



THE SIRINDHORN THAI LANGUAGE CENTER CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

International Conference on Language Proficiency Testing in the Less Commonly Taught Languages

August 17-18, 2012

The Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Call for Papers and Participation

The Sirindhorn Thai Language Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand is organizing the international conference on “Language Proficiency Testing in the Less Commonly Taught Languages to commemorate the 84th Birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, whose concern for the use of Thai language with carefulness and competence has been widely known among Thai people. The main goal of the conference is to promote the understanding and the use of language proficiency testing among Thai language professionals and to provide a venue for conference participants to exchange knowledge and experience in language instruction and language proficiency testing. The conference also aims to bring together language teachers, educators, administrators and other stakeholders especially in the Less Commonly Taught Languages to discuss, share research, theory, and best practices on current language proficiency testing, language teaching of the LCTL, both for native and non-native speakers.

For the purposes of this conference, a less commonly taught language is defined as any of the world's languages except English, French, German and Spanish.

Keynote speakers & Session Speakers

- Professor Lyle F. Bachman (Title to be announced)
- Professor Carl Falsgraf. “Language Proficiency Testing for Non-Natives”
- Professor Paul Nation. “Measuring Vocabulary Size”
- Professor Dr. Pranee Kullavanijaya. “The Sirindhorn Thai Language Proficiency Test”
- Dr. Debi Jaratjarungkiat. “Language Proficiency Testing for Natives”

Topic Areas

The following topics are areas for proposals. However, focuses must be on the less commonly taught languages.

- Tasks in Language Proficiency Tests
- Authenticity in Language Testing
- Innovation in Language Testing
- Test Validation

Presentation Details

The language medium for all presentations at the conference is English.

The presentations at the conference are accepted in these formats;

- **Oral Presentation:** Participants will be allocated 20 minutes for presentation, plus 10 minutes for discussion.
- **Poster Presentations DATE:** Friday 17, 2012. **TIME:** 4.30 PM – 5.30 PM Poster setting up time is from 12pm of August 17th, 2012

Please indicate on the proposal of your preferred presentation format.

Abstract

- The presentation is expected to be in language testing of the less commonly taught languages for native and non-native speakers.
- The abstract (in English only) of about 500 words (of “Time New Roman” in size 12 font) should include:
 - Name/s and affiliation of the presenter/s.
 - Title of presentation.
 - Purpose of the study.
 - Methods of the study.
 - Summary of findings.
 - A brief list of references.
- All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the academic committee. Notification about the final format of the presentation will be sent along with the notification of acceptance.

Abstract submission

Abstract Proposals can ONLY be submitted online via the following site:

<http://www.stc.chula.ac.th/Conference.html>

Abstract Submission Deadline: April 30, 2012

Notification of Acceptance: May 5, 2012 via e-mail: lctltesting@gmail.com

***For more details about presentation format and proposal submission please visit the following site:
<http://www.stc.chula.ac.th/Conference.html>

Proceedings

Accepted papers will be included in the Proceedings of the Conference to be available online and distributed on CD ROM. All registered attendants will receive a copy of the proceedings.

Registration

Registration will be online via the following site: <http://www.stc.chula.ac.th/Conference.html>

Registration: February 1 - July 16, 2012.

Registration fees

Early Bird Registration fees by May 31, 2012:	
International delegates	US\$ 200
International students	US\$ 100
Thai delegates	Baht 3,500
Thai Students	Baht 2,000

Registration fees June 1, 2012-July 16, 2012	
International delegates	US\$ 250
International students	US\$ 150
Thai delegates	Baht 4,000
Thai Students	Baht 2,500

The registration fee covers participation in the Conference, including the conference package and proceedings, as well as lunches, coffee break, and the welcoming reception.

For more information and conference updates, please contact,

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