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Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species

Awareness for Airline and Airport Staff (Africa)
Module 3 – Identifying traffickers

Airline/Airport name here

Location and date of training here

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Training Objectives

Module 3 – Identifying Traffickers

By the end of this module, you will:

- Be aware of some of the ways used by traffickers to smuggle wildlife by air
 - In carry-on baggage, check-in baggage, disguised as something else by post or courier or in cargo
- Understand where airline and airport staff might be able to identify wildlife trafficking
- Be aware of clues which can help you identify wildlife traffickers







There are four key ways traffickers move wildlife and wildlife products by air:

- Hidden on their body
- In personal baggage (check-in or carry-on)
- Air cargo
- By post or courier



Wildlife smuggling – On the person



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Wildlife smuggling – On the person



Wildlife smuggling – On the person



Challenges: Concealed contraband

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Jakarta - Usaha penyelundupan dua Owa Jawa (*Hylobatidae*) oleh Warga Negara Kuwait Tamila F Basmanova berhasil digagalkan. Wanita cantik itu nekat membawa owa di betisnya. Kok bisa?

Informasi yang dihimpun, terungkapnya penyelundupan hewan langka Indonesia itu berkat ketelitian petugas mesin X-ray di Bandara Soekarno Hatta, Tangerang. Setelah



Wildlife smuggling – Carry-on baggage



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Wildlife smuggling – Carry-on baggage

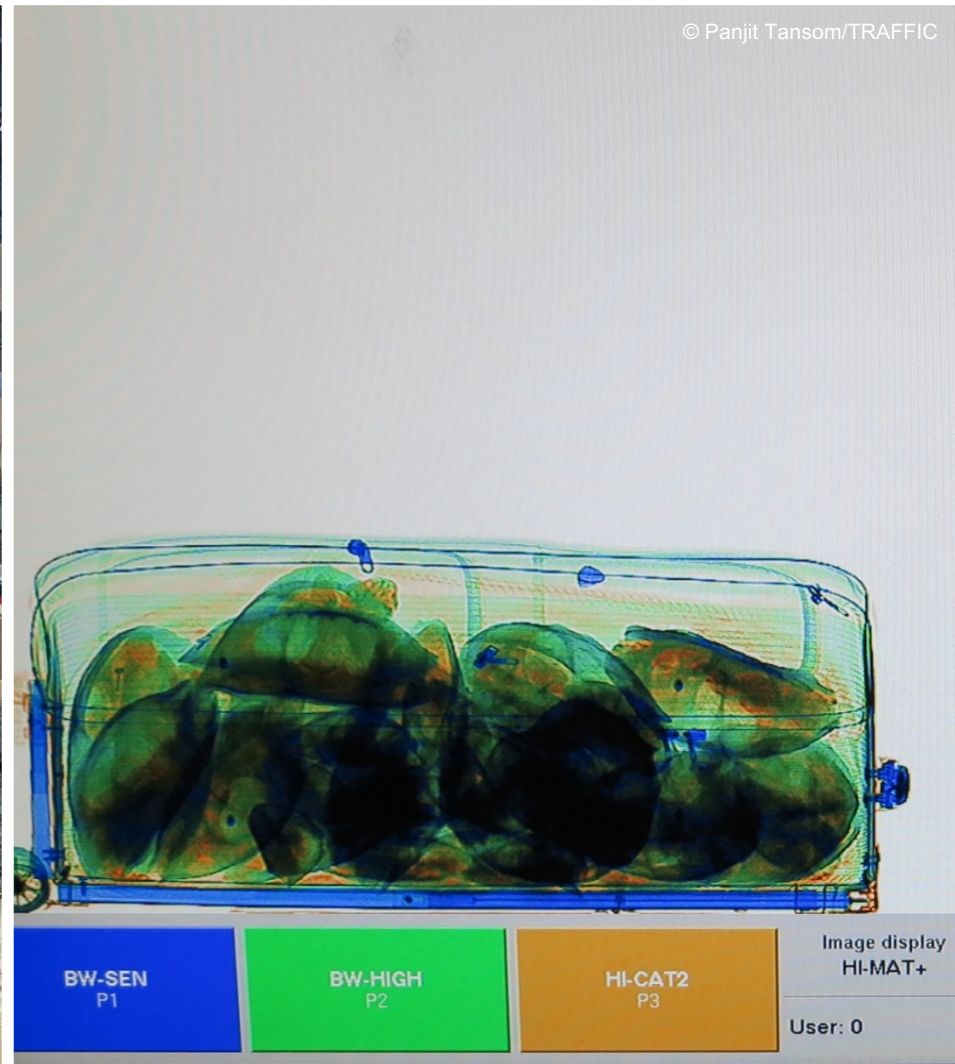


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Wildlife smuggling – Check-in baggage



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Wildlife smuggling – Disguised



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Wildlife smuggling – Cargo



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Wildlife smuggling – Cargo



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Wildlife smuggling – Post



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Wildlife smuggling – Post



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Case study – Hand Carry baggage

- **Abidjan to Hong Kong, via Dubai**
- 26kg ivory products
- Hidden in tailor-made vests, inside hand baggage



Case study – Check-in baggage

- **Angola to Viet Nam, via Paris**
- 26 elephant tusks, 142kg ivory
- Ivory covered with ‘sealant’ in suitcases



Video screenshots taken from <https://youtu.be/N4OnaKv0fHk>



Case study – International Mail

- **Zimbabwe to Hong Kong via Amsterdam**
- In two separate cases 21kg & 51kg ivory found in inbound airmail parcels labelled ‘Decorative Tiles’
- Ivory hidden under sawdust



Case study – In Cargo

- **Entebbe, Uganda to Singapore via Abu Dhabi**
- 500kg ivory sent as cargo
- Ivory hidden in four metallic drums, labelled as 'shea butter'



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Additional Case Study Examples

- **Entebbe, Uganda to Amsterdam, Netherlands**
719kg ivory and 2,029kg pangolin scales in cargo –
25 January 2016
- **Juba, South Sudan via Entebbe, Uganda to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**
1,200kg ivory seized from cargo – 17 June 2016
- **Malawi to Bangkok, Thailand via Ethiopian Airways**
330kg ivory described as rough stone – 8 March 2017
- **Malawi to Hanoi, Viet Nam via Nairobi, Kenya**
119kg rhino horn hidden in 2 suitcases – 16 March 2016



Use this slide to provide local information on wildlife trade, for example this could include recent seizures, changes in the law etc.

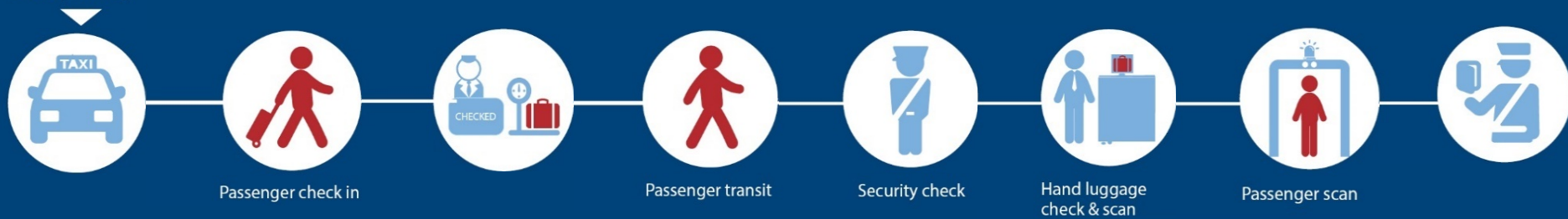
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WHAT **YOU** CAN LOOK OUT FOR



PASSENGER
START
of the journey



PASSENGER
START
of the journey



Passenger check in

Passenger transit

Security check

Hand luggage
check & scan

Passenger scan

CARGO
START
of the journey



Ground staff baggage
control

Luggage scanned

Cargo in transit

Ground crew load
luggage

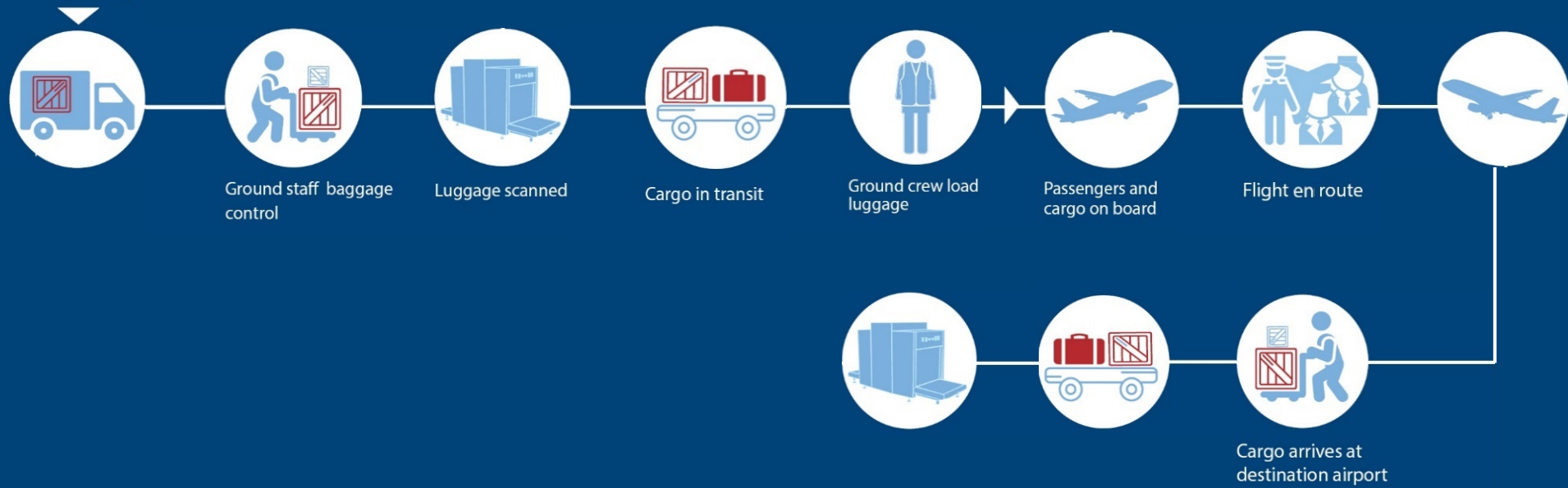
Passengers and
cargo on board

Flight en route

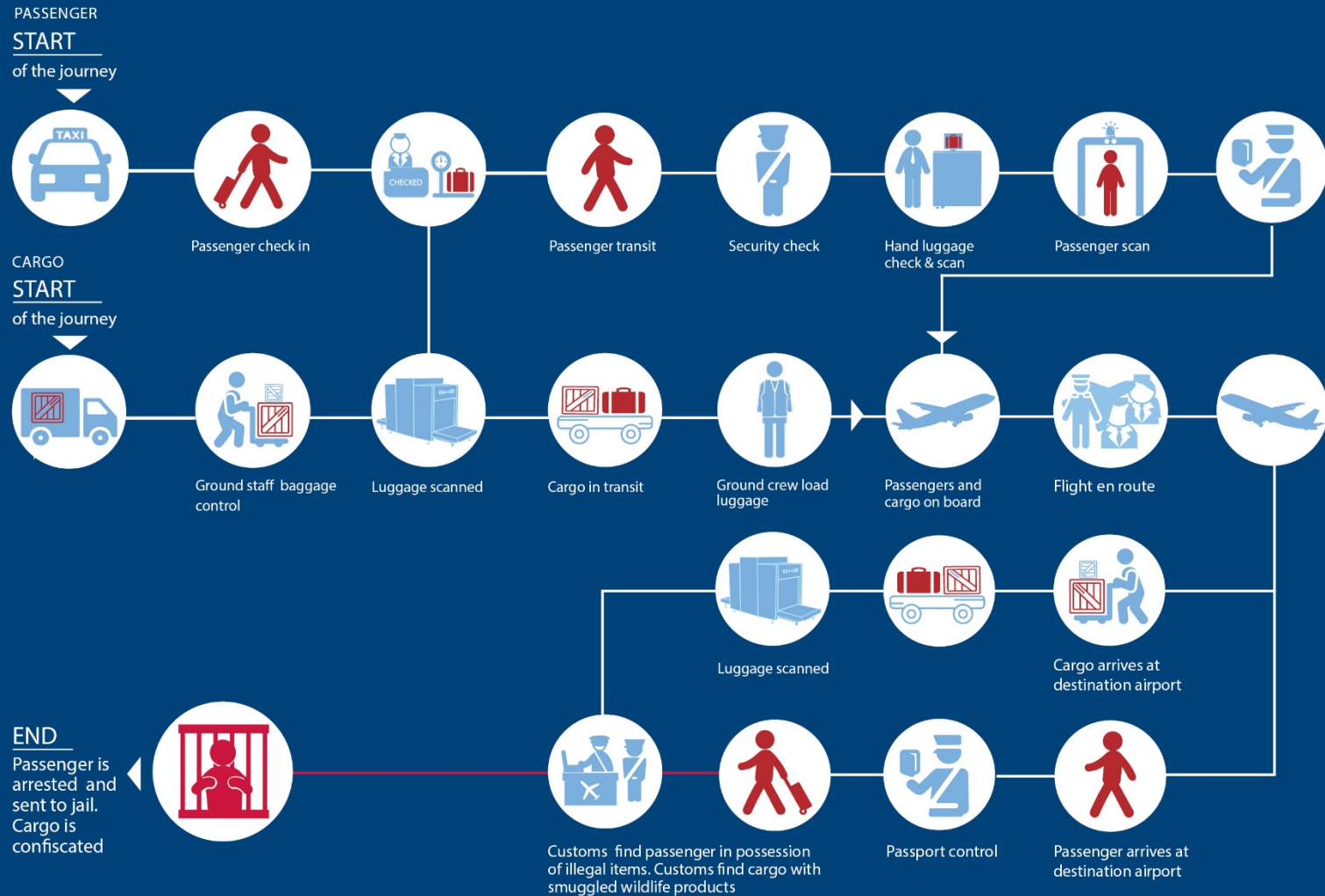


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CARGO
START
of the journey



Trail of the Trafficker



What you can look out for



Check-in

- Unusual route and connections
- baggage smells unusual



Security

- Clothes too big
- Wrong clothes for climate
- Multiple connection boarding passes



What you can look out for



Scanner

- Unusual smell or movement
- Contents not as expected
- Scan shows organic items or ivory



Immigration

- Abnormal travel
- Nervous passenger



What you can look out for



Cargo Handler

- Origin doesn't match declared contents
- Air holes where none needed



Ground Staff

- baggage/cargo moving
- baggage/cargo smells
- baggage/cargo makes noise
- Unusual/multiple connection tags



What you can look out for



Cabin Crew

Passengers who:

- Don't eat or move
- Are very nervous
- Smell unusual
- Wear baggy clothing



Customs

- Act on tip offs
- Known trafficking routes
- Frequent checks
- Check passengers and small bags



Remember!



Inappropriate Clothing

- Wrong clothes for climate
- Baggy clothing
- Clothes don't match occupation



Involuntary Responses

- Sweating, dilated pupils
- Avoids eye contact
- Nervousness
- Shaking & twitching



Remember!



Nervous Body Movements/Speech

- Adjusts clothing/jewelery
- Talks fast
- Delayed responses
- Repeats questions

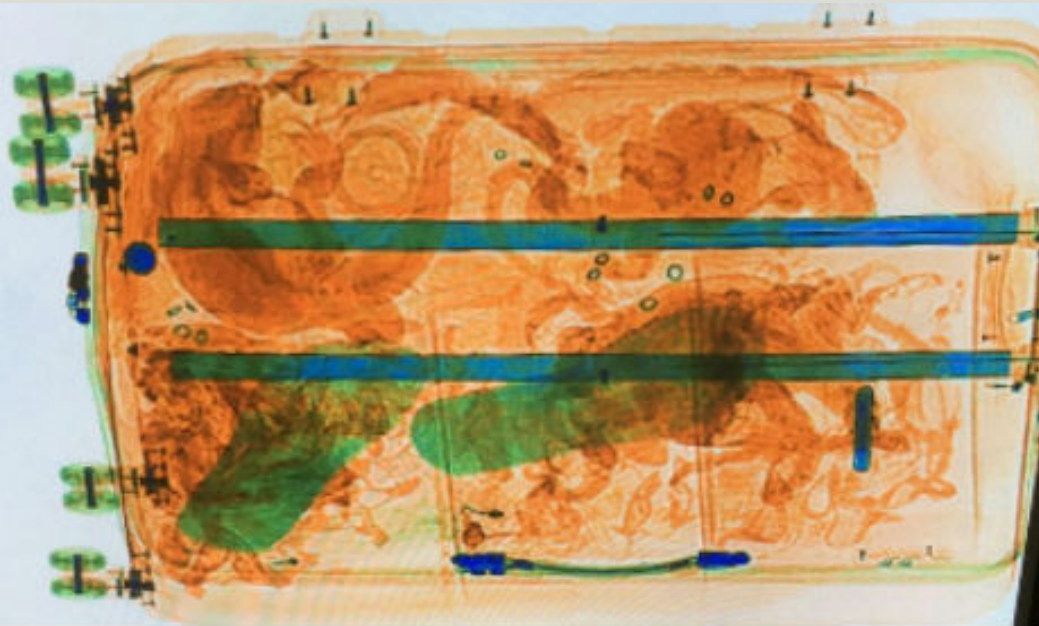


Use Your Senses

- Unusual smells
- Animal sounds/noises
- Moving clothing



What you can look out for



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What you can look out for



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THE NUMBERS GAME!

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Over 320
BILLION



Over
35,000



Numbers

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Numbers

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Any Questions?



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Additional Slides



Case study

- **Africa to Hong Kong**
- ~ 1900kg of ivory seized at Hong Kong Airport since 2015
- Seized from cargo, passenger clothing, hand and check in baggage and in postal packages.



Origins: Angola, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Zimbabwe

Transit: Ethiopia, Netherlands, South Africa, Singapore, Turkey, U.A.E.



Case study – Cargo

- **Lagos to Ha Noi, Viet Nam via Abu Dhabi**
- 309kg ivory found in cargo shipment
- Declared as 'hydraulic toughened glass'



Case study – Cargo

- **Mozambique to Malaysia via Qatar**
- 18 rhino horns found in a small crate in a cardboard box at the cargo warehouse
- The crate was declared as 'obra de arte' (*artwork*)



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Case study – In baggage

- **Africa to Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, via Qatar**
- 2kg rhino horns in passenger suitcase
- Horns were cut into pieces and hidden in milk powder cans



Case study

- **Yaounde to Accra via Ivory Coast**
- Two men arrested with 218 parrots as they prepared to smuggle them out of Cameroon
- Men linked to a similar attempt intercepted in Accra



Case study – Baggage

- **Addis Ababa to Bangkok via Phnom Penh**
- 21 rhino horns seized from passenger baggage
- Two women claimed the baggage but fled as it was scanned



Case study – Cargo

- **Madagascar to Malaysia, via Abu Dhabi**
- 330 endangered tortoises
- Hidden in baggage inside cardboard boxes, labelled as 'stones'



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Case study – Baggage

- **African countries to Paris**
- 260kg bushmeat found in 6 day operation at Paris Roissy-Charles de Gaulle Airport
- Passengers mostly travelling from West Africa



Case study – In Cargo

- Entebbe, Uganda to Singapore via Abu Dhabi
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Case Study – Check-in baggage

- Travelled from Angola to Hong Kong via Ethiopia
- 15 Vietnamese nationals
- 790kg ivory
- 32 suitcases
- Next flight to Korea and then Cambodia



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