

# Bangkok Training Center - WGO Info Package

Name: WGO Bangkok Training Center

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Center Director: Associate Professor Sathaporn Manatsathit

## Introduction:

The Training Center in Bangkok, Thailand, was opened on March 20, 2006. The Center is based in Siriraj Hospital, one of the largest facilities in the region, with 2500 beds and a medical school. Associate Professor Sathaporn Manatsathit is the Managing Director of the Center.



## Main Objectives / Goals:

- To train doctors and nurses from local and surrounding countries i.e. Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, etc, in GI Endoscopy and related fields (doctors from other regions are also welcome)
- To run Master Classes in GI Endoscopy and introduce new techniques to the region
- To assist local and regional Gastroenterology societies in training program
- To liaise with WGO in arranging international training on other aspects of Gastroenterology

## Facilities:

Due to the fact that all trainees should have hands-on practice during their training period, several training sites within the Bangkok Metropolitan Area have been included so that an appropriate number of patients and endoscopic events can be accommodated.

The major training site is in Siriraj Hospital (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the 84<sup>th</sup> Siriraj Anniversary Building).

Satellite training sites are located in Chulalongkorn Hospital, Ramathibodi Hospital, King Mongkut Hospital, Rajavithi Hospital, Police Hospital, and King Bhumiphol Hospital, where endoscopic equipment and well trained endoscopy staff are available.

In addition, further satellite training sites are available in the north of the country at Songkla Hospital, Khon Kaen Hospital and Chiangmai Hospital.

## Teaching Facilities:

The Maximum number of trainees is 1 persons/ course.

Given proper funding, courses could be organised as listed below:

Training Course	Period	Number of courses
Basic esophagogastroduodenoscopy and colonoscopy training course	3 months	4 times / year
Endoscopic Retrograde CholangioPancreatography (ERCP)	3 months	4 times / year

training course		
Combined ERCP and Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) training course	6 months	2 times / year

Accommodation for the trainees is not provided, however reasonable accommodation can be arranged near the training center at the rate USD 150-300 per month at trainees' own expense.

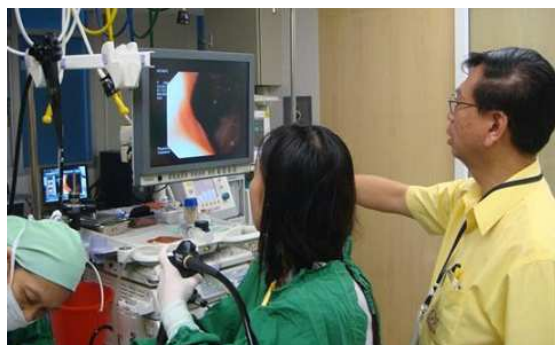
The Center may be able to provide accommodation, meals, assistance with medical registration, etc for visiting faculty upon approval on a case by case basis for visiting lecturers or professors.

### Faculty and Staff:

Instructors:

Siriraj Hospital:

- Dr. Udom Kachintorn
- Dr. Sathaporn Manassathit
- Dr. Thawatchai Akaraviputh
- Dr. Somchai Leelakusolvong
- Dr. Supot Pongprasobchai
- Dr. Thanyadej Nimmanwudipong
- Dr Asada Methasate
- Dr. Siwaporn Chainuvatti
- Dr. Varayu Prachayakul
- Dr. Watcharasak Chotiyaputta
- Dr. Monthira Maneerattanaporn
- Dr. Nonthalee Pausawasdi



Rajvithi Hospital:

- Dr. Thawee Ratanachu-ek

King Mongkut Hospital:

- Dr. Surapol Chuenratanakul

Chulalongkorn Hospital:

- Dr. Rungsun Rerknimitr

Ramathibodi Hospital:

- Dr. Chomsri Kositchaiwat

### Equipment and Procedures

Endoscopy rooms: 9 Rooms

Scopes: GIF 28, PCF 8, CF 14, TJF 8, SIF 1

Endoscopists: 32 Persons

Endoscopy Nurses: 16 Persons

Endoscopy Nurses Assistant: 15 Persons

### Number of procedures performed per year:

EGD	6,096
Colonoscopy	5,856
ERCP	861
EUS	473
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,286</b>

**Areas of Training:**

- Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy
- ERCP
- EUS

**Courses Offered:**

Training courses are available. Length and time for each training course as follows:

<b>Training Course</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Number of courses</b>	<b>Course fee</b>
Basic esophagogastroduodenoscopy and colonoscopy training course	3 months	4 times / year	3,700 USD
Endoscopic Retrograde CholangioPancreatography (ERCP) training course	3 months	4 times / year	4,000 USD
Combined ERCP and Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) training course	6 months	2 times / year	6,000 USD

A full comprehensive course can also be arranged and is 2 years in duration (includes upper endoscopy, lower endoscopy and ERCP with therapeutic endoscopy).

Training less than 3 months or longer than 12 months for each course is possible and/or negotiable.

**Training Periods and Dates for 2014:**

<b>Training Course</b>	<b>Starting date of training</b>
Basic esophagogastroduodenoscopy and colonoscopy training course	February – April
	May - July
	August –October
	November - January
Endoscopic Retrograde CholangioPancreatography (ERCP) training course	March - May
	June - August
	September – November
	December – February
Combined ERCP and Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) training course	March - August
	September - February

## Training Process:

- The training process includes delivery of theoretical knowledge (in the form of lectures and video presentations) and hands-on practice under the trainer's supervision.
- Training faculty incorporates a panel of local experts which run most of the training program while a number of international experts from WGO join to advise and monitor the training program and curriculum.
- As the GI Endoscopy Society of Thailand usually arranges an annual conference with live demonstration in January or February, the center tries to schedule the Endoscopy Training Program so that it coincides with the Thai Endoscopic Annual Program that candidates may also benefit from the conference



## Accommodation:

Reasonable accommodation can be arranged nearby the corresponding training site at the rate of USD 150 – 300 per month.

## Regulatory Requirements:

1. VISA required for the country which is not exempted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. The trainees will perform hands-on training under supervision of the attending staffs; hence no inland licensing is required.

## Certifications:

Certifications are issued at the end of the course with the title "Training in Basic Upper and Lower GI course/ or Training in Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy course" and signed by Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital and Chairman, Siriraj endoscopy Center.

## Trainee Application Process:

### Trainee Qualifications:

- Age between 28 – 40 years
- MD graduate from a recognized medical school
- English language competency, at such a level that casual and technical communication is feasible, is essential (exceptions are made for countries in which Thai language is comprehensible, i.e. Laos, Cambodia)
- Preferred candidates should have intentions of working in the field of Gastroenterology or General Surgery
- Priority is given to those candidates who work in government institutes or hospitals with endoscopy facilities
- Prior experience is preferred but not essential (for basic course)

Remarks: For more advanced courses, selection criteria can differ and may require basic experience in endoscopy.

Required documents for application:

- Certificate of MD competition
- Official letter of nomination by national society
- Certificate of practice in gastroenterology or surgery
- 2 pictures
- Personal curriculum Vitae

Selection of Trainees:

- Candidates should be proposed or nominated by each country's national society
- Selection of candidates is done by the Steering Committee of the Gastroenterology Association of Thailand under supervision of WGO

Expected number of trainees per year is 3 – 5

Since November 2007, the Bangkok Center has the trainees as follow:

Name	Country	Type	Date	Status
Dr. Khampasong Rattanavong	Laos	Basic Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy Course	1 Nov 2007 to 31 Jan 2008	Public Hospital
Dr. Dipesh Lal Gurubachaya	Nepal	Basic Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy Course Advance Therapeutic Endoscopy Course	5 May 2008 to 31 Oct 2008	Kathmandu Medical College
Dr. Oukeo Khouthalyvong	Laos	Basic Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy Course	3 Nov 2008 to 31 Jan 2009	Sethathirath Hospital
Dr. Ahlmedul Kabir	Bangladesh	Advance Therapeutic Endoscopy Course	3 Nov 2008 to 31 Jan 2009	Dhaka Medical College Hospital
Dr. Djaml Bouazza	Canada	Basic Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy Course	2 Feb 2009 to 30 May 2009	Private Hospital
Dr. Shahram Ali Ibrahim	Iraq	Basic Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy Course	12 May 2009 to 31 Aug 2009	Hivee Hospital Erbil
Dr. Bikash Adhikari, Nepal	Nepal	Basic Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy	3 August – 30 October 2009	Bhaktapur Hospital
Dr. Prashant Verma, India	India	ERCP	10 August – 10 November 2009	Wimmera Healthcare Center
Dr. Gaurav Gandhi, India	India	ERCP	10 August – 10 November 2009	
Dr. Adegboyega Akere	Nigeria	Basic Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy	2 November 2009 – 29 January 2010	University Hospital of Ibadan
Dr. Karem	Turkey	ERCP	2 November	Marmara