

**Thai TESOL 2017
General Report
Submitted by Mike Peacock**

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Name: The 37th Annual Thailand TESOL International Conference & ELT Leadership Management Certificate Program
Theme: ELT Pathways to Professional Excellence
Date & Location: January 19th to 21st, 2017
The Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

YOUR INFORMATION

Name: Mike Peacock
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Current KOTESOL Position: Daejeon-Chungcheong President
Nominations and Elections Chair

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.
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2. Main contact person at the conference, if different.
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PAC COUNCIL MEETING

The PAC Council meeting was held on Saturday, January 21st. Absent were the FEELTA and ETA-ROC representatives.

Key Points:

- PALT's conference will be held in December 2017. Exact date and location TBA.
- Contact for PAC is at the bottom of the new website (<http://www.pac-teach.org/>)
- KOTESOL will host this year's PAC Conference, which includes The Asia Youth Forum. JALT noted that student VISA's take time, so planning should be starting now.
- JALT proposed that we make more time for PAC members to meet at our international conferences.
- Next year's THAI TESOL will be held on January 19th and 20th in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- KOTESOL gave information regarding PAC representatives to their 2017 conference, as well as an invitation to 5 pre-vetted presenters from each PAC affiliate.

SYNOPSIS OF THAI TESOL 2017

The Thai TESOL International Conference was held on January 20th and 21st. It was combined with TESOL's ELT Leadership Management Certificate Program, which was held on January 19th. The conference was held at The Ambassador Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. With a theme of "ELT Pathways to Professional Excellence", the conference began Friday morning with an opening ceremony and keynote speech at 08:40.

Highlights:

- Plenary #1: Dudley Reynolds. The professional English Language Teacher's Pathway to Excellence.
- Plenary #2: Herbert Puchta. Emotional Engagement in ELT.
- Plenary #3: Christine Coombe. Professionalism and English Language Teaching.
- Plenary #4: Hanan Khalifa. Assessment Literacy- is it the holy grail?

The plenary speakers were given a 45-minute time slot. Eight featured speakers were also given 45-minute time slots. Throughout the conference, there were 109 parallel sessions (30-minute time slots) and 22 workshops (45-minute time slots). There were 650 attendees at the conference.

The venue was very convenient, having both the hotel and convention area in the same building. The plenary was held in a large auditorium on the first floor of the convention area. Exhibitors were located outside of the auditorium. Escalators and stairs took attendees to the second floor where the parallel sessions and workshops took place. Presenters were provided with a very comfortable room with notebook, projector, and bottled water. Speaking of water, there were dispensers located throughout the venue. As well, coffee, tea, and snacks were provided between each session. A buffet lunch was provided to all attendees on both days of the conferences. Publishers and organizational partners were provided with a box lunch on both days. There was also a VIP dinner held on the first night of the conference. There were 30 exhibitors present while two PAC partners (JALT and KOTESOL) had display tables.

PHOTOS:



OPENING CEREMONY



PAC Partners (JALT, PALT, THAI TESOL, KOREA TESOL)



Korea TESOL Display Table



Thai TESOL PAC MEETING



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PRESENTATION ROOM



FRIDAY LUNCH (Available to all attendees)



FRIDAY VIP DINNER (Available by invitation only)



CHRISTINE COOMBE, PLENARY SPEAKER