



The **34<sup>th</sup> BRAND'S International Crossword Game 2019** will be held on **Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, at **Central Plaza WestGate Shopping Complex, Bangkok vicinity.**

<b>Division:</b>	<b>International Open Division</b> No restrictions, open to all												
<b>Prizes*</b>	<p><b><u>DIVISION PRIZES</u></b></p> <p><b>Winner: US\$10,000 + Gift Set</b></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><b>Bonus prize**</b> : Each player will receive 50 Baht for every winning game on July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. =This means that everyone has a chance to win prize money.=</p> <p><b><u>SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES**</u></b> (age 55 and over; must be born 31<sup>st</sup> December 1964 or earlier)</p> <p><u>Senior Prizes</u>:# 1st: 5,000 Bht + trophy # 2nd: 3,000 Bht + trophy # 3rd: 2,000 Bht + trophy # 4th: 1,500 Bht # 5th: 1,000 Bht</p> <p>=Please show your passport or ID card upon arrival at the venue.=</p> <p><b><u>HANDICAP RESULT PRIZES**</u></b></p> <p>Each player will be given special game points based upon their rating and their results in previous tournaments. Players with a higher rating will get fewer special game points than those who are rated lower. The player who finishes 29 rounds with the highest total number of final game points plus special game points will be awarded the 'Handicap Result Winner Prize' as following</p> <p><u>Handicap Result Prizes</u>: # 1st: 5,000 Bht + Gift Set # 2nd: 4,000 Bht + Gift Set # 3rd: 3,000 Bht + Gift Set # 4th: 2,000 Bht + Gift Set # 5th: 1,000 Bht + Gift Set</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>** <b>Exception: the Winner, the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers</b> of the regular tourney are <b>not eligible</b> for <b>Bonus Prize, Senior Championship Prizes, Handicap Result Prizes</b></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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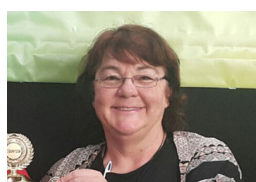
<b>Format</b>	<p><b>29 Games</b>  Game#1-25 based on Swiss-paired***  Game#26-29 based on KOTH***  then, top 2 players go to the Final Round***  Final Round: The two finalists will play the final with special rules: they have to play at least two games. If one of them wins both games, then that player 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>
<b>Word Source</b>	<p><b>Collins 2019</b>, Unlike the previous years, <b>NO</b> list of 2-3 letter words and their inflected forms will be provided any more.</p>
<b>Game Timing</b>	<p>25 minutes per game. Chess Clock applied</p>
<b>Word Adjudication Method</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Self-checking method</b>, a player and his/her opponent must take a look at a computer provided for challenging word(s)</li> <li><b>Modified Single Challenge (5-point Penalty) applied</b>, a player does not lose his/her turn when he/she challenges the acceptable word(s) but the challenged player will get 5 points for every word being challenged in that turn.</li> </ol>
<b>Special Rules: Maximum Spread</b>	<p>In each game, a player is allowed to win/lose not more than a <b>maximum spread of +/- 350</b>. Any exceeded spreads beyond that will be recorded to only +/- 350 points spread.</p>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	<p><b>US\$180</b> for those who have applied and paid in by <b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>,  <b>US\$200</b> for those who have applied and paid in by <b>May 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>US\$220</b> for those who have applied and paid in by <b>June 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup></b>  <u>Entry Fee can be paid via <b>PayPal</b> by making the payment to <b>info@thaicrossword.com</b></u></p>
<b>Schedules</b>	<p><b>Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> : 11am-7pm</b> (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  Registraton / Game#1-8  <b>Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> : 10pm-6pm</b> (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  Game#9-16 / Reception Dinner  <b>Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> : 8am-7pm</b> (WestGate Hall - 4<sup>th</sup> floor)  Game#17-18 / Grand Opening Ceremony / Game#19-24  <b>Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> : 8am-7pm</b> (WestGate Hall - 4<sup>th</sup> floor)  Game#25-29 / Final Round / Closing Ceremony</p>
<b>Reception Dinner &amp; Coffee Break</b>	<p>There will be coffee break (tea, coffee, sandwich) provided everyday afternoon. The reception dinner for all player in the International Open Division on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Additional guests are welcome to join both reception dinner and coffee break by paying only USD30.</p>
<b>About the venue</b>	<p><b>Central Plaza WestGate</b> 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 <a href="http://www.centralplaza.co.th/westgate">http://www.centralplaza.co.th/westgate</a> or <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CentralPlazaWestgate/">https://www.facebook.com/CentralPlazaWestgate/</a>  For Google Maps/GPS, please enter <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/13.876750,100.411428">13.876750, 100.411428</a></p>

<b>Accommodations</b>	Some of the hotels around vicinity are: <b>Westgate Residence Hotel</b> (4 stars hotel) approximately US\$40 per night (4.5 kms away from Central Plaza Westgate) tel +662-924-7710. <a href="http://www.westgate-residence.com">http://www.westgate-residence.com</a> Please check <a href="http://www.agoda.com">www.agoda.com</a> for more info <b>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.</b>
<b>How to Apply</b>	Send us your details (as below) -- Full Name:                    -- Age:                    -- Nationality: -- Occupation:                    -- Address:                    -- A recent portrait photograph send them along with PayPal's payment slip/photo to <a href="mailto:info@thaicrossword.com">info@thaicrossword.com</a>
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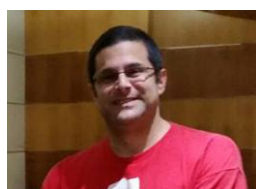
**Here are some messages from the top players:**



**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.

