

## Visa Exemption for Foreign Participants

On the occasion of Thailand will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Beach Games 2014 from 14 - 23 November 2014 at Phuket in anticipation of many participants from various countries who are entitled for visa exemption or who need to obtain visa before entering the Kingdom of Thailand , thus the Immigration Bureau of Thailand has informed that the existence of Ministerial Regulation to define regulations, procedure and provisions for visa exemption and alteration of visa classes promulgated on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2543 B.E.( 2002 A.D.),in consistent with the Immigration Act B.E.2522 (1979 A.D.), for temporary visa exemption by Article 12(1) to C.I. document or passport holders to enter the Kingdom for the purposes of international conference and sporting event hosting by Thai government or approving by Ministries, Bureaus and Departments concerned. In these cases, participants are granted a stay of maximum 30 days started from the date of entry. This provision is enacted to facilitate those passport holders of the countries are not entitled to enter the Kingdom mentioned in the Article 12(1) of Immigration Act 2522B.E.(1979 A.D.) who are invited to participate in international meeting or sporting competitions which cause them troubles to get visa from where there is no Thai embassy or consulate in their countries of residence.

To this connection, the Bureau requests authorities ,up from department level, who hosts the event to give all details of participants requiring visa exemption including name, surname, sex, date of birth, nationality, passport number, arrival and departure.

Please be noted that all cases should be subject to the necessity only and the authority must submit a request letter to Commander-in-chief of the Immigration Bureau at least 7 days in advance.