Announcement

On 28 August 2015, the Royal Thai Government launched the "Multiple Entry Tourist Visa (METV)" scheme in addition to the existing sixty (60) days Single – Entry Tourist Visa. The METV has a visa validity of six (6) months and the duration of stay of up to sixty (60) days per visit. The METV scheme will be effective from 13 November 2015 onwards.

The METV is available to tourists of all nationalities. Applicants can apply for the METV at all Thai Embassies, Consulates-General as well as Honorary Consulates worldwide. The following documents must be submitted with a completed visa application form for consideration.

- 1. Passport with the validity of not less than six (6) months;
- 2. Bank statement for the last six months with a minimum balance equivalent of two hundred thousand (200,000) baht (approximately five thousand (5,000) Euro) for an individual applicant or four hundred thousand (400,000) baht (approximately ten thousand (10,000) Euro) for a family;
- 3. Employment letter or statement of enrolment from an academic institute;
 - 4. Roundtrip flight reservation or ticket (at least for the first entry);
 - 5. Hotel reservation confirmation (at least for the first entry); and
- 6. Residence permit or proof of residency (for applicants who are not Dutch nationals)

(Please also be advised that the Consular Officers reserve the rights to request additional documents as deemed necessary.)

In this connection, from <u>13 November 2015</u> applicants who wish to enter the Kingdom of Thailand for tourism purposes can apply for:

- (1) <u>Single Entry Tourist Visa</u>: The application fee is 30 EUR, with a visa validity of three (3) months and the duration of stay of up to sixty (60) days, or
- (2) <u>Multiple Entry Tourist Visa</u>: The application fee is 150 EUR, with a visa validity of six (6) months and the duration of stay of up to sixty (60) days per visit.

The sixty (60) days Tourist Visa with "Double (2)" and "Triple (3)" Entries will no longer be available.

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Nationals of certain countries are required to apply for a visa only at the Thai Embassy or Consulate-General in their home/residence country or at the designated Thai Embassy. Therefore, travellers are advised to contact the Royal Thai Embassy in The Hague or the Royal Thai Honorary Consulate-General in Amsterdam to find out where they may apply for a visa to Thailand before departure. กมลกอัครราชทุก

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