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Nakhon Pathom, Thailand**

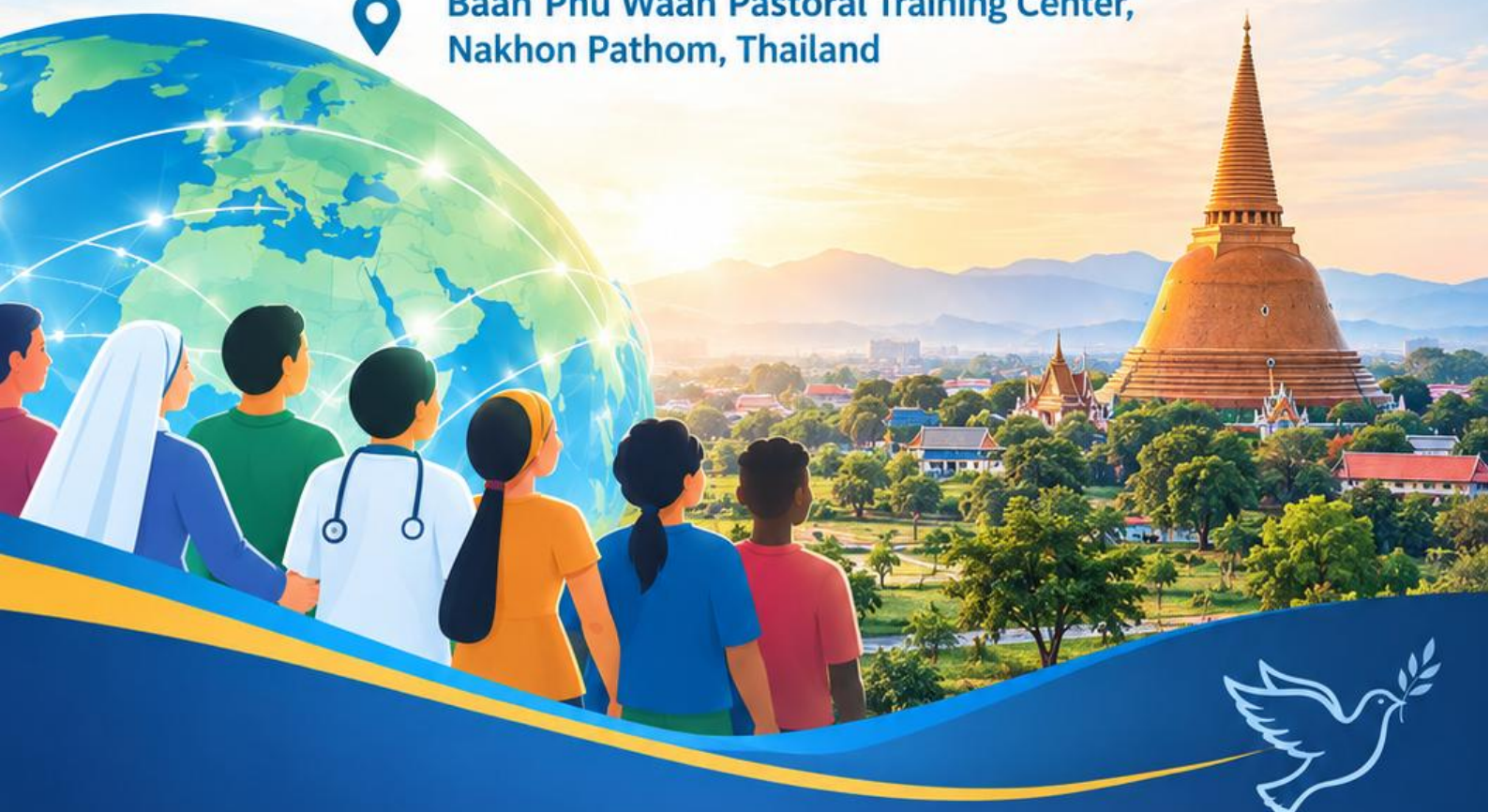


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1. Welcome to Thailand

The Catholic Nurses' Guild of Thailand and the Organizing Committee warmly welcome all international participants to the **CICIAMS XXII World Congress 2026** in Thailand.

The Congress will take place from **9 to 13 November 2026** at the **Baan Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center, Nakhon Pathom**, approximately 50 km west of central Bangkok.

This Logistics and Practical Information Note has been prepared to assist international participants in planning their journey to Thailand and to provide practical information about arrival, transportation, accommodation, meals, communication, money, weather, and other matters that may be useful during their stay.

For the latest Congress program and official updates, please visit the CICIAMS 2026 website at <https://ciciams2026.com/>.

2. Congress Venue



Baan Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center
 Nakhon Pathom, Thailand

Baan Phu Waan is a Catholic pastoral and training centre located in Nakhon Pathom Province, west of Bangkok. The centre provides accommodation, dining and meeting facilities, chapels and other facilities for participants.

The main Congress program will take place at Baan Phu Waan.

Congress dates: 9-13 November 2026

9 Nov: Executive Board meeting

10 Nov: General Council

11-13 Nov: Main Congress Program

Venue: Baan Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center – <https://baanphuwaan.org/en/home-en/>

Recreational Facilities: Participants may use the recreational facilities at Baan Phu Waan during their stay, subject to availability and the center's regulations.

- **Fitness Centre:** 07:00-22:00
- **Swimming Pool:** 06:00-20:00
- **Tennis Court:** 08:00-17:00

Area Map of Baan Phu Waan and nearby Places:



*Sunday Mass Schedule at the Ascension Catholic Church **4** is: 09.00 AM (Thai Language).



3. Before Travelling to Thailand

Before departure, participants are advised to make sure that all required travel documents and arrangements are in place, including:

- A valid passport, with at least six months' validity from the planned date of arrival.
- Visa or visa-exemption eligibility, where applicable
- Confirmed international flight tickets
- Congress registration confirmation
- Travel insurance (See no. 16)
- Accommodation information
- Emergency contact information
- Personal medication, if required
- International payment card and/or some Thai Baht



Participants are advised to keep electronic copies of their passport, visa, flight details and Congress registration confirmation in a secure location.

4. Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)

All foreign nationals entering Thailand are required to complete the **Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)** online before arriving in Thailand.

The TDAC is **not a visa**. It is an arrival information form required by Thai immigration authorities and must be completed separately from any visa or visa-exemption requirements. Participants should complete the TDAC **within three days (72 hours) before their scheduled arrival in Thailand**.

The information required normally includes:

- Passport details
- Personal information
- Travel and arrival details
- Address/accommodation in Thailand
- Health-related information, where applicable



After completing the form, participants should keep the confirmation or QR code readily available on their mobile phone and/or as a printed copy for presentation upon arrival, if requested.

Official TDAC website: <https://tdac.immigration.go.th/>

Important: The TDAC is **free of charge**. Participants should use only the official Thai Immigration website and be cautious of unofficial websites or agencies charging a fee for this service.

5. Visa Requirements

Visa and entry requirements depend on each participant's nationality, passport or travel document, and purpose of travel. Participants are therefore responsible for checking the requirements that apply to their individual circumstances before making travel arrangements.

Thailand introduced revised visa exemption and Visa on Arrival (VOA) arrangements effective 15 September 2026¹. Under the revised arrangements, eligibility and permitted length of stay vary according to nationality and applicable bilateral agreements. Participants should not assume that a visa exemption or VOA facility applies to them without checking the latest requirements.

Participants are strongly advised to:

- Check the latest entry and visa requirements with the Royal Thai Embassy or Royal Thai Consulate-General responsible for their country of residence.
- Where a visa is required, apply sufficiently in advance of the intended travel date.
- Check whether they are eligible for visa exemption, Visa on Arrival, or another appropriate visa category based on their purpose of travel.
- Ensure that their passport or travel document meets the applicable validity requirements.

Official Thai e-Visa: <https://thaievisa.go.th/>

Participants may also consult the website of the relevant Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General for country-specific requirements, application procedures, processing times and supporting documents.

The Organizing Committee has been assisting participants who require visa-related support. If you require a visa or are unsure about the entry requirements applicable to your circumstances, please contact Mr. Jirawat Chenpasuk, the person responsible for coordinating visa applications at jirawat@caritasthailand.net.

6. Arriving in Thailand and Traveling to Baan Phu Waan

Most international participants will arrive at Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) or Don Mueang International Airport (DMK) in Bangkok.



Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK)

Suvarnabhumi Airport is Thailand's main international airport and is approximately 50–70 km from Baan Phu Waan. Travel time may take around two hours or more, depending on the route and traffic conditions.

¹ <https://visasnews.com/en/thailand-introduces-new-visa-free-and-visa-on-arrival-rules-on-september-15-2026/>



Don Mueang International Airport (DMK)

Don Mueang Airport is another international airport serving Bangkok and is approximately **57 km from Baan Phu Waan**. Travel time may be around one and a half hours or more, depending on traffic conditions.

Participants should check their flight confirmation carefully to ensure that they are travelling to the correct airport.

6.1 Airport Arrival and Transportation to Baan Phu Waan

The Organizing Committee has arranged official transportation for registered international participants who selected and booked this service during registration.

Participants may be requested to provide the following information through the designated Congress registration or travel information system:

- Booking Number
- Full name
- Flight number
- Arrival date and time
- Arrival airport
- Departure flight details

Upon arrival

After leaving the aircraft, participants should proceed through:

1. Immigration
2. Baggage claim
3. Customs
4. Arrival hall

Participants using the official Congress transfer service should proceed to the designated meeting point indicated by the Organizing Committee.

For safety, please **do not leave the airport with an unofficial person offering transportation**. Further details regarding the airport meeting point, shuttle schedule and contact person will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

6.2 Travelling to Baan Phu Waan

Travel time from Bangkok to Baan Phu Waan may vary according to traffic conditions. Participants should allow additional travel time, particularly during peak traffic periods. The Organizing Committee recommends that international participants use the official Congress transportation arrangements.

Participants making their own transportation arrangements should confirm the exact destination and address of Baan Phu Waan with their driver before departure.

Baan Phu Waan address:

The address is provided below in both Thai and English. Participants may show the address to the taxi driver or at the airport taxi service counter when arranging transportation.



ศูนย์ฝึกอบรมงานอภิบาล บ้านผู้หว่าน

2/4 หมู่ 6 ถ.เพชรเกษม ต.ท่าข้าม อ.สามพราน จ.นครปฐม 73110

โทร. 02 429 0124 (แผนกต้อนรับ)

Baan Phu Waan Pastoral Training Centre

2/4 Moo 6, Phet Kasem Road, Tha Kham, Sam Phran, Nakhon

Pathom THAILAND

Tel: +662 429 0124 (Reception)

7. Accommodation

Accommodation for registered participants will be provided at Baan Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center, according to the accommodation package selected during registration. The Pastoral Center provides:

- Guest rooms
- Dining facilities
- Meeting and conference facilities
- Chapel facilities
- Common areas
- Wi-Fi/internet access in designated areas



Room allocation and check-in information will be communicated to participants by the Organizing Committee.

Check-in and Check-out

Participants are requested to follow the check-in and check-out times communicated by the Organizing Committee or provided at the Reception of Baan Phu Waan.

Participants arriving significantly earlier or departing later than the official Congress dates should make their own arrangements for additional accommodation.

8. Meals and Dietary Requirements

Meals will be provided according to the participant's registration package and the Congress program.

Participants with **food allergies, special dietary requirements, vegetarian or vegan diets, religious dietary requirements, or other specific dietary needs** should have provided the relevant information during registration. If any dietary requirements have changed or were not indicated during registration, please inform the Organizing Committee as early as possible.

Thai cuisine includes a wide variety of dishes, ranging from spicy to non-spicy, and including rice, noodles, vegetables, seafood and meat. When in doubt about ingredients or preparation, please ask Congress staff before eating, particularly in the case of food allergies or other dietary restrictions.



9. Time Zone and Weather in November

Thailand follows **Indochina Time (ICT), UTC+7** throughout the year. Thailand does not observe daylight saving time. All Congress programs and activities are based on Thailand local time.

November is generally a pleasant time to visit Thailand, although temperatures remain warm compared with many countries.



Participants should expect:

- Warm daytime temperatures
- Cooler evenings compared with the daytime
- High humidity
- Possibility of occasional rain

Light, comfortable clothing is recommended.

Participants may also wish to bring an umbrella

or light rain protection. For the most accurate information, participants should check the weather forecast shortly before departure. Click to check AccuWeather [Here](#).

10. Clothing and Dress Code for the Conference and Cultural Night



For Congress sessions, participants are encouraged to wear **smart casual attire**.

As the Congress includes **daily Masses** and **visits to Catholic facilities**, participants are requested to dress respectfully and appropriately for these occasions.

For the **Cultural Night**, participants are welcome to bring attire representing their country or culture as part of the international cultural exchange.

National Flag for the Opening Ceremony

Each participating country is requested to bring **one national flag**, approximately **60 × 90 cm**, for use during the Opening Ceremony.

11. Thai Currency and Payments

The currency of Thailand is the **Thai Baht (THB)**.

Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in hotels, shopping centres and larger businesses. However, smaller shops, local markets and some transport providers may accept **cash only**.

Participants are advised to carry some Thai Baht for small purchases and personal expenses. Foreign currency can be exchanged at airports, banks and authorized currency exchange services. Exchange rates fluctuate, so participants should check current rates shortly before travelling.



12. Mobile Phones and Internet

Mobile phone coverage is widely available in Bangkok and Nakhon Pathom.

Participants may use:

- International roaming
- Thai prepaid SIM cards (available at airports)
- eSIM services
- Wi-Fi where available



Participants who intend to use mobile data extensively should check international roaming charges with their home mobile provider before departure. Wi-Fi will be available at designated areas of the Pastoral Center, subject to network availability.

13. Electricity and Power Plugs



Thailand uses **220–230 volts, 50 Hz** electricity.

Thai electrical outlets commonly accommodate **Type A, Type B, Type C plugs and Type O**. International participants are advised to bring a universal travel adapter, particularly if their country uses a different plug standard.

Most mobile phone and laptop chargers support **100–240V, 50/60Hz**. However, participants should check the voltage requirements of their individual devices before use.

A power bank may also be useful during travel and airport transfers.

14. Language



The official language of Thailand is **Thai**.

English is widely used in international hotels, airports and tourist areas, although it may be less commonly spoken in some local communities.

The official language of the Congress will be English. Congress volunteers and staff will be available to assist international participants.

15. Transportation and Traffic

Traffic in Bangkok and surrounding areas can be heavy, particularly during morning and evening rush hours. Participants travelling independently should allow sufficient time for transportation to and from airports or other destinations.

Thailand drives on the **left-hand side of the road**.

When crossing roads, participants should take particular care, as traffic conditions may be unfamiliar to visitors.



16. Health and Travel Insurance



All Congress registration packages include travel insurance. Participants who have registered for the Congress are therefore covered under the travel insurance provided as part of their selected registration package.

Participants are advised to familiarize themselves with the coverage and conditions of their insurance, particularly in relation to medical treatment, hospitalization, emergency assistance, trip cancellation or interruption, and lost baggage.

Participants should bring sufficient personal medication for the entire period of their stay. If you require regular medication or special assistance, please inform the Organizing Committee confidentially in advance so that appropriate assistance can be considered.

17. Emergency Numbers

For emergencies in Thailand, the following numbers may be useful:

Service	Telephone
Police Emergency	191
Emergency / Ambulance:	1669
Fire and Rescue:	199
Tourist Police:	1155



For Congress, the following WhatsApp numbers may be useful:

Area	Contact Person	Telephone / WhatsApp No.
Health	Ms. Saifon Mungsoongnern, RN	+6681 830 4236
Accommodation	Dr. Pitchayanart Veeranonda, CM.D	+6689 112 1918
Logistics	Ms. Arunee Thaiyam	+6699 496 2591
General Contact	Sr. Magdalena Daodee, RN	+6687 029 0483

Participants should save the Congress emergency contact number in their mobile phone before travelling.

For Congress-related questions, participants are encouraged to contact the Organizing Committee before travelling – Email: info@ciciams2026.com

18. Cultural, Food and Personal Safety Tips

A few simple practices may help international visitors feel more comfortable and enjoy their stay in Thailand.



Thai Culture and Religious Places

The traditional Thai greeting is the **wai**, made by placing the palms together in front of the chest and slightly bowing the head. Visitors do not need to use the wai perfectly; a friendly smile and respectful attitude are always appreciated.

Thailand has a strong Buddhist cultural heritage, while the Congress itself is hosted by the Catholic Church in Thailand. When visiting temples, churches or other religious places, please dress modestly and behave respectfully.

The **Thai monarchy** is deeply respected in Thailand. Visitors should show appropriate respect when encountering images or symbols of the Thai royal family. In some homes, chapels, temples or other buildings, visitors may be asked to remove their shoes. Please follow local instructions.

Food and Drinking Water

Bottled drinking water is widely available in Thailand. Participants are encouraged to drink sufficient water, particularly when spending time outdoors, as the climate can be hot and humid. Thai food can be spicy. If you do not eat spicy food, you may ask: **"Mai phet" – Not spicy.**

A smile and a simple "Mai phet, please" will usually be understood.

When visiting temples, churches or other religious places during personal travel, visitors are kindly requested to dress modestly and respectfully. In some places, shoulders and knees may need to be covered, and shoes may need to be removed.

Personal Safety

Participants should take normal precautions during their stay:

- Keep passports and valuables secure.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep personal belongings with you in crowded areas.
- Use official or trusted transportation services.
- Do not accept unsolicited offers from strangers.
- Keep emergency contact information readily available.
- Inform Congress staff if you encounter any difficulty.

Your 
Safety
Matters

Participants should also remain aware of their surroundings when travelling independently outside the Congress venue.

19. Before You Leave Your Home Country – Checklist

Please make sure that you have:

- ☐ Passport with sufficient validity
- ☐ Visa / visa exemption confirmed, where applicable
- ☐ TDAC completed within the required period before arrival
- ☐ International flight tickets
- ☐ Congress registration confirmation
- ☐ Travel insurance
- ☐ Accommodation confirmation
- ☐ Airport transfer information
- ☐ Emergency contact details
- ☐ Personal medication
- ☐ Mobile roaming / eSIM arrangements
- ☐ International payment card
- ☐ Some cash / Thai Baht
- ☐ Universal travel adapter
- ☐ Appropriate clothing
- ☐ Umbrella or light rain protection

We Look Forward to Welcoming You to Thailand!

The Organizing Committee of the CICIAMS XXII World Congress 2026 warmly welcomes Catholic nurses and healthcare professionals from around the world to Thailand.

We hope that your participation in the Congress will be a meaningful experience of faith, professional exchange, friendship and cultural encounter, and that you will also have the opportunity to experience the warmth and hospitality of the Thai people.

Welcome to Thailand, and see you in November 2026!

