



## **International Society of Arboriculture Hosts Asia-Pacific Tree Climbing Championship**

**ATLANTA, Ga.** — The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), in partnership with the Thai Arboriculture Association (TAA), will host the 2026 Asia-Pacific Tree Climbing Championship (APTCC) from 6-8 February 2026 at Chatuchak Park in Bangkok, Thailand.

APTCC brings together the best professional tree climbers—men and women—from across the region to compete and showcase new climbing techniques and equipment. Free and open to the public, this is an opportunity to witness a unique, competitive event.

“As APTCC brings together climbers from different cultures and backgrounds, it makes the competition more exciting; this is the place where we blend and share the latest techniques, skills and knowledge in tree climbing,” APTCC Committee Chair Saifful Pathil said “APTCC is competitive and at the same time shares the same goal, to level up safety in the arboriculture industry. You will see tremendous people in the trees.”

Hosted for the first time in Bangkok, the 2026 APTCC will feature live competition events modeled after real-world tree work. Competitors compete in and are scored individually on several events—Aerial Rescue, Work Climb, Ascent, Belayed Speed Climb and Throwline—that demonstrate skill, technique and athleticism while emphasizing the importance of safety and proper tree care.

Competitors' total scores for all five events are combined, and the male and female competitors with the highest combined scores from the preliminary events move on to the Master's Challenge. The Masters' Challenge consists of one event where competitors are scored on technique and skill. The competitors in this round with the highest score are the male and female APTCC Champions.

Additionally, attendees can look forward to:

- Equipment demonstrations featuring the latest climbing and safety technologies
- Exhibitor showcases from regional and international tree care organizations
- Community engagement activities promoting urban forestry and environmental stewardship

For more information about the 2026 APTCC, please visit <https://www.itcc-isa.com/events/regional/aptcc>.

### **ABOUT ISA**

*The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., U.S., is a nonprofit professional organization dedicated to promoting the importance of arboriculture and educating the public about the significance of trees and the value of their proper care. As part of ISA's advancing the arboriculture profession, it offers the only internationally recognized certification program in the industry, including ISA Certified Arborist®. For more information about ISA and Certified Arborists, visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).*