

Functions

It is often ask what an Honorary Consul functions are and if it is a real position. Under the guidance of the Australian Embassy Bangkok the Chiang Mai Consulate seeks to provide consular assistance to Australians, promote and strengthen the Australian-Thailand bilateral relationships and to support the Australian Embassy in the consular district. The honorary consul position is recognised by the *Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963* and the functions involve:

- ★ Providing consular assistance in a sensitive manner to Australians in relation to their welfare, arrest, whereabouts, death, imprisonment, repatriation, hospitalization, or evacuation.
- ★ Maintaining good relations with the Thai government and local authorities relevant to Australia's consular and other interests.
- ★ Assisting the Embassy in relation to Australian commercial, cultural, educational, scientific and technological interests in the consular district as required.
- ★ Building general public awareness of Australia through dissemination of information.
- ★ Engaging in ceremonial and public affairs activities as a representative of Australia.
- ★ Acting as a communication channel between the Australian Embassy, Bangkok and the Thai government in the consular district, when requested.
- ★ Supporting visiting Australian officials and performing other duties as requested by the Australian Embassy, Bangkok.
- ★ Participating in the Consular Corp Chiang Mai with other country representatives.

Service Limitations

There are some limitations of the Honorary Consul of Australia and these services **cannot be performed**:

- ★ Notarial services such as witnessing or certifying documents, issuing statutory declarations for visa extension, income verification, residence certificates, marriage documents etc.
- ★ Accepting or processing Passport, Visa or Australian Citizenship applications.
- ★ Registering a marriage in Thailand.

These **services are provided** by the Australian Embassy in Bangkok. The Embassy conducts **Consular Outreach Programs to Chiang Mai** a number of times during the year to provide notarial services and acceptance of passport applications.

(Note: Visit dates are posted on the Australian Embassy Website or contact the Australian Embassy Consular Service Section directly on 02 344 6300 or email – consular.bangkok@dfat.gov.au. Passport information is available at – www.passports.gov.au

For **VISA** enquiries please visit the **Australian Visa Application Centre** Chiang Mai, operated by VFS Global, for the Australian Government.

Contact details: Siriphanich Building L6, 191 Huay Kaew Road (opposite Maya Centre) or see: – www.vfsglobal.com/Australia/Thailand. They can also be contacted by Phone 02 118 7100 or email – info.dibpth@vfshelpline.com

References – Australia

Passports – www.passports.gov.au

Visa Type – www.border.gov.au

General Info – www.australia.gov.au

Making Contact

The Honorary Consul is available during Consulate business hours to take enquires in line with the functions and limitations of his role as explained in this brochure and on the Australian Embassy Bangkok website. He has support for enquires in Thai.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 9 – 12

(Visit by appointment only)

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Email: australianconsulate.chiangmai@gmail.com

24-hour Consular Emergency Centre:

+61 2 6261 3305 (from anywhere)

Address: 195/262 Moo Baan Sansaran (Mod Chic) Soi 2/7, T. Banwaen, A. Hangdong, Chiang Mai 50230

[1 km from intersection of Canal Road (121) and Samoeng Road (1269)]

Website: www.thailand.embassy.gov.au

Travel Advise: www.smartraveller.gov.au

You should **register your presence** in Thailand with the Embassy to enable them to contact you in the event of an emergency – www.orao.dfat.gov.au

Study – www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

Tourism – www.tourism.australia.com

Trade – www.austrade.gov.au

Elections – www.aec.gov.au