Welcome to the second edition of the OECD Thailand Country Programme newsletter! The Thailand Country Programme, launched in May 2018, aims to help bolster Thailand’s domestic reform agenda, support its transition to high-income status and bring the country closer to OECD standards and instruments. This second edition of the newsletter highlights activities from November 2018 - February 2019.

More information on our work with Thailand

High-Level Events

OECD and Thai Officials Meet to Discuss Next Steps for Co-operation

15 February 2019 - Bangkok, Thailand

OECD Deputy Secretary-General Masami Kono met with Mr. Vivachart Prayurasak, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs during his visit to Bangkok. They discussed overall OECD-Thailand co-operation, including the ongoing work of the Joint Project of the Thailand Country Programme. DSU Kono underlined the OECD’s interest in supporting Thailand’s ASEAN Chair priorities in 2019, particularly in the areas of digital ASEAN, connectivity and sustainability.

Launch of the Multi-dimensional Country Review of Thailand (MDCR): Volume II

15 February 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand

The OECD, in collaboration with Thailand’s Office of SME Promotion (OSMEP), held a series of workshops to present the key findings of the MDCR. Volume II focused on the thematic dimensions of security, trade, and digitalisation. The capacity-building workshops aim to support Thailand in mainstreaming its curriculum and bolstering its domestic reform efforts.

Capacity Building Activities

Capacity Building Workshops on SME Development in Thailand

18-22 February 2019 - Bangkok, Thailand

The OECD, in collaboration with Thailand’s Office of SME Promotion (OSMEP), held workshops for stakeholders to present the key findings of the SME Policy Index: ASEAN 2018. Discussions centred on finance and targets, mapping existing SME support structures, and policies to support the integration of SMEs into larger companies. The workshop focused on curriculum design and the development of a comprehensive SME policy framework. The capacity-building workshops aim to support Thailand in mainstreaming its curriculum and bolstering its domestic reform efforts.

Workshop on Curriculum Design

30-31 January 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand

Building on the key findings of the 2018 Publication on Education in Thailand: An OECD-UNESCO Perspective, the OECD and the Basic Education Commission (OBEC) conducted the first in a series of three workshops. The workshop focused on curriculum design and the development of a comprehensive curriculum. The capacity-building workshops aim to support Thailand in mainstreaming its curriculum and bolstering its domestic reform efforts.

Conference on Raising Learning Outcomes in Southeast Asia: Insights from PISA

29-30 November 2018 – Bangkok, Thailand

Thailand’s Ministry of Education hosted a regional conference, entitled,’ Raising Learning Outcomes in Southeast Asia, Insights from PISA’, for ASEAN countries. The event was designed and organised by the OECD in collaboration with the Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST). The Conference discussed strategies and practices to improve curriculum, instruction and assessment measures.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS ON THAILAND

The report analyses opportunities and challenges related to the promotion of policies based on science and technology, and the relation of these policies to innovation. The 2018 edition features a new and expanded case study from Thailand and a new perspective on innovation in OECD countries.

The report is part of IAI’s ‘Thailand Knowledge and Innovation Assessment’ series, which looks at country-specific factors related to innovation in science and technology, including policy environment, research and development (R&D) activities and expenditures, human capital, and public and private R&D investment. The report makes recommendations for increasing R&D investment, enhancing human capital, and strengthening policy and institutional frameworks.

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