Welcome to the first edition of the OECD Thailand Country Programme newsletter!

Launch of the OECD Thailand Country Programme
31 May 2018 – Paris, France
During the 2018 OECD Ministerial Council Meeting, OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría and Thailand's Minister Attached to the Office of the Prime-Minister, Mr Kobsak Kropkatosi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to launch the Thailand Country Programme, the first in Southeast Asia. The three-year initiative will support Thailand's structural reform efforts, focusing on inclusive growth, governance, transparency, the business climate and competitiveness.

Thai-OECD Conference on Investment Policy
17-18 September 2018 – Bangkok, Thailand
The OECD, in partnership with Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organised a conference on investment policy. The meeting discussed and outlined good policy practices in improving the framework conditions for a sound investment climate in Thailand. It was also used as a platform to commence the OECD Investment Policy Review of Thailand, which will be conducted over 2018-19.

Bilateral Meeting between OECD DSG Masamichi Kono and Thailand’s NESDB SG Thosaporn Sirisumphand on OECD-Co-operation
20 September 2018 – Paris, France
During his visit to France, Dr Thosaporn Sirisumphand paid a courtesy call on the OECD Deputy Secretary General Mr. Masamichi Kono. SG Sirisumphand and Mr. Kono discussed ways to strengthen OECD-Thailand Co-operation through the Thailand Country Programme. The discussion covered also Thailand’s priorities for its ASEAN Chair 2019.

Inter-sessional Steering Group Meeting of the OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme
20 September 2018 – Paris, France
At the meeting, HE Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Ambassador to France of Thailand and Mr. Seung-Ho Lee, Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Permanent Representative of Korea, the co-chairs outlined their strategic priorities for the Programme going forward. All ten Southeast Asian countries, OECD representatives, and Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, participated in the meeting. The Steering Group approved a new SEARP Initiative on Competition Policy. The meeting also featured one of the most recent deliverables of the SEARP, the ASEAN SME Policy Index 2018. Finally, responding to one of the Tokyo Ministerial meeting mandates, delegates discussed how the SEARP has mainstreamed gender throughout the work streams of the Programme.

Meeting of the OECD Development Centre’s Mutual Learning Group (MLG) on Multidimensional Review of Thailand - Phase II
24 September 2018 – Paris, France
The OECD welcomed the delegation from Thailand’s Office of the Prime Minister to the OECD Development Centre’s Mutual Learning Group (MLG) meeting, where the delegation presented and discussed the upcoming Multidimensional Review of Thailand. In-depth Analysis and Policy Recommendations. The Volume II of the MDCR will be launched by the end of 2018 and followed by the preparation of the Volume III, to be released in early 2019.

Visit of Deputy Minister of Education Udom Kachintorn to the OECD
23 October 2018 – Paris, France
Mr. Udom Kachintorn, Deputy Minister of Education led a Thai delegation from the Council of University Presidents of Thailand (CUPT) to the OECD to discuss global trend of education and challenges for developing countries with the OECD experts. In this occasion, the Deputy Minister also paid a courtesy visit to OECD Deputy Secretary-General Ludger Schuknecht.

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RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS
31 October - 1 November 2018
Policy Dialogue on Transforming SMEs in Southeast Asia, Bangkok, Thailand
29-30 November 2018
Regional Conference on Raising Learning Outcomes in Southeast Asia, Insights from PISA, Bangkok, Thailand
13-14 December 2018
14th OECD-Asian Senior Budget Officials Annual Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand

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