

## My visit to Pattaya, Thailand, in June.

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I have just come back to Fukushima after four days visit to Pattaya, Thailand. I had a good time in Thailand and appreciate excellent arrangements by Docor Racksadawan, Bangkok hospital. I gave two lectures about TMS and performed one live demonstration at the conference room in the Bangkok hospital. After the conference, I visited to the convention center in Pattaya where AOPMC and IFCN teaching course will be held in November, 2014. Their schedules are shown at the end of this manuscript. I have briefly described the convention center and my visit to Thailand where the political condition has not been completely settled yet.

The convention center facilities are excellent and may be better than some other places where an international congress was held. Figure 1 shows its entrance. The rooms are many enough for our meeting and the room sizes are also large enough for our purpose. 4,000 participants are able to attend in the largest room which we will not use. The facilities are new and clean (Figure 2 shows a toilet for men, it is clean. I had no chance to take a picture of that for women.). The high speed Wi-Fi service is served as free anywhere in the conference center. This high level of facilities is maintained partly because some governmental organization supports the center.



Fig 1 The entrance of the conference center



Fig 2 One toilet for men

Most of you know that Pattaya is one of resort places for people living in Bangkok and many tourists from abroad. Blue sky and sea on the beach attract us to visit there (shown in Figure 3, 4). In addition to the excellent academic quality and interests of the meeting, we will enjoy several amusements in Pattaya. It takes about 90 minutes from the airport to the conference

center by taxi or bus. No other transportations are available in Thailand. The organizer will prepare bus transport services. A 90 minutes dive by taxi costs around 70 US dollars.



Fig 3 Pattaya beach viewed from The Hilton Hotel.



Fig4. Another beach in Pattaya.

Another issue all of you mind is the safety. This is my fourth visit to Thailand, Bangkok three times and Chain Mai once. No differences are seen in the daily living of the ordinary people. I had no problems in the immigration, emigration, transportation and stay in the hotel. We are able to walk at night in Pattaya. I attended a famous show named “Tiffany show” in Pattaya till mid-night and walked the street at round 22:00. Even at this late at night, I felt no danger. I detected no differences between the present visit and previous three visits. Please come to safe Pattaya in November and enjoy the meeting and other social events. Moreover, I appreciate it if you will attend the IFCN teaching course at the same conference center right after the MDS congress. It should be very good chance to get new information about two kinds of matters; movement disorders and clinical neurophysiology.

I believe my present experience in Thailand will help you to decide to go to Pattaya in November.

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Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014  
Royal Cliff Beach Hotel, Pattaya, Thailand

- 8.30-9.15 : Clinical neurophysiological evaluation of psychogenic (functional) movement disorders  
Prof. Mark Hallett
- 9.15-10.00 : Neurophysiological markers of physiological and pathological aging brain  
Prof. Paolo Rossini
- 10.00-10.30 : **Coffee Break**
- 10.30-11.15 : Clinical and electrophysiological update in ALS  
Prof. Reinhard Dengler
- 11.15-12.00 : Using TMS to study corticospinal tract and its clinical application  
Prof. Yoshikazu Ugawa
- 12.00-13.00 : **Lunch**
- 13.00-13.45 : Clinical features and pathophysiology of spasticity  
Prof. David Burke
- 13.45-14.30 : Electrodiagnosis in Guillain Barre syndrome and other immune mediated neuropathy  
Prof. Lying Cui
- 14.30-15.00 : **Coffee Break**
- 15.00-15.45 : Clinical and electrophysiological correlation of small fiber neuropathy  
Prof. Renato Verdugo
- 15.45-16.30: Reflex testing in clinical neurophysiology  
Prof. Mark Hallett