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Dubai Expo 2020 bid gets boost as Thailand disqualified



Dubai's chance of hosting the World Expo 2020 has been given a boost after a rival bid city in Thailand was disqualified, according to press reports.

"The Thai city of Ayutthaya has failed to meet the bid criteria and therefore is no longer in the race," a source told Gulf News in Paris.

The former president of the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) reportedly accused the government of negligence and failing to support Thailand's bid, consequently leading to its disqualification, reported the Bangkok Post.

The four remaining cities competing to host the event are Dubai, Sao Paulo in Brazil, Ekaterinburg in Russia and Izmir in Turkey.

The Bureau of International Expositions (BIE), which has the final say on the World Expo locations, is currently holding its general assembly in Paris. Delegations of the potential hosts are expected to make presentations promoting their bid, according to AFP.