

<p style="text-align: center;">Frequently Asked Questions regarding Press Arrangements for the AELW</p>
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Accreditation, Booth Reservation and Visas

1. Can I check on the status of my application for accreditation and booth reservation?

Yes. For accreditation, you will receive an email informing you of the receipt and accreditation of the submission of your application. You can also login to check on the status of your application in the APEC media portal. The team will reach out to you only if there is an issue with your application. If there is no issue, you will be able to pick up your badge at the designated times and places in the Media Kit – during 10-11 November at the Rama VI Rd. entrance of the MFA during 10:00-17:00 hrs. and from 13-19 November at Modena by Fraser Bangkok Hotel during 08.30-17.00 hrs.. In any event, you can also check on the status of your application by sending an email to media@apec2022.go.th

For booth reservation, final booth assignments will be informed to the requesting agency by email on Tuesday, 25 October 2022 at 17:00 hrs.

2. Can official photographers who are in the official delegation list register as both delegate and press?

No. They must register as press. This is to ensure that they can use their cameras (after such equipment is screened and tagged for security reasons). It also means they will be restricted to areas and times designated for press. If they are registered as delegates, although they will be able to travel with other delegates, they will not be able to use cameras/press equipment.

3. Is there on-site registration?

No. All press must register in advance of the AELW.

4. Do press representatives who are nationals of a country under a visa exemption scheme with Thailand still need to apply for a visa for the AELW?

Yes. They must enter Thailand with the appropriate visa, and present proof of their completed registration for the AELW along with their visa application at the Royal Thai Embassies/Royal Thai Consulates-General. Press covering the AELW will be granted the Non-Immigrant Visa Category “M”.

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Access to QSNCC (some details may be subject to change/final arrangements will be informed in due course)**

1. How can accredited press access the venue during AELW? Will the MRT operate during that time?

During 14-16 November, accredited press can access QSNCC through the MRT (QSNCC station, Exit 3) or by being dropped off by private vehicle, taxi or shuttle bus at Gate Ratchadapisek 1. Hand-held press equipment will pass a security check at these two locations).

For those who have not picked up their badges yet, they can do so at the Modena by Fraser Bangkok Hotel, which is also accessible through Rama IV Road. Badge pick up at this hotel is available from 13-19 November during 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.

During 17-19 November, accredited press can only access QSNCC by shuttle bus which will drop press off at Gate Ratchadapisek 1. Ratchadapisek Road will be closed to regular traffic and the QSNCC will not be accessible through the MRT (QSNCC station, Exit 3) during this time.

2. Will it be possible to transport press equipment to the QSNCC by personal or company vehicle?

Yes. But only between the hours of 07:00 – 10:00 hrs. during 14-16 November with a vehicle pass to be obtained from the Department of Information. Vehicles must enter Gate 1 and go to the LG floor loading dock to unload equipment. Equipment can be left in the media booths which can be locked (however, we are not responsible for stolen items). Please send your request for a vehicle pass and preferred date and time to information05@mfa.go.th with the following information: (1) news agency (2) license plate of vehicle transporting equipment (3) driver's name and copy of national ID.

During 17 – 19 November, large press equipment requiring vehicle transport will not be allowed into the QNSCC. Press equipment can be transported out of the QSNCC after the conclusion of the AELM on 19 November during 14:00 – 17:00 hrs.

Press Opportunities

1. How do we book a space/room for press interviews and other press opportunities?

The schedule for press opportunities, including information on how to sign up for them, will be contained in the Media Handbook, due out in early November. Press

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interviews can be conducted at the Live Studios or other live broadcast spaces in the LG floor. Live broadcast space outdoors is also available for booking.

2. When will the programme for press opportunities be available?

The Media Handbook which is due out in early November contains the programme and other useful information such as hours of operation of the media center, shuttle bus routes and times, facilities, briefing schedule, etc.

3. What is the registration process for the APEC CEO Forum and will there be some pooled coverage of that event?

The APEC CEO Forum is being convened by the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) and there are separate arrangements for this event. In any event, the Department of Information is coordinating with MCOT for the possibility of pooled coverage of the event and will inform the press in due course.

4. Is it possible to take footage (photos, video, wide-angle shots, etc.) of the venue from the outdoors in advance of the AELM?

Yes. The Department of Information will organize a visit to the QSNCC on 31 October in two time periods (10:00 – 12:00 noon and 16:00 – 18:00 hrs.) for press to take footage of the venue

Please send a request to join the visit to Mr. Vorapong Vadhanasindhu, First Secretary, News Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, email: vorapong.v@mfa.go.th stating your preferred time period, news agency, and list of persons joining the visit (Please note that no drones are allowed as the area is set to be designated a no-fly zone).
