🎙 IFR ATC Comms Cheat Sheet

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📍 Clearance Delivery

Obtain IFR clearance before taxiing

- ☑ "Suvarnabhumi Clearance, (Your Call sign), IFR to Chiang Mai, ready to copy."
- ☑ "Cleared to Chiang Mai via [route], climb & maintain [altitude], squawk [code], departure [frequency]."
- 🔁 "Read back": Repeat all clearance items (route, altitude, squawk, departure freq)

🅿 Ground Control

Taxi instructions & ATIS Acknowledgment

- ☑ "Suvarnabhumi Ground, (Your Call sign), with information [ATIS code], request taxi for IFR departure, runway [XX]."
- ☑ "Taxi to runway [XX] via [taxiways], hold short of [XX]."
- 🔁 "Read back": Route, hold short instructions

🛫 Tower (Departure)

Takeoff clearance & initial departure instructions

- ☑ "Suvarnabhumi Tower, (Your Call sign), holding short runway [XX], ready for departure."
- ☑ "Cleared for takeoff, runway [XX]."
- 🔁 "Switch to Departure": "Contact Bangkok Departure on [freq]"

📡 Departure / Center

Climbout & Enroute communication

- ☑ "Bangkok Departure, LETSFLY123, passing [altitude], climbing [assigned]."
- ☑ "Request direct [waypoint] / higher altitude / deviation due weather."
- ☑ "Radar contact" – Controller has you on scope

✈ Enroute

Cruise-level communication with Center

- ☑ "(Your Call sign), level [altitude]."
- ☑ "Request alt change / route amendment / weather deviation."
- ☑ "(Your Call sign), proceed direct [fix], resume own navigation."

⊞ Arrival & Approach

Transition to terminal phase

- ☑ "Chiang Mai Approach, (Your Call sign), level [altitude], with [ATIS code], request ILS runway [XX]."
- ☑ "Cleared ILS runway [XX], intercept localizer."
- ☑ "Established on localizer / Final approach fix inbound."

🅿 Tower (Arrival)

Final landing clearance

- ☑ "Chiang Mai Tower, (Your Call sign), on the ILS runway [XX]."
- ☑ "Cleared to land runway [XX]."
- ☑ "Going missed" – Executing missed approach

🛬 Ground (After Landing)

Taxi to parking and shut down

- ☑ "Chiang Mai Ground, (Your Call sign), vacated runway [XX], request taxi to parking."
- ☑ "Taxi to ramp via [taxiways]."

🚨 Emergency / Abnormal Phraseology

Use only when needed

- 🌑 "Mayday Mayday Mayday, (Your Call sign), engine failure, position [XX], intentions [XX]."
- 🌗 "Pan-Pan Pan-Pan Pan-Pan, (Your Call sign), lost nav capability, request vectors."

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