



Families in Global Transition (FIGT) Conference

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Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, BAMBI is joining Families in Global Transition (FIGT) at their annual global conference, 26-28 April!

BAMBI is delighted to announce our Platinum Sponsorship of the upcoming annual Families in Global Transition (FIGT) Conference, to be held at NIST from 26th to 28th April. This sponsorship has been made possible through a generous donation by an anonymous donor who has been well known within FIGT circles for years. There are obvious synergies between FIGT's work internationally and our mission locally in Bangkok to provide support and friendship through the common bond of parenthood.

"Families in Global Transition is a welcoming forum for globally mobile individuals, families, and those working with them; promoting cross-sector connections for sharing research and developing best practices that support the growth, success and well-being of people crossing cultures around the world."

FIGT members are individuals, couples, and parents, each with their own experience of cross-cultural life and its challenges and opportunities, who want to know the latest in topics, trends, and research that affect themselves and their families. They come from academia,



international schools, global corporations, entrepreneurs, small- or mid-sized businesses, missions, the military, the diplomatic service, international organizations, non-profits, and beyond.

This is the first time the FIGT conference will be hosted in Asia and the theme is "Connect – Lead – Change: Welcoming New Perspectives to Inspire and Support People in Transition". It will bring people from across cultures and sectors: corporate, small business entrepreneurs, international schools, relocation, diplomacy, not-for-profit, academia, media, and the arts. The three-day event is jam-packed with presentations, workshops, interactive discussions, and keynote sessions.

Of particular interest to the BAMBI audience are the topics of education and counselling, including how schools can best support Third Culture Kids (TCK) with the challenges of making friendship connections and living internationally. There is also a focus on the importance of maintaining and improving the mental health of globally mobile families, for whom separation from extended family and support networks can add stress to life in another culture. Interspersed throughout will be opportunities to meet, connect, and inspire.

We at BAMBI are excited to attend the conference to share with delegates how our organization has positively impacted international families settling in Bangkok.

As part of the Platinum Sponsorship, BAMBI members are eligible for a price reduction to attend next month's conference. If you are interested in attending, please contact BAMBI at vicechairwoman@bambiweb.org. Details about the conference are available at www.FIGT.org.

