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Bank of Thailand Symposium 2006

During August 9-10, 2006, the Bank of Thailand will hold its annual research symposium this year under the topic “Positioning Thailand in the New Asian Economy” at the Grand Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok. This symposium aims to share with the general public some key findings from recent research conducted by economists at the Bank of Thailand on this important topic. Moreover, the event will serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas between prominent academics and the public. This exchange will subsequently serve as a valuable input in the formulation of appropriate economic policies and business strategies going forward.

It is often said that in the 21st century, Asia will become the center of the world economic and trading system. Thus, the most critical question for policymakers is how Thailand should position herself strategically in order to not only survive but also prosper in the New Asian Economy. During this symposium, our research findings on the evolution of the New Asian Economy, its implications on Thailand, and the appropriate policy responses to provide a firm foundation for sustainable growth and international competitiveness of the Thai economy will be presented and discussed.

At the final session of the seminar, there will also be a panel discussion on “Positioning Thailand in the New Asian Economy.” The panel will consist of distinguished experts from both the public and private sectors, including:

1. Dr. Piyasvasti Amaranand, Chairman, Kasikorn Asset Management Co.,Ltd.
2. Dr. Juree Vichit-Vadakarn, Associate Professor and Chairperson,
Center for Philanthropy Civil Society, NIDA.
3. Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, Chairman, Board of Executive Directors,
Export-Import Bank of Thailand.
4. Mr. Krirk-Krai Jirapaet, Chairman, Banpu Public Co.,Ltd.

The seminar will be conducted in Thai. 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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