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# MEKONG FORUM 2019



## GMS LOGISTICS FORUM 2019

### BRIDGING BORDERS: GMS Connectivity for Inclusivity and Sustainability

A JOINT FORUM ON LOGISTICS

July 24-25, 2019

Pullman Hotel,  
Khon Kaen, Thailand



## Welcome to Khon Kaen and to the Mekong Forum – GMS Logistics Forum 2019!

Thank you for joining us in this milestone event organized by Mekong Institute and Khon Kaen Federation of Industries and co-hosted by Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau. We hope that this event will prove to be a valuable platform for networking, discussion and catalyzing meaningful collaborations and partnerships for us in the Mekong region.

To aid in your travel arrangements, this welcome pack provides you with information about Khon Kaen, accommodation and land transfer instructions, contact information of our staff and other important logistical information.

If you have any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to call or email us using the information provided in the *Conference Staff* section of this welcome pack. You can also check [www.mekongforum.com](http://www.mekongforum.com) for more information.

Have a wonderful stay in Khon Kaen!

**Mekong Forum – GMS Logistics Forum 2019 Secretariat**

# JOIN US IN KHON KAEN

## ABOUT KHON KAEN CITY

This bustling city is one of the major cities in the Northeast region of Thailand, located on the Khorat Plateau in the central-northwestern area of Isaan around 450km from Bangkok.

The city is bisected by Mithrphap Road, also known as the “Friendship Highway” or “Highway 2”, the road that links Bangkok to the Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge and Vientiane, Lao PDR. This modern, multi-lane by-pass enables facilitation of light traffic, and provides the access point to the airport and to the main roads of Kalasin and Mahasarakham on the east, and Udon Thani on the north.

Khon Kaen is a regional center for education, finance, and transportation. It is also an industrial center especially of the region’s silk trade, as well as an agricultural hub. Khon Kaen is one of the major cities under Thailand’s National Economic and Social Plan.

## CLIMATE

July in Khon Kaen: Average High 33.0 C and Average Low 25.0 C

## CONFERENCE VENUE

### Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid Hotel

**Address:** 9-9 Prachasumran Road, Nai Muang, Khon Kaen, 40000, Thailand

**Rate:** 1,700-1,800 THB (Avani Room King or Twin); 2,000 THB (Deluxe Room); 2,700-3,000 THB (Junior Suite) \*rate includes breakfast

**Tel:** (+66) 43913333

**Fax:** (+66) 43913334

**Email:** [pullman@pullmankhonkaen.com](mailto:pullman@pullmankhonkaen.com)

**Website:** <http://www.pullmankhonkaen.com/>

The hotel is located in downtown Khon Kaen. It is a 15-20-minute drive from the Khon Kaen Airport and about 2-5 minutes from the railway station. The Central Plaza Khon Kaen is 2-5 minutes by car and about 10 minutes on foot.



## PICK-UP ARRANGEMENT

Airport transfer is provided to Forum guests and participants staying at Pullman Khon Kaen Hotel and hotels listed in this welcome pack. Please confirm flight details with our team.

Upon arrival at the Khon Kaen Airport, please look for an MI staff bearing the **Forum logos** or the **Mekong Institute logo**. For any flight changes, kindly inform our **Transport Team**.

If you wish to travel on your own from the airport to the hotel, a taxi counter is available to your left upon exiting the arrival gate of the Khon Kaen Airport.

You may show them the Thai name and address of Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid Hotel below:

โรงแรมพูลแมน ขอนแก่น ราชา ออคิด  
9/9 ประชาสำราญ ถนนในเมือง อ. เมือง, 40000 ขอนแก่น, ไทย

## ACCOMMODATION

You may also arrange your accommodation in other hotels in the area. These hotels are suggested as they are on the way or near the venue and therefore are convenient for pick-up arrangements.

### KOSA Hotel (โรงแรมโชนะ)

Address: 250-252 Srichan Road, Nai Muang, Khon Kaen, 40000

Rate: 1,300-3,000 THB (for government officers); 1,700 -4,000 THB (other guests) \*rate includes breakfast

Tel: (+66) 43320320, (+66) 43225014-8

Fax: (+66) 43225013

Email: [reservations@kosahotel.com](mailto:reservations@kosahotel.com)

Website: [www.kosahotel.com](http://www.kosahotel.com)

### Fun-D City View (โรงแรมสันติ ซิตตี้วิว)

Address: 19/59 Chalermprakiat Road, Amphoe Muang, Khon Kaen, 40000

Rate: 550 – 950 THB \*rate does NOT include breakfast

Tel: (+66)86 3696556

Email: [fun-d59@hotmail.com](mailto:fun-d59@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.fun-d-cityview.com](http://www.fun-d-cityview.com)

### Charoen Thani Khon Kaen (โรงแรมเจริญธานี)

Address: 260 Srichan Road, Amphur Muang, Khon Kaen, 40000

Rate: 1,200 - 4000 THB \*rate includes breakfast

Tel: (+66) (0) 4322 0400 14

Email: [rsvn@charoenthanikhonkaen.com](mailto:rsvn@charoenthanikhonkaen.com)

Website: [www.charoenthanikhonkaen.com](http://www.charoenthanikhonkaen.com)

## TRANSPORTATION

### Taxi

Taxis in Khon Kaen are available 24/7. The meter starts at 40 baht and the service charge is 20 baht if the pick-up arrangement is made through a call center.

Tel: (+66) 43 465777; (+66) 43 465343; (+66) 43 465380; (+66) 43 364028

Line ID: @TAXiKK

### Tuk Tuk

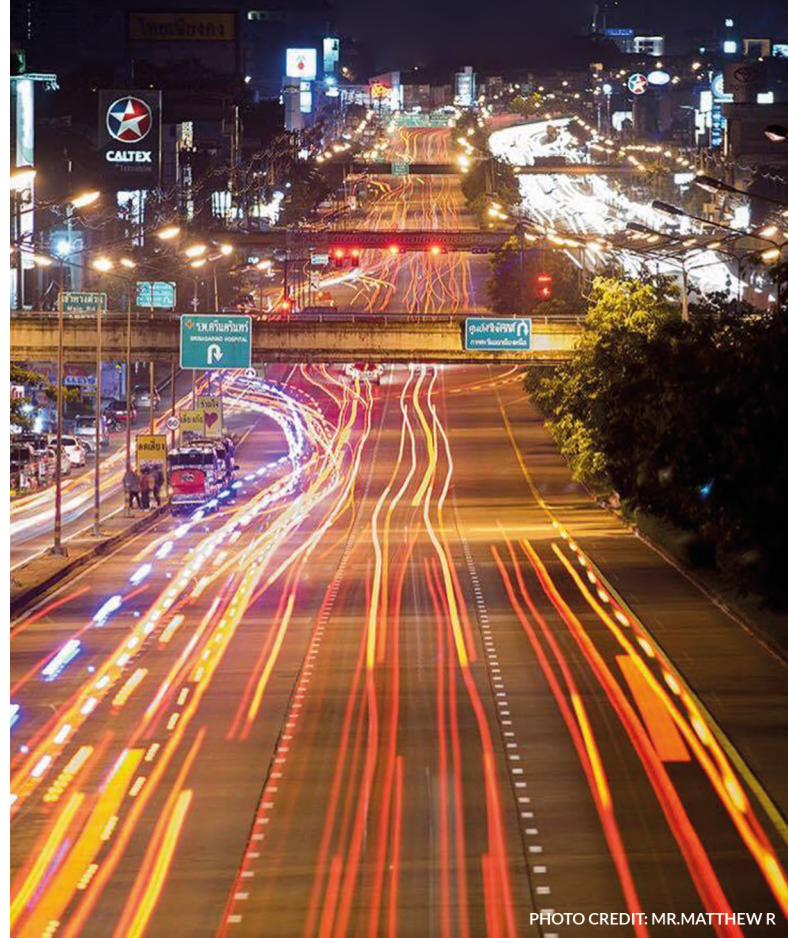
Tuk tuks are also available in Khon Kaen but the service charge will depend on your bargaining ability and agreement with the driver. Make sure to agree on a price before taking the ride.

### Song Taew

Song Taews are available from early morning (06:00) till evening around 19:00. Service charge is around 10 baht per person per trip.

### Khon Kaen City Bus

Khon Kaen's new city buses are airconditioned, with free wifi and only cost 15THB per ride. They ply selected roads in Khon Kaen city. Visit the website (<http://www.khonkaencitybus.com/>) for the bus routes.



## SHOPPING AND RECREATION

### Central Plaza

Central Plaza Khon Kaen is a shopping mall located in the heart of Khon Kaen City. The 5-floor shopping center houses a department store, grocery, a food court, and boutiques and shops featuring local and international brands.

Central Plaza is open daily from 10:30 to 21:00.

Address: 99, 99/1 Sri Chant Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Mueang Khon Kaen

### Ton Tann Market

Ton Tann is an attractive open space featuring shops selling clothes, fashion accessories and other specialty products. It offers a wide selection of restaurants as well as live entertainment.

Ton Tann Market is open every day from 16:00 to 23:00.

Address: Thanon Mittraphap, Tambon Nai Mueang, Muang Khon Kaen

## BANKING AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Currency exchange is available at Pullman Khon Kaen as well as the following banks:

Kasikorn Bank



Siam Commercial Bank



Bangkok Bank



You can also get a good exchange rate at **Super Rich (Thailand)**, which has been given permission to run a currency exchange business legitimately.

Address: Srichan Rd., Muang, Khon Kaen, 40000 (On Srichan Road, across Charoen Thani Princess Hotel and Bangkok Bank)



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hospitals near the venue are as follows:

### Khon Kaen Ram Hospital โรงพยาบาลขอนแก่นราม

Address: 193 Srichan Road., Muang 40000, Khon Kaen  
Tel. (+66) 43 002002; (+66) 43 239000  
5-7 minutes by car from Pullman Hotel



### Bangkok Hospital Khon Kaen โรงพยาบาลกรุงเทพ

Address: Maliwan Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Muang, Khon Kaen  
Tel: (+66) 43 042888  
9-12 minutes by car from Pullman Hotel



## EVENT ADVISORY

### Side event 1: GMS FRETA Meeting (by invitation only)

Date: July 23, 2019

Time: 14:00 – 17:00

Venue: Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid Hotel [hall to be confirmed later]

### Reception Cocktails

Date: July 23, 2019

Time: 19:00 – 21:30

Venue: Sala Thai, 5th Flr., Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid Hotel

Dress code: Smart casual

### Mekong Forum 2019

Date: July 24, 2019

Time: 09:00 – 17:30 (registration starts as early as 08:30)

Venue: Orchid Ballrooms 1-2, Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid Hotel

### Business Matching

Date: July 25, 2019

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Venue: Orchid Ballroom 1, Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid Hotel

### Side event 2: TFO Dissemination Workshop

Date: July 25, 2019

Time: 09:00 – 11:00

Venue: Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid Hotel [hall to be confirmed later]

### Side event 3: OECD Seminar on Water Infrastructure Challenges in Mekong Region

Date: July 25, 2019

Time: 11:00 – 12:30

Venue: Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid Hotel [hall to be confirmed later]

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