



Board Resolution by Circulation 2010.4

Location of CPRsouth6 conference

Background:

The rule-of-thumb we have been following brings CPRsouth6 to South/Southeast Asia (defined as west of the Gulf of Thailand and including Indonesia) following the odd-numbered conferences that were held in the Eastern side (Manila, Beijing, Xi'an).

Another criterion we have used (with the exception of Sri Lanka in 2009) was the presence of a significant number of students who would be potential policy intellectuals.

Proposal:

Based on these criteria and preliminary inquiries, we can make the following recommendations in ranked order:

1. Bangkok. Board Member Pirongrong Ramasoota has indicated interest and the possibility of securing low-cost accommodation for the participants at Chulalongkorn University, subject to approvals and such. Member of the National Telecommunication Commission, Dr Sudharma Yoonaidharma, has worked with LIRNEasia for several years and is likely to support the conference. The ongoing efforts of national reconciliation attenuate concerns about political stability. Bangkok is a major airline hub and is likely to allow us to keep travel costs down. The country is used to hosting international events and visas are likely to be manageable.
2. Dhaka. We do not have a Board Member in Bangladesh, though we have had significant participation over the years. LIRNEasia has many relationships in Bangladesh and is still working on evoking interest from the Institute of Governance Studies at BRAC University. We do not see the likely host institution providing funds, though it may be possible to arrange some sponsorships from the mobile operators. Low-cost accommodation can be found, though the location may not prove to be very attractive to paper-givers.

Both countries satisfy the criterion of presence of large numbers of potential policy intellectuals. The proposed expansion of the Board (to be discussed in Xi'an) will allow us to offer Board positions to key people necessary to make the event successful in either location.

1. The location of CPRsouth6 should be

Bangkok	
Dhaka	

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