

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.

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OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme



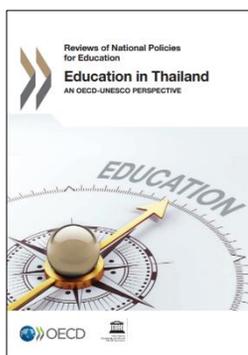
23 September 2019 – Paris, France

Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and H.E. Mr. Hyoung Kwon KO, 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. Arthayudh Srisamoot emphasised that several issues should be addressed to improve human capital development in Thailand and in Southeast Asia, notably narrowing 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

OECD, in collaboration with the Office of the Basic Education Commission of Thailand, co-delivered the **second workshop on curriculum design**. The second workshop focused on international policies and practices in initial teacher education and in-service professional development that support a competency-based approach to learning and promote pedagogical strategies for the development of higher skills. The workshop also provided a forum for updates and discussion on curriculum reforms currently underway and on progress and steps taken since the first workshop in January 2019.

Thailand recently became an Associate to the Governing Board of the [Programme for International Student Assessment \(PISA\) in August 2019](#).

International Conference on Better Regulation Principles in the Age of Disruptive Technology: From Theory to Practice and related meetings



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 better regulation 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 Dr. Wissanu Krea-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.

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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. Onfa Vejajiva, 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.

>> [Read more about OECD's work on integrity in Thailand](#)

Budgetary Governance Review and Gender Budgeting Action Plan of Thailand

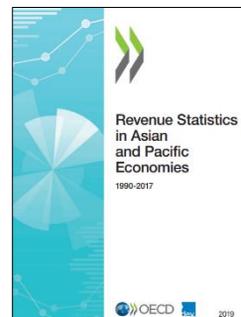
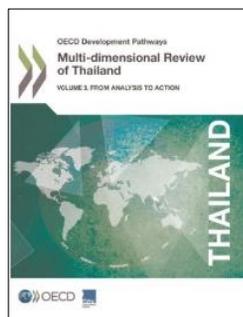


24-28 June – Bangkok, Thailand

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.

>> [Read more about OECD's work on budgetary governance and gender budgeting](#)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS ON THAILAND



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.

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

30 September -3 October 2019	Capacity Building Workshops on Regulatory Reform	Bangkok, Thailand
1-3 October 2019	Capacity Building Workshop on Competition Assessment	Bangkok, Thailand
4 October 2019	Thailand's National Competition Day	Bangkok, Thailand
12-13 December 2019	15 th OECD-Asian Senior Budget Officials Network Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
20 January 2020	Workshop on Bio-Economy in Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand

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