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The Buses of Suvarnabhumi Airport and Suvarnabhumi Bus Terminal.

While on the way back from Hua Takhe Station I stopped by the Bus terminal at Suvarnabhumi Airport (pronounced SUE WAN NA POOM). It was quite late in the day so the light was not the best for taking pictures.

The Public transport terminal (Bus terminal) at Suvarnabhumi Airport was created as a way of allowing direct bus service to the new airport without having the chaos out the front has happened at the old airport. As a result it is located a few kilometers away from the actual airport terminal building. However there is a 24 hour express bus service linking the Airport terminal with the Bus terminal. The trip only takes about 10 minutes. The express buses run every few minutes. The Bus terminal itself has clean toilets a few banks and a few Thai food outlets and a large 7 eleven store. There are also staffed bus ticket counters for both the intercity and metro buses that operate from the Suvarnabhumi Airport Bus Terminal. Taxis are also available here if needed.

The Bus terminal offers intercity services to Nong Khai, Rayong, Pattaya, Bang Saen Beach, Rong Kluea Market, Chonburi, Chanthaburi, Trat and Mochit 2. However these buses are not frequent some only runs every 2 to 3 hours others every 20 to 30 minutes. Tickets for these buses are purchased from the intercity bus counter and onboard for the Mochit 2 bus.

The Metro Buses that run from Suvarnabhumi Airport Bus terminal are as follows:

Route 549: Minburi to Suvarnabhumi Airport (24 hour service) every 10 minutes.

Route 550: Happy Land to Suvarnabhumi Airport (24 hour service) every 10 minutes.

Route 551: Victory Monument to Suvarnabhumi Airport (24 hour service) every 10 to 15 minutes.

Route 552: Klong Toei to Suvarnabhumi Airport via Sukhumvit rd and Onnut BTS (4.30am to 9.30pm) every 15 minutes.

Route 552A: Paknam to Suvarnabhumi Airport (24 hour service) every 15 minutes.

Route 553: Paknam to Suvarnabhumi Airport via King Kaew and Srinagarindra Rds (4.00am to 10.00pm) every 20 minutes.

Route 554: Rangsit to Suvarnabhumi Airport (Expressway) via Ram Intra Rd (24 hour service) every 10 minutes.

Route 555: Rangsit to Suvarnabhumi Airport (Expressway) via Din Daeng and Viphawadi Rangsit rd. (24 hour service) every 15 minutes.

Route 556: Southern Bus Terminal to Suvarnabhumi Airport (Expressway) via Sanam Luang and Pink Lao (24 hour service) every 20 to 30 minutes.

Route 558: Samae Dam (Rama 2) to Suvarnabhumi Airport (Expressway) (4.30am to 9.30pm) every 20 to 30 minutes.

Route 559: Rangsit to Suvarnabhumi Airport (Expressway) via Kanchana Phisiek rd (4.00am to 9.30pm) every 20 to 30 minutes.

All of these buses are operated by BMTA and will take luggage on board. The best routes for heading into inner Bangkok are Routes 551 and 552. If heading to Don Muang Airport the best route is Route 555. Please allow at least 90 minutes for travel and up to 2 hours at peak times. The BMTA buses cost 34 baht per person per trip.

Additional private airport express buses operate from Level 1 in the airport terminal building and charge 150 baht per person. They operate 4 different routes that are as follows:

A1: Suvarnabhumi Airport to Silom (Covers: Siam, Soi Langsuan and Silom areas).

A2: Suvarnabhumi Airport to Banglamphu (Covers: Khao Sarn Road area).

A3: Suvarnabhumi Airport to Nana (Covers: Sukhumvit Road – Bang Na to Nana).

A4: Suvarnabhumi Airport to Hualamphong (Covers: Phaya Thai and Hualamphong Station areas).

All services operate from 5am to midnight 7 days a week. Frequency varies due to traffic. Note: Route A1 to A4 DO NOT operate from the BUS terminal at Suvarnabhumi Airport.

1. This is an image of a route A1 private Airport Express bus taken as it passes the Suvarnabhumi Airport Bus terminal. Bus unit number AE – 626. Make Unknown Mercedes.



2. This is a shot showing the general waiting area at Suvarnabhumi Airport Bus terminal. Taken looking towards the Bus ticket counters. Note: the 3 orange signs are for intercity buses and Mochit 2 buses.



3. This is a picture of a route 554 bus just as it arrived at Suvarnabhumi. This is a Euro 2 Hino bus. BMTA unit number 1-45001.



4. This is a shot of a route 551 bus waiting to depart from Suvarnabhumi. This is a Euro 2 Hino bus. BMTA unit number 4-44187.



5. This is a shot of a route 555 bus waiting to depart from Suvarnabhumi. This is a Euro 2 Hino Bus. BMTA unit number unknown. Note that the destination sign is incorrect and the supplementary board is correct.



6. This is a front on shot of a route 554 bus waiting to depart from Suvarnabhumi. This is another Euro 2 Hino Bus. BMTA unit number 1-44126.



7. This is a shot of the Golden Dragon shuttle bus to the main terminal at Suvarnabhumi Airport. This is bus unit number 05. Operating an express shuttle.



8. This is a shot of another Golden Dragon shuttle bus. Bus unit number 07 This one is waiting to operate an express shuttle despite the side destination stating Ordinary route.



9. This is another angle on Golden Dragon Bus number 07. This time waiting to depart for the main terminal at Suvarnabhumi Airport. Until the yellow buses appeared in Bangkok these airport shuttle buses were the newest buses in Bangkok.



10. This is an inside shot of Golden Dragon bus number 07. This bus is a fully low floor bus. This style of bus is very uncommon in Thailand. The seating style and internal design is similar to that of the midi floor yellow golden dragon buses.



11. This is a shot of the front doorway showing how low the floor is on this bus. No step needed to enter the bus. This is the only place in Thailand that these low floor buses operate. Note this bus is branded as Shen Long inside but Golden Dragon on the outside.



12. This is another shot showing the layout of the Suvarnabhumi Airport Bus terminal. Taken facing towards the intercity bus stands. This bus terminal has the best waiting area seats in Thailand.



13. This is a picture of the BMTA buses waiting to depart on their next trips. Taken from the middle of the roadway it gives a different angle on the buses. Note the Roof of the bus terminal extends out over the buses.



14. This is a side on image of a route 552A taken from the roadway. BMTA unit number 3-45053. This is a Euro 2 Hino RU1J Bus.





15. This is an image of the Express Van services area at the southern end of the Suvarnabhumi Airport bus terminal. On a number of bus routes additional Vans operate. This is there passenger loading area. The counter in the background is where you buy your ticket for them. The staff of the vans don't speak much English.



16. This is a shot of an express van about to be loaded. The Vans hold 15 passengers and can be faster than the bus as they skip stops when full.



17. This is another angle on a Route 551 bus waiting to depart from Suvarnabhumi. This is a Euro 2 hino RU1J bus. BMTA unit number 4-44188.



18. This is the BMTA bus information and control office in the middle of the Suvarnabhumi Airport Bus terminal. Passenger can ask for information here and the ticketing staff and drivers file their paper work here at the end of each round trip.



19. This is a shot of an original Suvarnabhumi Airport Bus route map from when the bus terminal opened. There are now 11 routes to the airport instead of the 6 shown. This information is still valid for the 6 routes it shows.



20. This is a shot of the table where the BMTA bus ticket coupons are sold. They work by offering a 10% discount of the normal fare. The coupons come in books of 25 tickets. Each coupon is valid for a single trip for the same coupon amount as the cash ticket. E.g. If the ticket is 20 baht you can use a 20 baht coupon to pay the ticket lady. Also a combination of coupons and cash is allowed.



21. This is a shot of the Suvarnabhumi Airport Bus tickets that I used to go home to Thonburi via bus route 558. The total price is 34 baht one ticket of 15 baht and one ticket of 21 baht. Yes this doesn't add up but I think the ticket price will increase sometime this year and BMTA has started to sell the new tickets at the old price.



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