



The International Conference
“ National Language Policy: Language Diversity for National Unity”
July 4–5 2008. The Twin Towers Hotel.
Bangkok. Thailand

Calls for Abstracts

(The 2nd Notice)

We live in an era of linguistic diversity. With transnational migration, globalization, the Internet, and the world-wide rise of English, languages are no longer bound to specific geographical regions. Nations which once thought of themselves as monolingual are now experiencing increasingly multilingual situations, and are seeking to balance the sometimes competing demands of a national language, minority languages, and international languages. Some see this linguistic diversity as an obstacle, others as a resource. Now, more than ever before, comprehensive language policies are needed to maximize the potential benefits of linguistic diversity to achieve national economic, social, and educational goals.

The Royal Institute of Thailand, in cooperation with UNESCO–Bangkok, UNICEF–Thailand, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), the Embassy of Australia, and SIL International, invite scholars, government officials, and language practitioners from around the globe to submit abstracts for an international conference on “ National Language Policy: Language Diversity for National Unity,” July 4–5, 2008, in Bangkok, Thailand. Keynote speakers will include Bernard Spolsky, Joseph LoBianco, David Bradley, and other noted language policy experts.

Conference topics will include (but are not limited to):

- Case studies in language planning and language policy;

- English education in non-English speaking countries;
- Language policy and conflict resolution;
- Language policy and refugee/transnational migration situations;
- Bilingual and multilingual education policies and practice;
- Language policy and ethno-linguistic minority languages;
- Translation policies and practices on the international, national, and local levels;
- Corpus planning for national languages;
- Language policy and the UN Millennium Development Goals
- Language policy and socio-economic theory (with special emphasis on the Self-Sufficiency Economic Theory of His Majesty King Bhumibol of Thailand)

Deadline for electronic submission of abstracts: **March 15, 2008**

Notification of acceptance: **April 15, 2008**

Deadline for submission of papers for publication in proceedings:
August 31, 2008

Registration:

- Thai Resident
 - » Participant - Baht 2,000 /person
 - » Student - Baht 1,000 /person
- Non-Thai Resident
 - » before April 30, 2008 US \$ 150 /person
 - » after April 30, 2008 US \$ 175 /person

Accommodations: The Twin Towers Hotel

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Abstracts should not exceed 300 words in length, and include the speaker's name, email address, and affiliation. Abstracts should be submitted as Word documents. Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, with 10 minutes for questions. In keeping with the multilingual spirit of the conference, presentations may be made in any language, but non-English speaking presenters must

themselves arrange for translation into English, and must conform to time limitations.

This conference immediately follows the "Second International Conference on Language Development, Language Revitalization and Multilingual Education in Ethnic Minority Communities" (July 1-3, 2008) http://www.seameo.org/_ld2008/
