a five-minute drive from the competition rooms.

Hotel, dining rooms and competition rooms are fully air-conditioned.

Competition

The number of pre-registered teams is 31, from which three teams already withdrew the registration. As a few other teams do not communicate and did not pay the registration fee in time, the expected number of participating team is between 26 and 28.

10 fully equipped competition rooms with a lot of places for visitors are available. All of them are equipped with two beamers. Two of them will be prepared for four teams and one will be kept as a spare room.

An office room will be prepared for the IT staff and jury committee, as well as a coffee room for all participants. A beamer in the coffee room will be used to project the stage in all competition rooms.

Opening/closing ceremony will be held in one of the rooms showed to the EC during the EC meeting (the large one).

Up to 20 locally appointed jurors will be at the disposal for the jury committee. Each of them will have to make a training fight before grading – the same holds also for non-experienced team leader jurors.

Each team will also have a room for their own to leave equipment and/or prepare. These rooms are in walking distance (5 minutes) from the competition rooms.

Tours

Basically the tours will be secured via vans, so each team can make time planning and decide whether they need to come back to the hotel to change etc.

For the whole day tour a jungle walk in Kao Yai park is planned.

For the after IYPT tour – costs and dates can be found on www.skalatravel.com webpage.

IOC meeting Ayutthaya

The meeting will take place in Ayutthaya. About 10 hours of meeting time are planned, what should be enough. The visit of old town is planned as an organized event after the IOC meeting itself.