Welcome to the Fourth 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 edition highlights activities from June to September 2019.

- OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme

23 September 2019 – Paris, France

Mr. Arthayuth Srisamoot, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and H.E. Mr. Hyung Keun-Kil, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Korea to the OECD co-chaired the Intersessional Meeting of the Steering Group of OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme. The meeting discussed the challenges and opportunities associated with ASEAN connectivity policies. Dr. Aladdin Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN also highlighted the ongoing work on connectivity initiatives in the region.

In addition, Mr. Arthayuth Srisamoot emphasised that several issues should be addressed to improve human capital development in Thailand and in Southeast Asia, notably ministerial development gaps, the future of work, workforce management and the ageing society. Human Capital Development will be the theme of the next OECD Southeast Asia Regional Forum in 2020, hosted by Thailand in Bangkok.

- Capacity Building Activities

Workshop on curriculum design

30 July to 1 August – Bangkok, Thailand

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4 July- Bangkok, Thailand

The OECD and the Office of the Council of State (OCS) held the International Conference on the principles and global practices of tenist region in the context of emerging technologies. Over one hundred Thai policymakers attended the Conference, supporting capacity-building efforts associated with the OECD Regulatory Reform Review of Thailand. Deputy Prime Minister Of the Thailand, Kruang-ngam delivered the opening speech highlighting the importance of OECD good regulatory practice to support Thailand’s development strategy. Experts from Canada, Korea, Japan, New Zealand and the UK were among the key speakers. The Conference was preceded by the fifth official meeting of the ASEAN-OECD Good Regulatory Practices Network held in Chiang Mai on 1-2 July.

Launch of the Integrity Review of Thailand: Phase II and Workshop on Public Ethics

25-27 June – Bangkok, Thailand

The OECD launched the process of the second phase of the Integrity Review of Thailand. Phase II will cover corruption risk management, internal control and auditing, disciplinary and ethical measures, integrity safeguards in decision-making processes and transparency in policy formulation. At the launch, Ms. Orna Vejjalia, Deputy Secretary-General of the Office of the Public Sector Development Commission (OPDC) highlighted that the first Integrity Review of Thailand has already led to key improvements of the integrity system and that the expanded scope of the second review phase will help restore citizens’ trust in government. It was followed by a two-day capacity-building workshop on public ethics on 26-27 June 2019 in Bangkok.

Budgetary Governance Review and Gender Budgeting Action Plan of Thailand

24-28 June – Bangkok, Thailand

The OECD convened a five-day fact-finding mission to review Budgetary Governance and a Gender Budgeting Action Plan of Thailand. The mission was under the direction of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget of Thailand. Meetings with stakeholders aimed at identifying policy recommendations for Thailand’s budgetary governance practices and to design a multi-year, programme of broad-based, impactful gender budgeting. Experts from Italy and Australia were the country peers for this process.

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September 2019
The third volume of the Multi-dimensional Country Review (MDCR) of Thailand draws on the previous volumes’ in-depth analysis and policy recommendations. This report focuses on northern Thailand. It proposes a set of actions to support three transitions that Thailand needs to implement in order to move to the next level of development: 1) moving towards a more regionally balanced growth path; 2) simplifying multi-level governance; and 3) improving the management of water resource and risk management.

The Illegal Wildlife Trade in Southeast Asia: Institutional Capacities in Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam examines the governance frameworks for countering illegal wildlife trade in the countries. After assessing the effectiveness of several responses to wildlife crime in these countries, the report provides recommendations for strengthening the capacities of the institutions involved and improving strategies to counter illegal wildlife trade.

Revenue Statistics in Asian and Pacific Economies 2019 compiles comparable tax revenue statistics for Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tokelau and Vanuatu and comparable non-tax revenue statistics for the Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tokelau and Vanuatu. The model is the OECD Revenue Statistics database, which is a fundamental reference, backed by a well-established methodology, for OECD member countries.

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