

Program
The International Conference on “National Language Policy: Language Diversity for National Unity”
The Twin Towers Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Time/Room	Friday, 4 July 2008		
	Kasatsuk I	Kasatsuk II	Kasatsuk III
07.00 – 08.40	Registration (Foyer Ming Muang Room)		
	Opening Ceremony		
	<i>Opening Remarks by Anne Reynolds (Counsellor (Education, Science and Training) Australian Education International)</i>		
	<i>Opening Remarks by Dato’ Dr. Ahamad bin Sipon, Director, SEAMEO Secretariat</i>		
	<i>Opening Remarks by Cliff Meyers, Regional Advisor, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office</i>		
	<i>Opening Remarks by Sheldon Shaeffer, Director, UNESCO Office Bangkok/Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education</i>		
	<i>Opening Remarks by Carolyn Müller, Former President, SIL International</i>		
	<i>Report by Chintana Bhandhufalck, Secretary-General of The Royal Institute of Thailand</i>		
08.45 – 09.30	<i>Inaugural Address by Chai - Anan Samudavanija, President of The Royal Institute of Thailand</i>		
	Keynote Lecture I "Life after Babel: Prospects for Acceptance of Multilingualism"		
09.30 – 10.00	<i>Bernard Spolsky, Bar-Ilan University, Israel</i>		
10.00 – 10.10	Coffee Break (Foyer Kasatsuk Ballroom)		
	Keynote Lecture II "The Benefits of Explicit Language Policies: What Thailand Would Gain"		
10.10 – 10.40	<i>Joseph Lo Bianco, University of Melbourne, Australia</i>		
	Panel Discussion I " Translation and Interpretation: Accessibility to the World of Knowledge and Understanding"		
	Panelists:		
	<i># Thomas White, President, The American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand</i>		
	<i># Homeyoun Alizadeh, Regional Representative of S.E. Asia, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR)</i>		
	<i># Jean-Francois Leduc, Conference interpreter/translator UNESCAP</i>		
	<i># Asnee Kotrakool, Deputy-Director of the National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC)</i>		
	<i># Nitipoom Navaratana, Former senator, T & I Specialist</i>		
10.40 – 11.50	<i>Moderator: Hong Jiang, Conference interpreter/translator UNESCAP</i>		
	Lunch (Banthadthong Room)		
11.50 – 12.50	Thai Traditional Performance from Ramkhamhaeng University		
	Panel Discussion II “Access Means Opportunities”		
	Panelists:		
	<i># Monthian Buntan, Senator, President Thailand Association of the Blind</i>		
	<i># Anucha Ratanasin, National Association of the Deaf in Thailand</i>		
	<i># Johan Lindeberg, UNESCO (Thailand)</i>		
	<i># Mrs.Anchalaporn Siriwan, Principle Advisor on Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)</i>		
	<i># Panelist from True Corporation Public Company Limited</i>		
	<i># Chadamas Thuvasethakul, National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC)</i>		
12.50 - 14.00	<i>Moderator: Ploy Suebvises, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA)</i>		
14.00 - 14.10	Coffee Break (Foyer Kasatsuk Ballroom)		
	Panel Discussion III " Strengthening National Languages in an International World”		
	Panelists:		
	<i># Udom Warotamasikkkhadit, Fellow and Chairman, The Academy of Art, The Royal Institute of Thailand</i>		
	<i># Amara Prasithrathsint</i>		
	<i># Joseph Lo Bianco, University of Melbourne, Australia</i>		
	<i># David Bradley, La Trobe University, Australia</i>		
	<i># Carol Benson, Stockholm University, Sweden</i>		
14.10 - 15.20	<i>Moderator: Prapart Brudhiprabha</i>		
15.20 - 17.35	Oral Presentation		Oral Presentation
18.00 – 20.00	Welcome Reception		

Time/Room	Saturday, 5 July 2008		
	Kasatsuk I	Kasatsuk II	Kasatsuk III
08.00 - 08.30	Registration (Foyer Ming Muang Room)		
08.30 - 09.00	Keynote Lecture III "Language Policy for Transnational Minorities of Thailand" <i>David Bradley, La Trobe University, Australia.</i>		
09.00 - 09.30	Keynote Lecture IV " Can Educational Language Policies and Practices in Europe Offer Ideas for Language Policy in Thailand?" <i>Carol Benson, Stockholm University, Sweden</i>		
09.30 - 10.00	Keynote Lecture V "What is Multilingual Education and How Can It Benefit Learners and Societies?" <i>Kimmo Kosonen, SIL International (Thailand)</i>		
10.00 - 10.10	Coffee Break (Foyer Kasatsuk Ballroom)		
10.10 - 11.20	Panel Discussion IV "Ethnic Minority Languages: an Urgent Call for Action" Panelists: <i># Gothom Arya, National Economic and Social Advisory Council</i> <i># Suwilai Premrirat, Institute of Language and Culture for Rural Development, Mahidol University</i> <i># Sheldon Shaeffer, Director, UNESCO Office Bangkok/Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education</i> <i># James Chamberlain, Lao People's Democratic Republic</i> <i># Josak Anak Siam, DBNA/UNESCO Multilingual Education Pilot Project, Malaysia</i> <i># Dr. IV Chan, Royal Academy of Cambodia</i> Moderator: <i>Kirk R. Person, SIL International (Thailand)</i>		
11.20 - 12.30	Panel Discussion V "Language Policy and Implementation Issues: Economic and Social Perspectives." Panelists: <i># Prapart Brudhiprabha</i> <i># Panelist from Ministry of Education</i> <i># Panelist from CP All Company Limited</i> <i># Walter Dawson, Columbia University, USA</i> <i># Supote Prasertsri, PAÑÑASASTRA University of Cambodia</i> Moderator: <i>Doris Wibunsin</i>		
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch (Banthadthong Room) Thai Traditional Performance from Ramkhamhaeng University		
13.30 - 15.00	Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation
15.00 - 15.10	Coffee Break (Foyer Kasatsuk Ballroom)		
15.10 - 16.25	Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation
16.25 - 16.45	Closing Ceremony		