

A-C EXPO: Bangkok, Thailand, 10 – 13 November 2010

Thailand's National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) is organizing an A-C EXPO to run concurrently with the 14th IACC at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre, Bangkok, 10 – 13 November. Admission to the 3,000sq.m. exhibition area is free and the NACC aims to attract 50,000 Thai visitors over the four days.

The multi-media EXPO represents the “Land of Integrity” with many of the individual components being devoted to the NACC's key partners in the mobilization of Thailand's National Anti-Corruption Strategy, including the public and private sectors; civil society; and the media. The climax of the EXPO may well be the final Dharma zone, illustrating the fact that society can only become founded on integrity rather than mired in corruption if individuals first adopt a more ethical way of life.

Delegates to the 14th IACC are invited to cross over to the EXPO area: of particular interest to them will be Zone 8 which is devoted to international cooperation and features ACAs and international organizations with which the NACC has signed an MoU. Staff will be on hand to explain the other displays, primarily be in the Thai language, to international visitors.

NACC Integrity Awards 2010

Thailand's National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) is this year piloting the NACC Integrity Awards project as a tool to both promote and reward integrity under the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2008-2013.

Due to practical constraints in this trial year, the selection process for the Awards is being simplified and is limited to 12 entries for each category—public sector organizations/state-owned enterprises and private companies—nominated by major public/private organizations which already have their own integrity assessment awards or evaluation systems in place: no direct submissions will be accepted. However, the quality of the Awards is being ensured by establishing a strict framework which will act as a model for successive years. A panel of four judges representing the NACC, TI Thailand Chapter, the Thai Chamber of Commerce and the National Press Council of Thailand will evaluate entries using a detailed set of criteria, while being bound to a set of rules including the declaration of any potential conflict of interest which may affect their judgment.

According to Professor Pakdee Pothisiri, NACC commissioner with special responsibility for international affairs, although the project is on the national level this year, it is hoped that the concept can be extended to the regional level in the future. This will assist, he believes, in not only bringing the region's commitment to promoting integrity and eradicating corruption to the attention of the international community but will also make a worthwhile contribution to turning the tide of corruption.

This year's awards will be presented by Mr. Panthep Klanarongran, President of the NACC, at the 14th IACC's Welcome Dinner on 10 November 2010, while the project and the awardees will be featured in Zone 8 of the NACC's A-C EXPO to run concurrently with the 14th IACC (10 – 13 November 2010, Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre, Bangkok).

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