

ISC 2027 | November 20–26

Chiang Mai International Exhibition and Conference Centre
Chiang Mai, Thailand

The International Student Convention is A.C.E.'s premier event that helps develop students' God-given talents. Through fellowship with other believers and experiencing all ISC has to offer, students are sure to enjoy a week that will last a lifetime. In order to best serve your students before arriving at ISC, please review the updated ISC information in this booklet. For more information, please review the *Student Convention Guidelines* or email ISC@aceschooloftomorrow.com.

This ISC will be unlike any other, combining the excitement of convention with the thrill of international travel. With this new experience comes many questions. The general information in this booklet will help you prepare.

ISC will be held at Chiang Mai International Exhibition and Conference Centre, located at 456 Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50300, Thailand. Please be aware that the registration fee does not include housing, meals, or transportation.

As we get closer to ISC, please check the *Convention* web page regularly for additional information, recommendations, and details to help you plan your trip.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Registration/Participation fees will vary depending on the options you select during registration.

ONLINE EARLY REGISTRATION (Registration completed by June 11, 2027):

EARLY ONLINE REGISTRATION
$30/person – Nonrefundable School Registration Fee (Maximum $300/School)
$99 – Student/Sponsor Fee

EARLY ONLINE GUEST FEE
$10 – Daily Guest Fee (color coded each day)

REGISTRATION (Registration completed after June 11, 2027, or on-site):

ONLINE REGISTRATION (After June 11, 2027)
$30/person – Nonrefundable School Registration Fee (Maximum $300/school)
$149 – Student/Sponsor Fee
To register after October 5, 2027, please email ISC@aceschooloftomorrow.com.

For a smooth registration process, please ensure your fees are paid in full PRIOR to arriving at ISC.

GUEST FEE
$12 – Daily Guest Fee (color coded each day)

Upon arrival at ISC, all attendees need to be prepared to pay registration fees, guest fees, and ISC Store purchases in Thai baht **(฿).**

ON-SITE CHECK-IN, NOVEMBER 20

On-site check-in is from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Late check-in will not be available.

DRESS CHECK
There will be a mandatory dress check for all participants at on-site check-in. Please arrive at Chiang Mai International Exhibition and Conference Center in appropriate Student Convention dress and with proper haircuts on check-in day. Schools may not check-in unless all of the sponsors and students meet at least the non-rally dress code. See the *Student Convention Guidelines* for specific details.

SECURITY POLICY
ISC passports are required for all individuals to enter ISC events, rallies, and the Convention Center security gate. Please preregister guests staying all week with your school's registration. Any unregistered guests must go to Master Control upon arrival on campus to register with their school and receive a passport. Children under the age of six are not allowed in competition rooms. NOTE: Security checks will be taking place at the Convention Center security gate and upon entrance at each rally.

TRANSPORTATION

Several transportation options will be available to accommodate both individuals and larger groups. Participants must make all arrangements for transportation to and from Chiang Mai International Exhibition and Conference Center. Be sure your ENTIRE transportation arrangements are confirmed before departing from home. Transportation on and off campus is the responsibility of the participants.

THAILAND DIGITAL ARRIVAL CARD (TDAC)

A TDAC must be completed online 3 days (72 hours) before your arrival date. A TDAC is completely **free** of charge tdac.immigration.

TRANSPORTATION IN CHIANG MAI

While the amount of cash needed for transportation may be minimal, please keep in mind that debit or credit cards and foreign currency may not be accepted for some on-the-spot transportation. Be sure to have enough Thai baht (฿) on hand to pay for transportation when needed.

TRAVEL TO HOTEL

Most major hotels offer shuttle services, and taxis are also readily available. For larger groups, chartering a bus may be a convenient transportation option.

TRAVEL TO CONVENTION CENTER

There are many hotels in the immediate area of the Convention Center, some of which are within walking distance. Transportation options include taxis, buses, songthaews, and tuk-tuks.
If you choose to rent a vehicle, please keep in mind that Thailand drivers drive on the **left** side of the road.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Chiang Mai International Airport accommodates flights from around the world and is conveniently located within the city of Chiang Mai. There are many flight options available, and nearly all will require connecting flights. While it is impossible to estimate the cost of airfare, we encourage you to compare options to find the best itinerary to fit your needs and budget.

Tips for finding more affordable flights:

- Purchase your tickets in advance.
- Be flexible with your arrival and departure dates. Some travel websites offer “Flexible Dates” options that allow you to compare fares across multiple dates.
- Explore the possibility of group fares, especially if you are traveling with a larger group.

VISA TO FLY TO THAILAND

Some countries are exempt from the requirement to obtain a visa to enter Thailand. Others may require a visa upon arrival, while some travelers will need to obtain a visa from the Royal Thai.

JET LAG
Nothing works for everyone when adjusting to a new time zone. Some travelers try to quickly reset their body clock by delaying sleep until the night they arrive in Thailand. Others may prefer to arrive a few days early for ISC, allowing themselves more time to gradually adjust to the time change. Choose the approach that works best for you, and allow yourself time to adjust to the new schedule.

TIME DIFFERENCE
This will depend on where you are located. A great site to obtain this information is timeanddate.com.

PACKING TIPS
In addition to appropriate ISC dress-standard clothing, you will want to consider packing a reusable water bottle, hat, sunglasses, comfortable walking shoes, and an electrical outlet converter (travel adapter) if needed.

SHIPPING AND MAILING ADDRESS
The Convention Center is not equipped to receive packages or shipments for events. One option is to contact the hotel where you will be staying and make arrangements with them to receive your packages.

Please keep in mind that you and the shipper are solely responsible for any items you choose to ship. Be sure to select a shipping option that includes a tracking number, and carefully monitor your shipment to ensure it arrives as expected.

WEATHER
During the month of November, temperatures are generally mild and comfortable, with average highs around 86°F (30°C) and lows around 68°F (20°C). The weather is typically drier, with lower humidity and less rainfall than other times of the year. Light, comfortable clothing is recommended, along with a light jacket or sweater for cooler mornings and evenings.

TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES
Thailand is one of the "must-see" countries in Asia, offering an incredible variety of places to visit and things to experience. From beautiful architecture and cultural sites to unique food and breathtaking scenery, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about places to visit and things to do in Thailand, visit tourismthailand.org.

HOUSING
Because this event is being held at a Convention Center, housing will not be provided on-site. Instead, individuals and schools will be responsible for making their own accommodations. This provides the flexibility to choose a hotel that best fits your needs and preferences. Many hotels include breakfast in the cost of the room.

There are many types of accommodations located near the Convention Center, ranging from hostels and condominiums to popular hotel chains and high-end resorts. Local and mid-range hotels may range from approximately US$30–70 per night, depending on the hotel, location, amenities, and time of booking. Rates may be higher during the November travel season, so booking early is recommended.

GUESTS UNDER THE AGE OF 13

Since housing is not offered on-site, the usual **age limit of 13 will not apply** to accommodations for the 2027 ISC. However, all non-competitors and non-sponsors must register as guests in order to have access to the Convention Center and athletic event facilities. Please keep in mind that children under the **age of six** will not be permitted in the competition rooms.

MEALS

Meals will be available on-site through a variety of food vendors. Participants will be responsible for purchasing their own meals, allowing you to choose from a wide variety of cuisines and price options. Prices will vary according to what is available; however, food is generally affordable in Chiang Mai.

SAFETY IN CHIANG MAI

Chiang Mai is considered a safe destination. U.S. travelers should follow the current U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory for Thailand. As with any city around the world, it is important to travel wisely and remain aware of your surroundings.

We recommend traveling in groups, especially when exploring unfamiliar areas, and avoiding traveling alone at night. Be respectful of local customs and culture, and research destinations and activities before visiting.

As you prepare for your trip, take time to review additional travel safety recommendations and the most current travel advisory information for Thailand.

VACCINATIONS REQUIRED

U.S. travelers may find the CDC's travel health information for Thailand helpful (cdc.gov/thailand). However, you should first consult with your physician, as recommended vaccinations may vary based on your personal medical history and country of residence.

WI-FI AVAILABILITY

Wi-Fi can be found in some locations and some hotels. Be sure to understand your cellular service's international plan. If you want to have more access to the internet and phone services, please contact your phone provider for international service.

DEBIT/CREDIT CARD – EXCHANGING MONEY

You will not always find places that accept debit or credit cards. It is recommended that you exchange some money ahead of time and bring your debit or credit card as a backup.The easiest place to exchange money may be at the airport. You can also withdraw Thai baht (฿) from local ATMs using your debit or credit card. ATM and foreign transaction fees may apply, so check

with your bank before traveling. It is recommended you notify your bank/credit card companies of dates you will be traveling so your card is not put on hold due to unusual activity.

GUIDELINES AND FORMS

STUDENT CONVENTION GUIDELINES

Current *Student Convention Guidelines* may be viewed here. Forms are available in the Forms section of the Guidelines.

SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM (CF5)

If you have a student who will have a sponsor from another school, a **copy** of that school's completed Sponsor Registration Form (CF5), with the appropriate signature, **must** be included in your registration packet.

PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT CONVENTION AND RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (CF6)

ALL sponsors, students, and guests must complete the Permission for Participation Form (CF6).

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO HEALTHCARE FOR MINOR AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (CF8)

ALL students and minor guests must complete a Parent/Guardian Authorization Form (CF8).

STUDENT CONVENTION SCREENING FORM (CF16)

ALL schools must annually complete a Student Convention Screening Form (CF16) for conventions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPETITION BEGINS

Chess, checkers, and table tennis will begin at 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 20.

BLESS DONOR RECOGNITION

Beginning with the 2027 ISC, the amount required for BLESS donor recognition has increased from $200 to $400. Each school that raises and submits at least $400 to support a BLESS Center during the current school year will receive recognition at ISC. Schools making a donation of any amount will receive a Certificate of Appreciation electronically after ISC. All donations must be submitted to the BLESS Office no later than October 30.

EXHIBITS ENTRIES

Exhibits staff will be available to accept submitted entries between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 20. **You MUST check in your exhibits during this time!**

THE CONNECT

All students and sponsors are invited to The Connect, our welcome fellowship. You are welcome to wear non-rally attire (no T-shirts, please) that represents your country, state, or RSC. There will be time for games, fellowship, and treats! Bring pins to trade! Come connect with other schools Saturday from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

THE SWEET EXCHANGE
Join us for a post-rally reception, The Sweet Exchange! Bring candies or sweet treats that showcase your community, city, or country, and enjoy a time of fellowship as we trade and share sweets together.

INVITATION FOR FLAG CORPS AND COLOR GUARDS TO JOIN GRAND ENTRY
Your school's flag corps and color guard are invited to participate in the Grand Entry Ceremony. Students are encouraged to dress in their color guard and flag corps uniforms during the ceremony.

JUDGES NEEDED
International Student Convention is looking for qualified staff to assist in judging various areas of competition. If you have training, experience, or other qualifications in a particular field and would be willing to assist as a paid judge in this vital area of Convention, please email the Student Convention Office at ISC@aceschooloftomorrow.com.

JUDGES' MEETING
There will be a mandatory meeting for all judges on Sunday morning immediately following the worship service.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Attendance is strongly encouraged at the Sunday service at 10 a.m. Rest, practice, and becoming acquainted with the location of buildings and competition rooms are encouraged after the service.

AWARDS CEREMONY
Out of respect for each winner, plan to attend the entire Awards Ceremony. In order to accommodate the events at this ISC, an extra day of competition has been added. The Awards Ceremony should conclude around 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Friday, November 26. Schools will not be able to receive their packets unless they stay until the end of the Convention. Please make travel arrangements accordingly.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION
Basketball and Volleyball: Competition will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday. Please check the *Student Convention Guidelines* for the dress guidelines for both male and female students.

COMPETITION UPDATES

- A school can participate in either small ensemble or large ensemble, but not both.
- PACE Bowl will be held at **one** designated time, with all teams.
- Bible Bowl will be held at **one** designated time, with all teams.
- Only one entry per event is permitted from each school, except for Soulwinning, Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Golden Harp, Christian Soldier, Christian Worker, and Scribe's Award.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE
Online early entry upload submission must be completed by **October 1, 2027, at midnight, CST.**

NEW EVENTS

- Bible Storytelling
- Creative Sewing
- Badminton
- Futsal (five-on-five soccer)
- Chinese Chess
- 3-on-3 Basketball

EVENTS NOT TAKING PLACE

- Male/Female Archery (all categories)
- High Jump
- Discus
- Handbell Choir

OPEN COMPETITION AT ISC

Please note that no Regional Convention qualification is required for the following "official" events. (Students are encouraged to participate in these events at Regional Student Convention; however, it is not a requirement to qualify for International Student Convention.)

NOTE: These events count toward the total number of school and individual entries submitted/entered. (Total combined number of performance and nonperformance events must not exceed twelve per individual.) Only one entry per event is permitted from each school, except for Soulwinning, Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Golden Harp, Christian Soldier, Christian Worker, and Scribe's Award.

- Bible Memory (#201)
- Website Design (#223)
- PowerPoint® Presentation-Linear (#224)
- PowerPoint®-Nonlinear (#225)
- Soulwinning (#230)
- Golden Apple (#231)
- Golden Lamb (#232)
- Golden Harp (#233)
- Christian Soldier (#234)
- Christian Worker (#235)
- Consecutive Word Count (#236)
- Scribe's Award (#237)
- Metalworking (#313)
- Scrapbooking (#314)
- Pennant Design (#315)
- Formals (#352)
- Coats/Suits (#353)
- Knitting (#360)
- Afghans (#362)
- Color Guard (#461)
- Flag Corps (#462)
- Music Composition (#550)
- Music Arranging (#551)
- Dramatic Monologue (#603)
- Preaching—ages 13-15 (#609)
- Preaching—ages 16 and up (#610)
- Ventriloquism (#624)
- Interpretation for the Deaf (#626)
- Radio Program (#627)
- Scripture Video (#628)
- Group Bible Speaking (#629)
- A.C.E. Character Trait Video (#630)

GAME ZONE EVENTS

Game Zone events are open to ALL participants attending International Student Convention and do not require Regional Convention qualification or preregistration.

All Game Zone event participants must conform to the dress and appearance guidelines for similar event categories.

No official events will be **rescheduled** due to conflicts with Game Zone. All *Student Convention Guidelines* will apply for Game Zone events.