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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**Bangkok, Thailand
14-15 December 2017**

The meeting is co-chaired by **Ms. Rosemary HUXTABLE**, Secretary, Department of Finance, Australia, and **Mr. Dechapiwat NA SONGKHLA**, Budget Director, Bureau of the Budget, Office of the Prime Minister, Thailand.

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8.30-9:30 **Registration**

9:30-10:00 **Keynote Address by Deputy Minister of Finance of Thailand, His Excellency Mr. Wisudhi Srisuphan**

10:00-10:30 Family Photo followed by Coffee Break

10:30-10:45 **Welcome Remarks by Co-Chairs and OECD Secretariat**

10:45-13:00 **SESSION 1 -- Roundtable on Recent Budgeting Developments in Asia**

This session is designed for participants to make presentations on recent budgeting and public expenditure developments in their countries/economies.

This allows participants to exchange information on budgetary practices and current and envisaged reforms in individual countries/economies. It provides a useful opportunity for participants to keep up to date with developments in an informal setting.

Given constraints on time within this roundtable discussion, participants may wish to provide short, written statements to supplement their presentations.

13:00-14:30 Luncheon

14:30-16:00 **SESSION 2 -- Budgeting for the New Economy – Adapting to Digitization and Demographic Change**

This session will discuss the opportunities and challenges for budgeting in the new economy, including adapting to digitization and demographic changes. It will be led by a presentation by Mr. Mårten Blix, former Director, Budget Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Sweden. This will be followed by a presentation by Professor Hideaki Tanaka, Meiji University, Japan, offering reflections on governments' responses in this area. The floor will then be opened for discussion among all Delegates.

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 SESSION 3 -- OECD Best Practices for Performance Budgeting

After a long period of development and experimentation, some form of “performance budgeting” has been adopted by most OECD and Asian countries/economies. In the process of implementation, significant experience has been gained about what works and what doesn’t. The OECD has captured these in a set of OECD *Best Practices for Performance Budgeting*. The session will also feature a discussion of performance budgeting and multi-year expenditure frameworks. Following a presentation by the OECD Secretariat, the floor will be opened for discussion among all Delegates.

From 19:00 Gala Dinner Hosted by the Royal Thai Government

Friday, 15 December 2017**9:00-10:30 SESSION 4 -- Data Analysis and Targeting Public Expenditures**

This session will focus on how governments can use data analysis in order to target public expenditures more effectively and efficiently. The session will be led with a presentation by Mr. Andrew Blazey, Director, Budget and Public Investment, The Treasury, New Zealand. It will cover the progress and challenges from New Zealand's initiative in this area. Following the presentation, the floor will be opened for general discussion among all Delegates.

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

**11:00-12:30 SESSION 5 -- OECD Survey of Health Care Budgeting Practices in Asia
OECD Report on Budgeting for Health Care in the Philippines**

The OECD has been actively engaged in the fiscal sustainability of health care systems – both in OECD and Asian countries/economies. The OECD Secretariat will present the preliminary results of a survey conducted of health care budgeting practices in Asia. It will also present a country review conducted on *Budgeting for Health Care in the Philippines*. Following an introduction by the Secretariat, and a reaction by the Philippines, this session is designed for Delegates to discuss the special issues associated with budgeting for health care.

12:30-14:00 Luncheon

14:00-15:30 SESSION 6 -- Fiscal Relations across Levels of Government

Reforming fiscal relations across levels of government is a significant initiative being undertaken in a number of OECD and Asian countries/economies. The session will open with a presentation by Professor Christine Wong, Director of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Melbourne. She will cover general principles in this area as well as focusing on specific examples, notably from China. This will be followed by a presentation by Ms. Xu Li, Senior Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute, on sub-national debt in china. Finally, Thailand will make a presentation of its major reform programme in this area. The floor will then be opened for general discussion among all Delegates.

15:30-16:00 SESSION 7 -- Report by the OECD Secretariat & Future Work Programme

This session is designed to update participants on current and future projects by the OECD in the field of budgeting and public expenditures.

It is also an opportunity for participants to identify emerging priority areas for future work, the nature of their interest in the subject and their willingness to participate in particular studies.

16:00 Closing by Co-Chairs and OECD Secretariat

GENERAL INFORMATION

DISCUSSION FORMAT

The meeting is designed for maximum interaction among participants. Each substantive session will open with one or more brief lead presentations. This will be followed by several rounds of questions and comments by Delegates. Please limit each intervention in length in order to foster discussion.

CONFERENCE LOCATION & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The meeting will take place at **The Oriental Hotel**, which is located by the Chao Phraya River at 48 Oriental Avenue. <http://www.mandarinoriental.com/bangkok/>

Special room rates have been negotiated for conference participants at The Oriental Hotel. Please see the attached Online Booking Instructions note for the procedures to reserve a room with these special rates.

REGISTRATION

All participants are requested to complete the registration form and return it to the Secretariat ahead of the meeting.

The meeting will commence promptly at 9:30 a.m.. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and Delegates are asked to kindly arrive with sufficient time to complete the registration formalities.

DOCUMENTATION

Background documents and/or PowerPoint presentations will be available for each of the main substantive sessions. The documents will be distributed electronically to all registered participants prior to the meeting.

ENTRY FORMALITIES

Delegates are advised to confirm any necessary visa requirements for entry in to Thailand.

LANGUAGE

The meeting will be conducted in English.