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2nd ANNUAL MEETING OF OECD ASIAN SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS

ANNOTATED AGENDA

**Bangkok, Thailand
21-22 November 2002**

*The meeting is hosted by the Thai Bureau of the Budget.
It will take place at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Bangkok.*

*The meeting will be co-chaired by Mr. Pornchai Nuchsuwan, Director, Bureau of the Budget, Thailand,
and Mr. Geert van Maanen, Secretary-General, Netherlands Ministry of Finance.*

*The rapporteur of the meeting will be Mr. Barry Anderson, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office,
United States.*

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OECD ASIAN SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS MEETING

1. The OECD Asian Senior Budget Officials meetings are designed to bring together the budget directors and other senior officials from the Asian region, and budget directors and other senior officials from OECD Member countries, in order to share policy experiences and discuss common budgetary issues.
2. The OECD **Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members** (CCNM) promotes and co-ordinates the OECD's policy dialogue and co-operation with non-OECD Members. The CCNM's programmes are developed based on mutual interest between Members and non-Members. Now in its fifth year, the Emerging Asian Economies Programme adopts a multidisciplinary approach to help strengthen the resilience of Asian economies to external and internal economic shocks.
3. The OECD **Working Party of Senior Budget Officials (SBO)** has nearly a quarter-century of experience in this field and is the world's leading forum on international budgeting issues. The key to the success of the SBO and its associated net-works has been a culture of informal professionalism and mutual support, within which delegates have the confidence for frankness, disclosure and peer review.
4. The SBO is concerned with the overall functioning of the budgeting system -- promoting aggregate fiscal discipline, the effective allocation and reallocation of resources, and the efficient management of government. The SBO is composed of the budget directors and other senior officials from Member countries and meets annually. It is chaired by Mr. Geert van Maanen, Secretary-General, Netherlands Ministry of Finance.
5. Under the auspices of the SBO, several specialised networks are operated including:
 - The **Parliamentary Network** which brings together the chairpersons of parliamentary budget committees. The focus of this work has been enhancing the capacity of parliaments to critically examine the government's budget proposal and to hold the executive to account. The network meets annually and their meeting this year was chaired by Mr. Jim Nussle, Chairman, Committee on the Budget, United States House of Representatives.
 - The **Financial Management and Accountability Network** which brings together the senior officials responsible for financial disclosure and accounting policies in Member countries. The focus of this work has been the merits of adopting accrual accounting and budgeting practices. The network meets annually and its last meeting was chaired by Sir Andrew Likierman, Head, Government Accountancy Service and Managing Director, Financial Management, Reporting, and Audit, Her Majesty's Treasury, United Kingdom
6. The OECD Asian Senior Budget Officials meetings bring together members of the OECD Senior Budget Officials group and budget directors and other senior budget officials from the Asian region. It will be a unique opportunity for dialogue and interaction among these senior officials.

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Thursday, 21 November 2002

8:45-9:30 Opening Ceremony

9:30-10:30 Budgeting in Thailand

The Thai Bureau of the Budget will provide an overview of the Thai budget process, including recent and planned reforms

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 *Tour de Table on Recent Budgeting Developments in the Asian Region*

The OECD will distribute a questionnaire on budgeting practices in the Asian region ahead of the meeting. The OECD will present a comparative overview of budgeting practices in Asian based on the responses to the questionnaire.

Delegates are then invited to make further comments on recent budgeting developments in their respective countries (5-10 minutes per country.)

12:30-14:00 Luncheon

14:00-15:30 Contemporary Budgeting Reform

This session is dedicated to a discussion of contemporary budgeting reform efforts. It will focus on the move away from inputs to outputs/outcomes (results); decentralisation, including the changing role of the central budget office and line ministries; and accrual accounting and budgeting. Delegates will have an opportunity to share their views and experiences in this area, including key obstacles and success factors.

Following introductory presentations, participants will split into several smaller groups to discuss specific issues associated with performance budgeting.

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Contemporary Budgeting Reform (Continued)

The session will continue in plenary with reports from each of the groups on their discussions, followed by general discussion among all participants.

19:00 Gala Dinner, hosted by the Thai Bureau of the Budget.

Friday, 22 November 2002

9:00-10:30 Maintaining Fiscal Discipline: Fiscal Rules, Medium-Term Expenditure Frameworks and Off-Budget Activities

This session will focus on key instruments for maintaining aggregate fiscal discipline. It will specifically discuss the use of fiscal rules and medium-term expenditure frameworks. It will also discuss off-budget activities and how they relate to the general budget framework. Delegates are invited to comment on these instruments and judge their effectiveness in their national settings.

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Role of the Legislature in the Budget Process

In a number of countries, the legislature is taking a more active role in the budget process. This is in recognition of the key role that the budget has in the legislature's oversight of the government.

This session will provide an overview of the activities of the legislature in this area and survey the reasons for their more active role. It will focus on the typical working methods of the legislature in examining the government's budget proposal and the interaction of the budget office and the legislature in this context.

12:30-14:00 Luncheon

14:00-15:30 Distributed Public Governance

In order to improve performance, decentralise or meet other political goals, numerous agencies and other autonomous bodies charged with a public purpose have been created. The creation of these bodies raises a host of accountability issues. Participants will have an opportunity to share their views and experiences in this area.

15:30-16:00 Future Directions for Co-operation between OECD and Asian Senior Budget Officials

This session provides an opportunity for participants to identify priority areas for future co-operation between OECD and Asian Senior Budget Officials

16:00 Concluding Remarks by Co-chairmen and Rapporteur

19:00 Evening Cruise on the Chao Phaya River, hosted by the Thai Bureau of the Budget (to be confirmed).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Opening Ceremony

7. The Thai Bureau of the Budget will host this year's meeting of OECD Asian Senior Budget Officials in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting will be co-chaired by Mr. Pornchai Nuchsuwan, Director, Bureau of the Budget, and Mr. Geert van Maanen, Secretary-General, Netherlands Ministry of Finance. Mr. Barry Anderson, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office, United States, will act as the *Rapporteur* of the meeting.

8. The meeting will be opened by His Excellency Mr. Somkid Jatusripitak, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and His Excellency Mr. Phongthep Thepkanjana, Minister Responsible for the Budget, Prime Minister's Office on behalf of Thailand. Mr. Richard Hecklinger, Deputy Secretary-General, will open the meeting on behalf of the OECD.

Meeting Location

9. The meeting will take place at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel and Towers, located by the Chao Phaya River in Bangkok. Please note that the participants can take advantage of special room rates at the hotel by completing the attached hotel reservation form. Settlement of accounts is entirely the responsibility of each participant and must be made directly to the hotel.

10. Please be advised that for security reasons you will need to show your passport in order to receive an entry pass. Please allow 10-15 minutes for these formalities.

Thai Hospitality

11. The Thai Bureau of the Budget will assign a Hospitality Liaison Person to each participant. This person will assist each participant in clearing immigration and customs at Bangkok Airport, in transfers from the airport to hotels, as well as providing other assistance. This person will be in contact with each registered participant ahead of the meeting.

12. The Thai Bureau of the Budget invites all participants and spouses to a gala dinner on Thursday, 21 November. The dinner will feature displays of traditional Thai music and dancing.

13. The Thai Bureau of the Budget invites all participants and spouses to an evening cruise on the Chao Phaya River on Friday evening, 22 November (*to be confirmed*).

Language

14. The meeting will be conducted in English.

Discussion at Meeting

15. For each session, an OECD Member country will make a brief introductory statement on the topic under discussion followed by a commentary from an Asian country. Following these introductory statements, the floor will be opened for a general discussion involving all participants.

Documentation

16. A background paper will be available for each substantive session, and the OECD will prepare a separate document that suggests a number of key issues for discussion during each of the sessions. These will be forwarded separately ahead of the meeting.

17. The OECD will distribute a questionnaire on budgeting practices in Asia ahead of the meeting and will present the results at the meeting. This questionnaire will be forwarded separately.

18. Delegates are also encouraged to provide any national documentation for distribution at the meeting.

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REGISTRATION FORM

(TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT)

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BANGKOK

RESERVATION FORM

ASIAN SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS MEETING

Settlement of accounts is entirely the responsibility of each participant and must be made directly to the hotel.

NAME _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE _____

NO. OF ROOM REQUIRED	_____	Single Deluxe	US\$ 123-net inclusive of breakfast
	_____	Twin/Double Deluxe	US\$ 135-net inclusive of breakfast
	_____	Single Executive Suite	US\$ 180-net inclusive of breakfast
	_____	Twin/Double Executive	US\$ 195-net inclusive of breakfast

TYPE OF ROOM	_____	Smoking room
	_____	Non-smoking room

CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE	Type of Card	_____
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