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Introducing the Bank Of Thailand's Official Spokesman

Bangkok, 13th, October 2000 - M.R.Chatu Mongol Sonakul, the Governor of the Bank of Thailand (BOT), officially introduced the BOT's new Official Spokesman, Dr.Bandid Nijathaworn, in accordance with the resolution of BOT Court of Directors on 22 September 2000.

Dr.Bandid Nijathaworn graduated with a Ph.D. in Economics from La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia in 1983. His previous appointments prior to joining the Bank of Thailand include Associate Professor at the Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, and later on served as a researcher of the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI) and an economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

In 1991, he began his works with BOT as an advisor for the Economic Research Department. In 1995, he was promoted Director of Economic Research Department. After that, in 1996, he became Director of the Banking Department and then, in 1997, he moved to the International Department as its Director . In 1998, he was promoted Senior Director of BOT Northern Region Office. On September 22, the BOT Court of Directors appointed him BOT Official Spokesman and the Assistant Governor, Information and Public Relations Group effective October 1st, 2000.

The main responsibility of the Assistant Governor – Information and Public Relations Group is to provide information and economic data to the public and the press. His responsibility also covers investor relations, information center, BOT library and museum.

“The Bank of Thailand is bound by its public duty to have an efficient system for providing information to meet the needs of the private sector. Developing this new system, the BOT will focus on open communication and transparency,” said Dr. Bandid Nijathaworn.

Reorganizing the Information and PR Group is a part of BOT's overall modernization program. The reorganized function of the Group will focus on improving both internal and external communications. Under the new communication system, the Bank also needs to foster the public's understanding of its policy.

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