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## **Working Party of Senior Budget Officials**

### **7th ANNUAL MEETING OF OECD-ASIAN SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS**

#### **AGENDA**

**Bangkok, Thailand  
4-5 February 2010**

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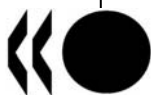
*The meeting is co-chaired by Mr. Ian WATT, former Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance and Deregulation, Australia, and Ms. Valairat SRIAROON, Director, Bureau of the Budget, Thailand.*

*Please note that the meeting will commence at 8:00 am on 4 February.*

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**7<sup>th</sup> OECD-ASIAN SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS ANNUAL MEETING**

Bangkok, 4-5 February 2010

Co-chairmen:

**Mr. Ian WATT**, Australia, **Ms. Valairat SRIAROON** Thailand

**Thursday, 4 February 2010**

07:30-08:00 Registration

**08:00 Opening**

**08:15-08:45 Keynote Address by the Prime Minister of Thailand**

- **Mr. Abhisit VEJJAJIVA**

08:45-09:30 *Group Photo and Coffee Break*

09:30-10:00 **Introductory Remarks by Co-Chairmen**

- **Mr. Ian WATT**, former Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance, Australia.
- **Ms. Valairat SRIAROON**, Director, Bureau of the Budget, Office of the Prime Minister, Thailand.

**10:00-12:00 Roundtable on Recent Budgeting Developments in Asia**

This session is designed for participants to make informal presentations on recent budgeting and public expenditure developments in their countries/economies. This allows participants to exchange information on the changes in budgetary systems and financial management reforms which are taking place in many of the countries/economies in the region and provides a useful opportunity for participants to keep up to date with developments in the region in an informal setting.

Delegates at this year's meeting are invited to focus their remarks on **fiscal stimulus packages** adopted in response to the global financial crisis. Given constraints on time within this round table discussion, participants may wish to provide short, written statements to supplement their presentations.

The **OECD Secretariat** will update Delegates on current OECD work in this area.

12:00-13:00 *Luncheon*

**13:00-14:30      *Achieving Budget Reform in Traditional Public Service Environments***

Successful budget reform often requires significant change in the public service, both *legalistic* in terms of the administrative framework and “*cultural*” in terms of changing individual behaviours to focus on results and move away from input controls. These can be formidable obstacles, especially in countries with an entrenched public service environment.

This session aims to illuminate the experience of countries/economies in overcoming such impediments to achieving budget reform.

The session will be led by **Mr. Gerhard STEGER**, Director-General of Budget, Ministry of Finance, Austria, and Chairman, OECD Working Party of Senior Budget Officials.

**14:30-15:00      *Coffee Break***

**15:00-16:30      *Budgeting in the Philippines***

The budgeting system of the Philippines will be profiled during this session.

Budgeting profiles are a key tool for analyzing innovations in budgeting and public expenditure practices and for making them visible in the international arena. Following a common methodology and conceptual framework, the profiles promote the sharing of experience among countries and the formulation and diffusion of relevant policy recommendations.

The objective of the profiles is to provide a comprehensive overview of the budget process in the respective country and to offer other countries an opportunity to comment on specific budgeting issues in the country under review.

The **OECD Secretariat** will present its draft report. Two countries will initiate the discussion of the profile. Following the reaction from the Philippines’ Delegation, led by **Mrs. Laura PASCUA**, Undersecretary, Department of Budget and Management, the floor will be opened for questions and comments by all Delegates.

**18:00-22:00      *Gala Dinner Cruise on the Chao Phraya River***

**Friday, 5 February 2010**

**9:30-11:00 Budget Implementation**

Budgeting involves four phases – budget preparation, budget approval, budget implementation, and audit. This session focuses on budget implementation.

This session will discuss institutional arrangements for budget implementation – both among central agencies and vis-a-vis spending agencies, Treasury Single Accounts and cash management, apportionment of annual appropriations into tranches, flexibility to reallocate appropriations, supplementary budgets, and the relationship between the Executive and the Legislature more broadly during budget implementation.

The session will be led by **Mr. David SHAND**, Public Expenditure Management Consultant.

The floor will then be opened for Delegates to discuss their views and experiences in this area.

**11:00-11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30-13:00 Performance Management in the People's Republic of China**

China's performance management system has developed relatively quickly since the mid-1990s. This session will examine how the government came to endorse the concept, recognizing it as important for accountable and effective governance.

It will discuss China's experience of performance management in various sectors including budgeting and financial management, organizational restructuring and human resource management – especially in the civil service, the administrative examination and approval system, and the delivery of public services.

The session will also focus on incentives, especially the performance-based reward and promotion system that has encouraged officials to implement performance management.

The session will be lead by **Mr. John BURNS**, University of Hong Kong. The background paper for the session was co-authored with **Mr. Zhiren ZHOU**, Peking University, and Vice President of the China Society for Government Performance Management.

Following the lead presentation, the floor will be opened for Delegates to comment on performance management in the People's Republic of China and to discuss their views and experiences of performance management more generally.

*13:00-14:00 Luncheon*

**14:00-15:00 Report by the OECD**

This session is designed to update participants on current and future projects by the OECD in the field of budgeting and public expenditures.

It is also an opportunity for participants to identify emerging priority areas for future work, the nature of their interest in the subject and their willingness to participate in particular studies.

**15:00 Closing**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **DISCUSSION FORMAT**

Each substantive session will open with a brief overview of the topic by the OECD Secretariat or resource person. The floor will then be opened to all participants for general discussion.

### **CONFERENCE LOCATION & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The meeting will take place at the *Dusit Thani Hotel*, which is located at 946, Rama IV Road, in central Bangkok [<http://bangkok.dusit.com>].

Special room rates have been negotiated for conference participants at the Dusit Thani Hotel. Please make reservations directly with the hotel, noting the “OECD-Asia Senior Budget Officials Meeting,” in order to qualify for the special room rates.

### **REGISTRATION**

All participants are requested to complete the attached registration form and return it to the Secretariat ahead of the meeting.

The meeting will commence promptly at **8:00 am**. Participants are kindly asked to arrive 45 minutes in advance in order to complete registration formalities.

### **DOCUMENTATION**

Background documents and/or PowerPoint presentations will be available for each of the main substantive sessions. The documents will be distributed electronically to all registered participants prior to the meeting.

### **LANGUAGE**

The meeting will be conducted in English.

### **GALA DINNER CRUISE ON THE CHAO PHRAYA RIVER**

The Thai Bureau of the Budget invites all Delegates to a Gala Dinner Cruise on the Chao Phraya River at the conclusion of the first day of the meeting. The cruise will feature performances of classical Thai dancing. Spouses are welcome to attend.



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Bangkok, 4-5 February 2010

### REGISTRATION FORM

(TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT)

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