

ASEAN Region Development and WFCQ AOFC Preparations Bangkok & Pattaya, Thailand, 26.-27.10.2015

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Report on present issues

1. General

During the visit IFF had an escort in Mr. Grittayaluck Siripongboonsitti, Assistant to Mr. Siriwat, who helped us with all practical details and we had a car to our disposal. In addition Mr. Jason Choo, Liaison to the President travelled with us to Pattaya.

IFF participated in a dinner together with the Thailand Hockey Association Board, in Mr. Siriwat's home. The following persons participated:

- Dato' Sri Chaipayak Siriwat – Thai Hockey President
- Mrs. Narumon Siriwat – Thai Netball Association President (Spouse)
- Admiral Pichajin Kamentchan – Thai Hockey Vice President
- Admiral Teenstat Pansakun - Thai Hockey Vice President
- AVM Gingsarn Charornjitta – Thai Hockey Treasurer
- Dr. Praom Suntornviphat – Thai Hockey Technical/Development officer
- Mr. Verapong Borisutsukkamol – Thai Hockey Media Relations
- Mr. Rach Ratanawichit – PTT Oil company Sponsor
- Mr. Werasak Wisalaporn – Thai Hockey Competitions
- Police Major General Chavoen SriSasalak – Thai Hockey Advisor
- Mr. Jason Choo – Thai Hockey Board member
- Mr. Grittayaluck Siripongboonsitti – Thai Hockey Officer

The Thai Hockey Board participated in most of the Events.

IFF also made a site check to the Bangkok Indoor Stadium Huamark (6.000 spectators – FIFA Futsal World Cup 2012) and the Bangkok Arena (12.000 spectators – Asian Futsal Championships 2015) for possible coming events in Bangkok. Both venues are well suited for International Events

2. WFCQ Contract discussion

The WFCQ contract was discussed in detail in a meeting with Ms. Nin Siriwat, secretary to the President and Mr. Chaipayak Siriwat, Thailand Hockey Association President. A large part of the Thailand Hockey Association Board took part in the meeting.

IFF gave a general explanation of the tasks for the organiser and run through parts of the IFF Organisers Handbook, in order to clarify the tasks related to the organisation of the Event. Especially the system for referee costs was discussed in depth. IFF informed that there will be a need of four referee pairs for the tournament. In accordance with the contract Thailand Floorball will pay the travel, board & lodging of three IFF Officials.

After the general update, Ms. Siriwat asked what will be the most critical issues in the organisation, where IFF answered that the issues related to the match secretary and time keeping, the local media visibility, enough of local spectators and above all having enough of volunteers.

Mr. Siriwat informed that the LOC will promote the Event to the ex-patriots in Pattaya and has agreed with the local PE teachers to have audience in the matches.

The contract was signed in Bangkok the following day, after some additional discussions.

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3. AOFC WFCQ Site-visit

The AOFC WFCQ will be played at the Pattaya Sport Stadium from the 2nd to the 7th of February.

The LOC is proposing to have all teams living in the Ambassador Hotel in Pattaya. The LOC will make an offer for the accommodation and meal package at the Ambassador hotel to the teams. This information needs to go out in November. The hotel is very big and they have all needed facilities to accommodate the teams and organise specific rooms for meals and meetings.

The LOC will transport the teams from the Airports with busses to the Official hotel, the Ambassador. The distance from the hotels to the venue is approximately 10 minutes by car.

4. Pattaya Sport Stadium – Venue Check

The Stadium has been built for the SEA Games in Thailand and has been used for a number of International Events. The venue is 90 x 60 m and has a concrete floor. All spectator stands are at one side of the venue. The venue has air conditioning, which is one of the reasons for choosing it. There is one score board in the venue and the lightning is sufficient. LOC plans to install curtains to have a nice set-up.

LOC is proposing to play the tournament on an Indoor hockey sub flooring, consisting of blue plastic tiles (20 x 20 cm), which the Thailand Floorball has practiced on earlier. The same flooring will be used in the nearby Pattaya High School 7 gymnasium. Based on previous experience the tiles will work quite well, but the ball might behave a little different in the seams in the tiles.

There are 6 big changing rooms, with showers and enough rooms for the referees, anti-doping, media, seminars and IFF Office. The LOC plans to install internet in the venue for the Event. There are enough VIP rooms to choose from regardless of how the field is placed in the venue.

IFF needs to assist the LOC with a rink, goal cages and balls for the Event, which shall be sent to Thailand before December. The importation will be assisted by Mr. Ratthapol Phaingam from the Sports Authority Thailand (SAT)

5. Thailand Floorball Development

Mr. Siriwat informed that the Thai Floorball is planning to enter the School games in 2016 with boy's and girl's teams. This is due to that Thailand Hockey Association is removing indoor hockey and replacing it with Floorball. In order to be able to do this a number of referees needs to be educated, in order to be able to referee the tournaments. IFF will provide a referee instructor with the help of the Swedish Federation for a training session in November 2015, with some 20 potential referees.

In addition it was agreed that IFF will run a development seminar for coaches, in advance of the WFCQ, between the 31.01.-02.02, giving the coaches the possibility to observe the first day matches of the WFCQ.

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6. Next Steps SEA Games 2017/2019

Presently Floorball is not yet on the program of the SEA Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2017. According to the information the program has to be defined a year in advanced of the Event. This gives us still some time to lobby for Floorball.

As the constellations in the SEA Games Council are related to the number of medals each country can get, it is very important to talk to the Malaysian NOC (OCM) about the possibilities for the Malaysian teams and how well the sport has spread in Malaysia. As Floorball is on the SEA Games Charta as a category 3 sport, it is just for the organiser to include it. But as there are a number of political constraints, it is not that easy.

The Malaysian Floorball Federation needs to finalise the affiliation of the organisation of the OCM and clarify the situation to the IFF. After this IFF needs to seek audiences with the OCM President HRH Tunku Imram and the OCM secretary general Ms. Beng Choo Low

Mr. Siriwat promised to support Floorball in the SEA Games Council and talk to the other countries, but the initiation must come from Singapore.

It was also decided that Mr. Siriwat will invite the SEA Games Council to the WFCQ in Pattaya, with the NOC representatives from Laos, Cambodia and the Philippines.

Mr. Siriwat gave the advice that it is very important to have Singapore to push for Floorball. IFF needs to seek support from the Singapore NOC secretary general Mr. Chris Chang.

7. *Turkmenistan Asian Indoor Games 2017*

Mr. Siriwat stressed that it is very important to start discussions with the Turkmenistan organisers concerning the Asian Indoor and Marshall Arts Games 2017

8. *Other Issues*

IFF informed about the development seminar organised in Savannakhet, Laos and that the Regional Education Office will be invited by IFF to the WFCQ in Pattaya.

It was agreed that IFF will provide the signal from the WFC to Thailand Floorball for the use in Thai TV, in order to popularise the sport in Thailand.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- To speak with Rizal/Malaysia Floorball about present situation
- To speak with Sani Mohd Salim, about the situation
- To seek audience with Chris Chan, Singapore NOC to discuss SEA Games 2017
- To seek audience with HRH Tunuk Imram, OCM President
- To seek audience with OCM secretary general Beng Choo Low

Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- To organise the Referee seminar in November and February (TE)
- Coach seminar in connection to the WFCQ 31.01. – 02.02. (PiL)
- Invite Laos for the WFCQ (PiL)
- Talk to Sani about the Myanmar situation (TE)
- To ship rink, goal cages and balls to Thailand (VH)

New ideas, etc...

- Ms. Siriwat to provide the contact details for Thai TV, so that IFF can provide the TV signal from the WFC 2015 (PiL)