

Hello and thank you for letting me represent KOTESOL at ThaiTESOL's 2018 event.

Receipts

My Receipts are attached as jpgs. live in Gwangju. Because of this it was hard to get there and back. I understand and am comfortable with whatever reimbursement you see fit.

Date	Item	Cost	Receipt
Jan 25, 2018	Taxi to Gwangju Bus Terminal	5900won	Yes
Jan 25, 2018	Bus from Gwangju to Incheon Airport	32300won	yes
Jan 25 & 28, 2018	Roundtrip Flight: Incheon to/from ChiangMai	731,107won	yes
Jan 28, 2018	Shuttle from Conference Hotel in ChiangMai to ChiangMain Airport	100 baht	yes
Jan 29, 2018	Incheon Business Hotel (arrived with no transportation options to Gwangju)	70,000won	Yes
Jan 29, 2018	Bus from Incheon Airport to Gwangju	32,300won	yes
Jan 29, 2018	Taxi from Gwangju Bus to home	7,400won	yes

Gifts

Gifts were given to me by Allison Bill, the International Outreach Committee chair. Gifts were given to Witcha Wisuthipranee, International Affairs Coordinator and Secretary to Thailand TESOL and Paneeta Nitayaphorn , President Thailand TESOL Organization
supanit.thaitesol@gmail.com

Costs

ThaiTesol gave me 3 nights at the conference hotel. ThaiTesol gave me free transport to hotel (I had to pay to return.)

Conference Table

Five issues of *TEC*, one copy of *KOTESOL Conference Proceedings* and one copy of *Korea TESOL Journal* were on display and given out at end of conference. KOTESOL Brochures and flyers for the KOTESOL International Conference were also displayed and available to attendees. No banner or table cloth were given to me.

NOTE

On the webpage: [KOTESOL Representative Application](#) there is the following text and hyperlinks:

2. A technical “[report to the national executive](#)” to support future representatives and provide new ideas for KOTESOL’s International Conference (and other conferences), as well as help national build KOTESOL’s capacity, in general. The IOC Chair will provide you with a [template report](#) for you to complete.

Please note that the template report link is the same as the page link:

https://koreatesol.org/content/kotesol-representative-application#_A_Technical_Report_1

Thai TESOL 2018 General Report Submitted by Maria Lisak

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Name: The 38th Annual Thailand TESOL International Conference

Theme: Digital Literacy in English Language Learning and Teaching

Date & Location: January 26th to 27th, 2017 The Empress Hotel, ChiangMai, Thailand

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Name: Maria Lisak

Email: gwangjumaria@yahoo.com

Current KOTESOL Position: Social Justice SIG co-coordinator; Lifetime member

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION DETAILS

1. Who was your main contact person in the hosting organization prior to departure? List his/her e-mail and/or phone contact information and position in the host organization.

Witcha Wisuthipranee,

International Affairs Coordinator and Secretary to Thailand TESOL

witcha.thailandtesol@gmail.com

2. Main contact person at the conference, if different.

Main contact was the same. However, emails were sent to me just prior to the conference by:

Dr. Supanit Kulsiri,

Program Chair, ThaiTESOL Conference 2018 and First Vice President Thailand TESOL

Organization

supanit.thaitesol@gmail.com

PAC COUNCIL MEETING

The PAC Council meeting, labeled International Affiliate Meeting, was held on Friday, January 26st at 15:25pm until 15:55pm. Absent were the FEELTA and ETA-ROC representatives.

Key Points: Confirmation was sought by attendee organizations for the accommodations of affiliate representatives to receive the number of conference days plus one. For the PAC Conference at JALT (Nov 23-26, 2018) there was discussion about having 2 instead of 5 seats in the PAC meeting and the deadline being May 21st. Reminders were given to promote the AYF to students. There was also mention and discussion of having an early arrival meeting (4 pm on Friday) where an agenda for the meeting will be discussed. With the discussion about the number of seats to be available, other information needs to be vetted on: discounts, number of seats, seat eligibility, and the process of confirming membership of seats. In attendance were: PALT, PELLTA, JALT, MELTA, ThaiTESOL and KOTESOL (Maria Lisak and Lindsay Herron).

[Click for minutes of meeting](#)

The affiliates who attended the International Affiliate Meeting are:

1. Paneeta Nitayaphorn (President, Thailand TESOL)
2. Ubon Sanpatchayapong (Thailand TESOL)
3. Unchalee Sermsongswad (Thailand TESOL)
4. Suchada Nimmannit(Thailand TESOL)
5. Nopporn Sarobol (Thailand TESOL)
6. Supanit Kulsiri (Thailand TESOL)
7. Maneepen Apibalsri (Thailand TESOL)
8. Witcha Wisuthipranee (Thailand TESOL)
9. Richmond Stroupe (JALT)
10. Lindsay Herron (KOTESOL)
11. Maria Lisak (KOTESOL)
12. Hajime Terauchi (JACET)
13. Shubashini Suppiah (MELTA)
14. Mitchellene Vigilia-Rivo (PALT)
15. Rovena Elaine Capel (PELLTA)

16. Seok Hoon Quah (PELLTA)

17. Heyoung Kim (Asia TEFL)

SYNOPSIS OF THAI TESOL 2018

The Thai TESOL International Conference was held on January 26th and 27th. A pre-conference workshop under the theme “Empowering Learners and Teachers in the Digital Age” took place on Thursday 25 January 2018 at the same venue as Thailand TESOL annual conference. A diverse selection of innovative and timely topics as well as experts in the field led these workshops. The on-site registration fee was 1,200 baht to participate. The conference was held at The Empress Hotel in ChaingMai, Thailand. With a theme of “Digital Literacy in English Language Learning and Teaching”, the conference began Friday morning with an opening ceremony and keynote speech at 08:40.

Highlights: Plenary #1: Cynthia White. Language Teacher Agency in the Digital Age: Reimagining the Margins of Practice. Plenary #2: Randall Davis. Embracing and Celebrating Imperfection on the Road to Better Teaching. Plenary #3: Mike Levy. Digital Literacy.

The plenary speakers were given a 45-minute time slot. Eleven featured speakers were also given 45-minute time slots. Throughout the conference, there were 128 parallel sessions (30-minute time slots) and 56 workshops/colloquia (45-minute time slots). Over the two days there were 15 poster presentations. There were 497 attendees at the conference.

The venue was very convenient. Meeting rooms were in both the hotel and a nearby (1 minute walk) convention area. The plenary was held in a large auditorium on the third floor of the convention area. Exhibitors were located on the second floor near several of the conference rooms. Escalators and stairs were available in the convention hall. Stairs and elevators were available for the conference rooms located in the hotel on the third floor. Presenters were provided with a very comfortable room with notebook, projector, and one or two room assistants. Hot and cold water dispensers were located throughout the venue. As well, coffee, tea, ovaltine and extensive snack options (traditional sweets, candies, freshly cut fruit) were provided between each session. A buffet lunch, offered in both the convention center as well as the hotel, was provided to all attendees on both days of the conferences with Halal options. Publishers and organizational partners were provided with a box lunch on both days. There was a welcome dinner given on the night before the conference. There was also a VIP dinner held on the first night of the conference which brought in traditional Chiang Mai ‘street food;’ there were also interactive traditional dances for participants to enjoy. There were 22 exhibitors present while two PAC partners (JALT and KOTESOL) had display tables outside of the plenary hall.