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### **Bank of Thailand Economic Symposium 2001**

The Bank of Thailand will be organizing another annual seminar, in which the topic for this year is “**Monetary Policy in the New Economic and Financial Environment**”. The seminar is aimed to enhance the understanding in monetary policy and to open for public discussions for practical ideas which will be useful to the conduct of monetary policy.

The seminar will be held during **July 3-4, 2001** at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel. This is the second annual seminar following the first one held last year during January 20-21, 2000 under the topic “Thai Monetary Policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. All proceeds from this symposium will be conferred to His Majesty the King for his charitable projects.

This seminar has included more current issues in the conduct of monetary policy at both macro and micro levels. At the macro level, attention will be first focused on evaluation of Thailand’s GDP potential and impacts of monetary policy on the economy using a policy optimization model. At the micro level, the focuses will be shifted towards the uses of money, bond and credit market information to augment monetary policy implementation. Looking beyond the present post-crisis management mode, attempts will be made to elicit challenges facing monetary policy in the future including E-money.

There will also be a panel discussion on the direction of capital and financial markets in the new financial environment by:

Dr. Virabongsa Ramangkura	Former Minister of Finance
Dr. Olarn Chaipravat	Director and Advisor to Management Board, Siam Commercial Bank Public Company Limited
Mr. Chulakorn Singhakowin	Chairman, Thai Bankers' Association
Mr. Vichai Punpocha	Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister

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