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## **UIPM COACHES CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME: ENTRY POINT FOR 24 COACHES IN SATTAHIP (THA)**



Thailand has made excellent strides in UIPM Sports development in recent years and 24 coaches from the country recently gained their first qualification.

The introductory Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) course in Sattahip (THA) closely followed Thailand's latest appearance in the UIPM Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships in Machico (POR), where they featured on the medal table.

In August, athletes from the country took part in New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event II in Manila (PHI), and the leading Thai pentathletes are in preparation for the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou (CHN).



The week-long Level 1 CCP course from November 7-12 was overseen by UIPM Instructor Bernhard Petruschinski (GER), who said: "The Modern Pentathlon Association of Thailand (MPAT) can be proud that so many participants passed the CCP Level 1 course and can start to spread their Modern Pentathlon knowledge now in various institutions.

"If the Federation use that potential carefully and wisely there will be in a short time many new training groups and spots for our sport!

"It was also amazing to see what kind of impact this course can have if participants are all open-minded. The first day was full of doubts, problems and barriers to the potential for development of Modern Pentathlon here.

"The presentation on the last day of the course on the same question was totally different: full of new ideas, optimistic thoughts and hopes for the future of the sport in Thailand. That shows me how the idea and structure of the UIPM CCP can help to change mindsets in just five days."

UIPM Coaches Committee Chairman Christian Roudaut said: "It was very pleasing to hear about the success of the Level 1 course in Thailand, which enabled 24 coaches to gain a qualification through expert tuition and to refine their coaching techniques in Modern Pentathlon.

"I would like to thank Bernhard and everybody involved in this successful introductory course, another sign of Thailand's progress in our movement which can inspire other countries in south-east Asia and around the world."

Like all CCP courses, coaches will earn their Level 1 qualification when they conclude the syllabus by completing e-learning courses covering anti-doping and harassment prevention.

For more information on the CCP please visit the UIPM Educational Platform.