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### **Bank of Thailand Symposium 2005**

The Bank of Thailand will hold its annual research seminar this year under the topic, **"Thailand's Financial Challenges in the Medium Term"**. The aim is to share with the public some key findings from recent research conducted by economists at the Bank of Thailand on the Thai economy. 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.

The Thai economy has continued to grow during the past few years. However, in 2005, the pressure on inflation has risen and the current account begins to record a deficit. In the medium term, the Thai economy will have to encounter a number of financial challenges, which stem from domestic and external factors. Such challenges include the global imbalances with potential impacts on the regional economies and the Thai economy, the changing domestic financial landscape, the need to finance public investment spending and economic restructuring as well as to mobilize domestic saving that would help reduce the pressure on the current account.

Recognizing these challenges, the Bank of Thailand is conducting research on these issues. The 2005 Symposium aims to present the findings of the research works and to provide a forum for exchanging ideas regarding the key financial challenges that may have impacts on the Thai economic and financial system. The findings of these research works and the exchanged ideas should be useful in determining the appropriate policy stances. The final session of the seminar is the panel discussion on Thailand's financial challenges in the medium term. This panel discussion is joined by:

1. Dr. Ammar Siamwalla Distinguished Researcher, Thailand Development Research Institute.
2. Mr. Thirachai Phuvanatanarubala Secretary-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

3. Dr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul President of Kasikorn bank Plc..

Tickets for the Symposium are now available at 3,000 Baht. For reservations and further information, please contact the Monetary Policy Group, Bank of Thailand, tel. 0-2356-7389, 0-2283-6982.

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