



## Thailand National Report



### Introduction

Paramotor and Microlight have seen their drastic surge in popularity in Thailand over the past few years. The Royal Aeronautic Sport Association of Thailand (RASAT) is an authorised governing body responsible for promoting and upholding the high standard activities and enhanced safety. Over the past year, pilots in Thailand can be divided into two groups: air sport enthusiasts and competition pilots. Although the former group is still a majority, the latter is drastically growing in number.

### Trends and Development

Thailand has its own national sport event—called ‘Thai National Games’ mobilised by the Sport Authority of Thailand. In the event, selected athletes from each area are competing. The winners are highly recognised and there may be some money rewards from the local authority. The national ranking system is adopted and thus the results from the game will justify the right to become a national athlete to compete in international events such as SEA Game, Asian Game, Asian Beach Game and Olympic Game.

Paramotor is one of the air sports being included in the national sport event. RASAT is responsible to organise the competition. Since the game was based on old local competitions, the regulations and task catalogues do not always follow FAI sporting code.

Seeing how important it is to incubate new pilot athletes to participate in international competitions, RASAT has been very active over the past few years to promote the FAI style competition. The Air Sea Land Games and King’s Cup Paramotor Open were founded and meant to follow FAI sporting codes. There are many new pilots attracted to compete in the game. In addition, there are many groups of young pilots and female pilots participating. The games are also open for international pilots.

## Past Year Activities (Year 2012)

No.	Date	Activity	Venue
1	3-13 March	Thai National Games	Khon Kaen
2	24 April-21 May	Air Sea Land Games Thailand Open	Nong Kho, Chonburi
3	24-28 May	Youth Paramotor Championship	Ayudhya
4	5-6 May	Paramotor Judge Seminar	Nong Kho, Chonburi
5	7-10 May	Pre-Asian Beach Game	Nong Kho, Chonburi
6	11-13 May	Ultralight/Microlight King's Cup Open	Nong Kho, Chonburi
7	11-13 August	Air Sea Land Games "Khon Kaen"	Khon Kaen
8	29 August	Paramotor Judge Seminar	Nong Kho, Chonburi
9	30 August-2 September	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thailand Paramotor King's Cup/1 <sup>st</sup> South East Asia Championship Open	Nong Kho, Chonburi
10	20-23 October	Thai National Games Test Event "Chiang Mai"	Chiang Mai
11	2-4 November	Air Sea Land Games "Supanburi"	Supanburi
12	30 November – 2 December	Air Sea Land Games "Krabi"	Krabi
13	9-19 December	Thai National Games "Chiang Mai"	Chiang Mai

## Conclusions

Thailand microlight/paramotoring sport is in its rising mode. The sport becomes relatively well-known to public. The local competition standard is being improved. FAI sporting codes are seriously adopted in many modern competitions.