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Bank of Thailand Symposium 2010

Mr. Titanun Mallikamas, Director, Economic Research Department, Bank of Thailand (BOT) announces that the BOT will be holding its annual symposium under the theme “**Moving Thailand towards the Next Decade**” on 21-22 September 2010, at the Bangkok Convention Centre, Centara Grand at Central World, Bangkok.

Currently, the global economic and financial system is in transition. While many industrial countries are still occupied with problems associated with the recent financial crisis, Asian economies are recovering well and are expected to expand at an impressive rate, becoming the main engine of world economic growth going forward. Thus, it is inevitable that Asian countries are attractive to foreign investors, as evidenced by the recent surge in capital flows to the region. This situation presents both opportunities and risks to the Thai economy, and the key challenge is how Thailand can reap the most benefits from the changing global landscape while managing risks at acceptable levels. This requires prompt adjustments to overcome the present structural weaknesses and new strategies to cope with the rapidly changing environment.

To answer the question, this year’s BOT Symposium will present key research findings that will help identify the opportunities and risks that come with the new global environment and lay out the issues that Thailand must address in order to hold its ground on the international stage. This includes increasing the country’s competitiveness via higher capital accumulation, increasing the role of financial institutions to support the real sector in a more inclusive manner, reviewing the role of monetary policy in an environment of greater external volatility, and reforming the tax system so that fiscal policy could push forward necessary infrastructure and social security programs.

The BOT Symposium 2010 will also feature a panel discussion joined by distinguished experts from both the public and private sectors. Discussants include **Dr. Ampon Kittiampon**, Secretary General, Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), **Mr. Prasert Bunsumpun**, President and Chief Executive Officer, PTT Public Company Limited, **Dr. Suvit Maesincee**, Director, Sasin Institute for Global Affairs (SIGA), and **Mr. Paiboon Kittisrikangwan**, Assistant Governor, Monetary Policy Group, Bank of Thailand.

The BOT would like to invite those who are interested to come and listen to our academic viewpoint and be a part of the discussions to move the Thai economy forward in this challenging decade. For reservations and further information, please contact the Monetary Policy Group, Bank of Thailand, Tel. 0-2356-7389, 0-2283-6980-1, Fax. 0-2282-5082, or e-mail to WebTeam@bot.or.th.

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