



The **33rd BRAND'S International Crossword Game 2018** will be held on **Thursday, July 5th - Sunday July 8th, 2018**, at **Central Plaza WestGate Shopping Complex, Bangkok vicinity.**

<p>Division:</p>	<p>International Open Division No restrictions, open to all</p>												
<p>Prizes*</p> <p>* Prize-winners with total prize money over 1,000 Baht are subject to 5% withholding tax deduction</p> <p>* Prizes will be awarded only to the players who have played all 29 games completely.</p> <p>* Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tourney.</p> <p>** Exception: the winner, the 2nd – 3rd place finishers of the regular tourney are <u>not eligible</u> for</p> <p>= Bonus Prize,</p> <p>= Senior Championship Prizes,</p> <p>= Handicap Result Prizes</p>	<p>DIVISION PRIZE:</p> <p>Winner: US\$10,000 + Gift Set</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2nd : 110,000 Baht + Gift Set</td> <td>8th : 4,000 Baht</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd : 50,000 Baht + Gift Set</td> <td>9th : 3,000 Baht</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th : 25,000 Baht + Gift Set</td> <td>10th : 2,000 Baht</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th : 10,000 Baht + Gift Set</td> <td>11th : 1,500 Baht</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6th : 7,000 Baht</td> <td>12th : 1,000 Baht</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7th : 5,000 Baht</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Bonus prize**</u>: Each player will receive 50 Baht for every winning game on July 5th – July 8th, 2017.</p> <p>=This means that everyone has a chance to win prize money.=</p> <p>SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES** To be announced by April 10.</p> <p>HANDICAP RESULT PRIZES** To be announced by April 10.</p> <p>TEAM UNITY PRIZES** To be announced by April 10.</p>	2nd : 110,000 Baht + Gift Set	8th : 4,000 Baht	3rd : 50,000 Baht + Gift Set	9th : 3,000 Baht	4th : 25,000 Baht + Gift Set	10th : 2,000 Baht	5th : 10,000 Baht + Gift Set	11th : 1,500 Baht	6th : 7,000 Baht	12th : 1,000 Baht	7th : 5,000 Baht	
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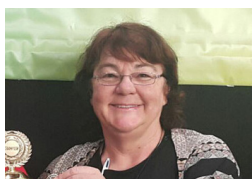
Format	<p>29 Games Game#1-25 based on Swiss-paired*** Game#26-29 based on KOTH*** then, top 2 players go to the Final Round*** Final Round: The two finalists will play the final with special rules: they have to play at least two games. If one of them wins both games, then that player is the winner. But if they tie with a win and a loss each, regardless of spread, a third game will be played. The winner, in this case, is the one who scores the most points when the scores from all three games are combined.</p> <p>*** Gibson Rules applied.</p>
Word Source	Collins 2015 , Unlike the previous years, NO list of 2-3 letter words and their inflected forms will be provided any more.
Game Timing	25 minutes per game. Chess Clock applied
Word Adjudication Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Self-checking method, a player and his/her opponent must take a look at a computer provided for challenging word(s) Single Challenge applied, a player does not lose his/her turn when he/she challenges the acceptable word(s).
Special Rules: Maximum Spread	In each game, a player is allowed to win/lose not more than a maximum spread of +/- 350 . Any exceeded spreads beyond that will be recorded to only +/- 350 points spread.
Entry Fee	US\$180 for those who have applied and paid in by April 30th , US\$200 for those who have applied and paid in by May 1st-31st US\$220 for those who have applied and paid in by June 1st-15th Entry Fee can be paid via PayPal by making the payment to info@thaicrossword.com
Schedules	Thursday, July 5th : 11am-7pm (1 st floor) Registraton / Game#1-8 Friday, July 6th : 10pm-6pm (1 st floor) Game#9-16 / Reception Dinner Saturday, July 7th : 8am-7pm (WestGate Hall - 4 th floor) Game#17-18 / Grand Opening Ceremony / Game#19-24 Sunday, July 8th : 8am-7pm (WestGate Hall - 4 th floor) Game#25-29 / Final Round / Closing Ceremony
Reception Dinner & Coffee Break	There will be coffee break (tea, coffee, sandwich) provided on July 5 th - 6 th in the afternoon. The reception dinner for all player in the International Open Division on July 6 th . Additonal guests are welcome to join both reception dinner and coffee break by paying only USD30.
About the venue	Central Plaza WestGate is one of the major shopping centers in the western zone of Bangkok. One of the convenient way to get here is by taking MRT subway (Purple Line), get off at "Talat Bang Yai" Station. If traveling from downtown, you may take MRT Blue Line then connect the MRT Purple Line at "Tao Poon" Station. For more info, please visit http://www.centralplaza.co.th/westgate or https://www.facebook.com/CentralPlazaWestgate/ For Google Maps/GPS, please enter 13.876750, 100.411428

Accommodations	<p>Some of the hotels around vicinity are: Westgate Residence Hotel (4 stars hotel) approximately US\$40 per night (4.5 kms away from Central Plaza Westgate) tel +662-924-7710. http://www.westgate-residence.com Please check www.agoda.com for more info The alternative choice is staying at any hotel downtown (i.e. Siam Square, Silom, Pratunam, Ratchadapisek. Then travel to the venue via MRT Blue Line + MRT Purple line respectively.</p>
How to Apply	<p>Send us your details (as below)</p> <p>-- Full Name: -- Age: -- Nationality: -- Occupation: -- Address: -- A recent portrait photograph send them along with PayPal's payment slip/photo to info@thaicrossword.com</p>
For more info/ Inquiry	<p>Office: +662-295-0861 to 5 Kent's mobile +668-1755-7454 or Ravee's mobile +669-5905-5565</p>

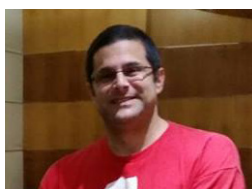
Here are some messages from the top players:



Alex Tan - I enjoy going to Bangkok for King's Cup regularly because of the massive crowds, playing with the top Thais, (and hopefully get paired with Nigel Richards too, as he's there every year) & for the grand opening ceremony on Saturday



Karen Richards - it is a "must go" event for me, probably the best in the world, certainly the biggest. Standard of competition in the international division (called "Elite") is world-class, with World Champions always included.



Eric Kinderman - The King's Cup is one of the majors in the game, always with an excellent field with players from all over the world. The "parade of nations" in front of Thai royalty, which is shown later on local TV, adds quite a unique touch. It always makes me proud to be part of such a wonderful event.

