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## Bank of Thailand Symposium 2011

Mrs. Roong Mallikamas, Director, Economic Research Department, Bank of Thailand (BOT) announced that the BOT will be holding its annual symposium under the theme “Keeping Pace with Rising Asia” on 20-21 October 2011, at the Bangkok Convention Centre, Centara Grand at Central World, Bangkok. This is in recognition of the fact that the evolving global environment requires reconsidering the region’s importance in the world economy, as well as its impact on the Thai economy, in order to face oncoming challenges and secure the Thai economy’s standing in the global arena. The Symposium will provide a platform for the Bank’s latest research and aims to provoke debate amongst Symposium participants. The views from these discussions should provide important inputs in formulating a framework for implementing macroeconomic policies going forward, in the face of changing global economic conditions.

The Symposium will be divided into two parts, with the first part comprising five presentations on key research papers. Starting off with an assessment of Asia’s potential as a driver of global growth, the issue of whether China can continue to be a growth leader as it has in the past will be tackled. Also addressed is the question of whether the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) will raise the region’s economic potential, dramatically changing the face of Asia by 2015. In the meantime, how can Thailand keep pace with the region, in light of the various structural changes that the Thai economy needs to undertake? In particular, how can Thailand and the public sector manage infrastructure investment to support growth under an environment characterized by the free flow of factors of production, and increasing challenges to businesses? Furthermore, if we are unable to raise Thailand’s economic potential, how can we avoid putting all our eggs in one basket and provide opportunities for investment abroad in this new context?

The second part will feature a panel discussion comprising experts from both the public and private sectors. Discussants include Mr. Kan Trakulhoon, President and CEO of SCG, Mr. Vikrom Kromadit, Chairman of the Executive Board and CEO of Amata Corporation Public Company Limited, and Dr. Supavud Saicheua, Executive Director and Managing Director (Head of Research Group) of Phatra Securities Public Company Limited.

The perspectives and views provided by experts and seminar participants will ensure that a more thorough assessment of the effects and a more comprehensive economic adjustment takes place.

Tickets for this event are available starting today, and are priced at 3,000 baht each. For reservations and further information please contact the Monetary Policy Group, Bank of Thailand, Tel. 0-2283-6980-1, 0-2356-7389, Fax. 0-2282-5082 or email to [WebTeam@bot.or.th](mailto:WebTeam@bot.or.th) and for more details : [www.bot.or.th](http://www.bot.or.th).

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