



“Thailand’s Investment Environment: Looking Forward”

Organized by
The Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking (JSCCIB)
with cooperation of

The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand (JFCCT)

Thursday, July 15, 2010, at 08.30-12.00 hours

At Mahisorn Hall, SCB Park Plaza

Rachadapisek Road, Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900

0800-0830 hrs.

Registration

830-845 .

Welcome Remarks

- ◆ **Dr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul**,
Chairman, The Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking
Chairman, The Thai Bankers' Association

0845-0915 hrs.

Opening Remarks

- ◆ **H.E. Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva**, Prime Minister of Thailand

0915-1015 hrs.

Session 1 : Panel Discussion on “Ease of Doing Business in Thailand”

Focus areas:

- *Trade and investment impediments affecting both local and foreign investors' decision.*
- *Main criteria to improve the country's “Ease of Doing Business”*
- *How to comply with the required international standards and the forthcoming standards.*

Panelists:

- ◆ **Mr. Mathew A. Verghis**, Lead Economist, The World Bank
- ◆ **Mr. Nandor G.von der Luehe**, Chairman, The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand (JFCCT)
- ◆ **Mr. Payungsak Chartsutipol**, Chairman, The Federation of Thai Industries
- ◆ **Mr. Dusit Nontanakorn**, Chairman, The Board of Trade of Thailand

Moderator: **Mr. Phongsak Assakul**, Vice Chairman, The Board of Trade of Thailand

1015-1130 hrs.

Session 2 : Panel Discussion on “ New Paradigm of Development with full participation”

Focus areas:

- *How has income distribution changed over the past decades?*
- *Short and long term strategies to narrow the income gaps : welfare measures and productivity improvement*
- *National Committee with broad participation to map out policy, measures and target to eradicate poverty and narrow income gaps*
- *Propose this as National Agenda*

Panelists:

- ◆ **Dr. Somchai Jitsuchon**, Research Director, Macroeconomic Department and Income Distribution, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)
- ◆ **Mr. Jean-Pierre Verbiest**, Country Director, Thailand Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank
- ◆ **Mr. Voranai Vanijaka**, Coordinating –editor, Bangkok Post

Moderator:

- ◆ **Mr. Arin Jira**,
Co-Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council
Deputy Secretary General, The Federation of Thai Industries

1130-1145 hrs.

Session 3 : Summary and Recommendation

- ◆ **Dr. Twatchai Yongkittikul**, Secretary General, The Thai Bankers' Association

1145-1200 hrs. **Closing Remarks**

- ◆ **H.E. Dr. Trirong Suwannakhiri**, Deputy Prime Minister