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Bank of Thailand Symposium 2002

The Bank of Thailand will again be holding its annual research seminar this year under the topic, **“On the Road to Sustainable Growth: Getting the Fundamentals Right”**. The aim is to share with the public some key findings from recent research conducted by economists at the Bank of Thailand regarding the Thai economy and the conduct of monetary policy in Thailand. In addition, the event will serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas between prominent academics and the general public, that will serve as valuable input in the formulation of appropriate economic policy and the conduct of monetary policy going forward.

This seminar will be held during August 21-22, 2002 at the Grand Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel. This is the third annual seminar following the first one held in 2000 under the topic “Thai Monetary Policy in the 21st Century” and the second one held in 2001 under the topic “Monetary Policy in the New Economic and Financial Environment”.

This seminar is focused on presenting current academic researches of the Monetary Policy Group, Bank of Thailand, that contribute meaningfully to debate of how to improve economic fundamentals and achieve sustainable growth in the long-run. The research will cover 2 main parts. For the first part, the research will focus on analyzing the transmission mechanism of monetary policy and lending behavior of commercial banks in the aftermath of the crisis. These issues undoubtedly have direct implications on the effective conduct of monetary policy. For the second part, focus will shift toward the analyses of present and future macroeconomic stability-both on the fiscal and external fronts-to provide a framework for sound macroeconomic management necessary for sustainable growth. The seminar will also address two important issues regarding financial adjustments of the corporate sector following the crisis and determinants of long-term economic growth in Thailand.

On the last day of the seminar, there will also be a panel discussion on the topic, **“How to Get the Fundamentals Right”** providing a forum for an exchange of ideas and views between both experts and attendees. This panel discussion is shared by:

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| 1. Mr. Kosit Panpiemras | Executive Chairman, Bangkok Bank
Public Co., Ltd. |
| 2. Dr. Ammar Siamwalla | Distinguished Scholar, TDRI |
| 3. Mr. Chakramon
Phasukavanich | Secretary General, NESDB |
| 4. Dr. Bandid Nijathaworn | Assistant Governor, Bank of Thailand |

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