Delegate Handbook

Opening Ceremony of the 29th International Montessori Congress

Dress Code: Formal Attire or National Costume (*all-black* outfits are not appropriate)

**Men**

✔ Shirt with necktie and long pants, or a formal suit
✔ Formal dress shoes (with socks). Acceptable are Oxfords, Loafers or Wingtips.

**Women**

✔ A knee-length skirt without side or front slits, and blouse with long sleeves
✔ A knee-length dress without side or front slits, with long sleeves
✔ Skirt suit
✔ Shoe styles: pumps, flats, stiletto or kitten heels in a plain colour
  (Trousers, short or long pants are not considered appropriate.)

**Do's and Don’ts during the Royal Reception**

- Please wear a face mask.
- Please do not take photos or record videos.
- Please mute or turn off your mobile phone.
- Please do not use your mobile phone or any other type of digital device.
- Remain seated and calm during the reception ceremony.
- Leaving and entering the auditorium during the reception programme is not permitted.
- Please be mindful not to sit cross-legged as a sign of respect for Thai customs and culture.
Programme for the Opening Ceremony on 3 August 2023

Time: 09:00–11:30 hrs. Main Auditorium MR 210–211, Level 2 at QSNCC

All guests and participants are required to arrive at the venue before 09:00 hrs. allowing sufficient time for a health check and an ATK test.

09:10–11:30 am The Opening Programme, which includes the Royal Reception Ceremony, is held in the main auditorium; the room will remain closed for the duration of the entire Opening Programme; also, please note that it will not be allowed to enter or leave the auditorium during this time.

09:10–09:35 am Opening by the Master of Ceremonies, and performances by children.

09:35–09:45 am The audience needs to remain seated, and wait for the reception ceremony.

09:45 am Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn will arrive at the Congress Centre. When the Princess enters the main auditorium, all of the audience stand up and wait until the Princess is on stage, and bow as a sign of respect. Once the Princess has taken her seat, guests and participants can take theirs.

- The Princess rises from her seat to give the Opening Speech.

10:50 am Once Mr. Roberfroid has finished his speech, the Princess will leave for the Exhibition Hall.

All of the audience stand up and bow as a sign of respect as the Princess leaves the room.

- All members of the audience remain standing until the Princess has left the auditorium.
- AMI senior staff, and the Congress Organising Committee can follow HRH out of the auditorium to return to their congress tasks.
- All members of the audience remain in the main auditorium.

11:00–11:30 am Welcome by AMI President – Mr Alain Tschudin.

11:30 am Conclusion of The Opening Ceremony Programme.

Note: The 29th International Montessori Congress provides a satellite room (Meeting Room 202-203) from where you can watch a live stream of all 3 August speeches and ceremonies taking place in the main auditorium. This service is provided for all who prefer not to sit in the main auditorium. Additionally, Meeting Room 202-203 does not require the participants to wear a face mask.

If you would like more information on the availability of translation services throughout the event, or have questions on the protocol or dress code, please contact info@montessoricongress203.org

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