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ON
CHILD SEX TOURISM*

Hosted by the BALI PROCESS

Bangkok

14-15 November 2005

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- Date:** 14 to 15 November 2005
- Location:** Baiyoke Sky Hotel, Bangkok
222 Rajprarop Rd, Rajthevee
10400
- Host:** The Bali Process
- Organisers:** IOM
Royal Thai Police
Australian Federal Police
- Participating and Observing Countries:**
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| Australia | Indonesia |
| Thailand | New Zealand |
| Japan | Malaysia |
| Cambodia | Sri Lanka |
| Lao PDR | Myanmar |
| Vietnam | Philippines |
| Singapore | Timor Leste |
| South Korea | Bangladesh |
| China | India |
| Macau, SAR | United Kingdom |
| Hong Kong, SAR | United States of America |
| Pakistan | |
- Observers/Guests:** Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People Trafficking (ARCPPT)
ASEAN Secretariat,
Foreign Anti Narcotic Community (F.A.N.C)
- Language:** The official language for this workshop will be **English**.
- Transport:** All participants will be picked up from and returned to the Baiyoke Sky Hotel per their flight details as notified on the confirmation of attendance form.
- Notification of attendance:** To facilitate the organisation of the meeting it is requested that all participants complete the attached confirmation of attendance form and return it prior to 25 October 2005.

Background

Exploitation and sexual abuse of children is an abhorrent and intolerable crime that strikes at the very heart of humanity. Our children inherit the past and carry with them the future. They have a right to their childhood and to grow up as children. They must not be treated as sexual playthings, throw-away entertainment, mere commodities for buying and selling. A nation that fails to cherish and protect its children is indeed contemptible and foolish.¹

At the recent Bali Process Steering Group Meeting, it was agreed that Child Sex Tourism (CST) will become a priority for the Bali Process and for law enforcement agencies under the Transnational Crime umbrella.

The members of the Steering Group agreed for there to be a strategy seminar, to be held in Bangkok to commence this process.

It has been decided that that this Seminar will be a pilot Project with a select number of nations invited to attend. It is hoped that this will be the first of a number of Seminars on Child Sex Tourism where it is envisioned that a more extensive list of participating nations could then be invited.

Workshop Objective

The purpose of this seminar will be focusing on improving operational cooperation particularly between police, justice ministries and non-government organisations (NGOs) to increase the prosecution of offenders and strengthen prevention and protection mechanisms in relation to child sex tourism.

The meeting will be held over two days and have two representatives from each of the participating countries.

Pre Meeting Requirements

In order to gain the maximum benefit from participation in this meeting it is requested that each country represented prepares a short presentation (10-15 minutes) on the current status of their understanding of the CST problem and their response to it.

Expected Outcomes

The aim of this two day seminar is develop a framework that will allow the ongoing and increased cooperation in the region, in the areas of-

- **Best Practices for Law Enforcement-**
 - The term best practice generally refers to the best possible way of doing something, to this we want to identify the best possible way to investigate Child Sex Offences in the region thus achieving a successful prosecution and giving Victims confidence.

¹ R.E KENDALL, Secretary General of ICPO-Interpol, *Handbook on Good Practice for Specialist Officers Dealing with Crimes Against Children*, 1997.

- The thought of having a standard Sexual assault identification kit throughout the region to allow the evidence to be portable to any jurisdiction in the region with the same or similar check and balances in existence.
- The prospect of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding between the countries to assist each other in the investigation and prosecution of these offences.
- **Model Legislation-**
 - To identify what a child is in relation to age, so it is universal throughout the region.
 - To have the same legal requirements for court, so that a person could be prosecuted in any jurisdiction in the region on evidence collected in another country.
 - Remove some of the ambiguity between law, cultures and religion that sometimes exists.
- **Victim Protection and Support.**
 - The support of Victims in these matters is of utmost importance. Especially in the areas of them giving testimony and not being Re-Victimised.
 - It is important that the Victims don't feel like they are being prosecuted for providing this information to investigators.

Draft Timetable

Monday 14 November 2005

Registration	0800 to 0900 hrs
Welcome Remarks <i>Thai Representative</i>	0900 to 0915 hrs
Workshop Objectives Workshop overview and expected outcomes <i>Australia and IOM</i>	0915 to 0930 hrs
Group Photo	0930 to 0945 hrs
Morning Tea	0945 to 1000hrs
Current Environment - Country Presentations <i>Each countries presentation of 10 minutes duration with 5 minutes for discussion and questions.</i>	1000 to 1200 hrs
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australia 2. Sri Lanka. 3. Japan 4. Cambodia 5. Lao PDR 6. Timor Leste 7. Vietnam 	
Lunch	1200 to 1245 hrs
Country Presentations	1245 to 1430 hrs
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Singapore 9. New Zealand. 10. Malaysia 11. Myanmar 12. Indonesia 13. Philippines 14. South Korea 	
Afternoon Tea	1430 to 1500 hrs

Country Presentations

1500 to 1700 hrs

- 15. Thailand
- 16. China
- 17. Macau, SAR
- 18. Hong Kong, SAR
- 19. Bangladesh
- 20. India
- 21. Pakistan
- 22. United Kingdom

Case Study Presentations

1700 to 1730 hrs

A joint presentation by the United States of America and Thailand

Formal Meeting Dinner

1900 hrs

Dinner at a venue TBA.

TUESDAY 15 November 2005

Opening Day 2

Case Study Presentations

0900 to 1000 hrs

*Australia &
Philippines*

Morning Tea

1000 to 1030 hrs

Presentation by (Child Wise) ECPAT

1030 to 1100 hrs

**Department of Social Development
and Welfare. (DSDW)**

1100 to 1130 hrs

Thai Based NGO (FACE)

1130 to 1200 hrs

Lunch

1200 to 1300 hrs

Syndicate Workshop Outline

1300 to 1500 hrs

Three Streams:

1. Adoption of Best Practice Models
2. Model legislative approach
3. Victim protection and support

Afternoon Tea

1500 to 1530 hrs

Continue Workshop Discussion

1530 to 1700 hrs

Wednesday 16 November 2005

Syndicate Presentations (*no longer than 20 minutes per group*) **0900 to 1045 hrs**

Each syndicate to have representative/rapporteur present Outcomes

1. Adoption of Best Practice Models
2. Model legislative approach
3. Victim protection and support

Morning Tea

1045 to 1100 hrs

Outcome Discussion

1100 to 1130 hrs

As a group discuss each theme and extract best approach

Future Directions

1130 to 1200 hrs

Chair to overview outcome discussion and put forward a strategy for the future.

Workshop Close and adoption of outcomes

1200 to 1230 hrs

Formal closing of the workshop.