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ASEAN Labor Markets Monitoring and Analysis Workshop
April 27 – 29, 2011
Bangkok, Thailand

General Note

Objectives

The workshop is part of an initiative by the World Bank with the financial support from AusAid to foster more informed and coordinated response to social policy crises through better diagnostic capacity of labor markets among ASEAN member states. The main focus of this workshop is to build capacity for member states to deliver powerful insights into evolving labor market conditions, and the impact on poverty.

Workshop Description

The workshop will go beyond standard indicators of labor market conditions used in developed countries (such as unemployment, labor force participation) and present a framework that can analyze the impacts of LM on quality of employment, who is benefiting from jobs growth, impacts on poverty and inequality. We are also ensuring that our proposed framework is in-line with the ILO's regional efforts. Namely, ensuring consistency in definitions of various indicators and incorporating additional information such as decent work indicators and gender sensitive indicators. This is all part of the initiative on developing tools for standardized reporting with the DECRG.

Furthermore, the workshop will play a role in presenting good practices to collecting household level labor market information, and propose new information for improving surveys for the evolving economic environment.

The workshop will adopt a mix of learning methods from conceptual exposition as well as practical sessions using a new ADEPT diagnostic tool for labor markets analysis. The workshop will provide conceptual guidance as well as demonstrate that it is easy to create important labor market indicators using ADEPT when labor force or other nationally representative surveys with labor information are available. The idea is to free up the regional efforts from complicated data processing towards economic interpretation of selected indicators. This will enable a wider group of analysts to easily producing labor market statistics and trends. The workshop sessions will be prepared and presented by experts from the World Bank's research department (DECRG), East Asia Social Protection Unit, as well as experts from the International Labor Organization (ILO)

Target Audience

The workshop is designed for technical staffs of government agencies, researchers from academic organizations, or agencies that are directly involved in labor markets monitoring, empirical analysis and production of labor statistics. (For example staff from Labor Ministries or National Statistics office involved in Labor Force Surveys.)

The workshop will be conducted entirely in English and all participants are required to possess a good functional knowledge of English.

Cost (Excluding Thai participants)

We can fund for up to 2-3 participants from each ASEAN country. The cost of a restricted economy class ticket, accommodation, breakfast and lunch will be covered by the organizer.

Venue

The venue of the conference will be at the **Indonesia Room on the 3rd Floor of Krungthep Wing of the Shangri-La Hotel**. The Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok is only 30 minutes from the new Suvarnabhumi International airport, and is adjacent to the Saphan Taksin station of the Skytrain, Bangkok's elevated metro system, with easy connections to the MRT subway.



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Accommodation & airport transfers

Participants are reserved at the Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok. Reservation will be confirmed upon receipt of the registration form. Should participants change their arrival date or cancel, please contact us immediately to avoid cancellation penalties for the first night's accommodation.

Airport / hotel transfers are available upon request. The cost is Baht 2600 per way (or USD 83). Taxis are available at a cost of approximately Baht 500 to Baht 600 (US\$15 to US\$20) depending on traffic conditions.

Complimentary meals will be provided throughout the event's duration including breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks.

The cost of standard hotel accommodation has been arranged and paid for by the event organizer. All personal consumption including telephone calls, internet service, minibar, etc. are for the guest's personal account to be settled upon check out. Acceptable methods of payment are by cash or credit card (e.g. Visa and Master Card).

Each guest room is entitled to one Buffet Breakfast every morning. Please check with the reception at check-in where the breakfast is served.

Thai Visa

Formal letters of invitation from the World Bank were sent to all participants to also serve a purpose in applying for Thai entry visa. Most nationals of East Asia are required to show a valid entry visa for a short term stay in Thailand except for a few South East Asian countries such as Malaysia and Philippines among others.

(Visit <http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php> for more details on Thai visa application or contact your local Thai Embassy / consulate at your home country).

Participants are advised to start applying for entry visa (where required) as soon as they confirm their participation to the event.

Travel Arrangements

Each participant is entitled to a roundtrip economy class ticket from home country to Bangkok via the most direct route. Participants are advised to coordinate with the WB country team assistants who are able to assist on travel arrangements with accredited travel agencies. **Participants are advised not to purchase their own ticket directly.**

Upon return, participants are requested to send their boarding passes (and other relevant receipt if requested) to the respective country team assistant in accordance with WB Travel Accounting requirement.

Information on Bangkok

For those who have not visited Bangkok before:

Time:

Bangkok is +11 hours ahead of Washington DC (EST).

Most shops will remain open until 9:00 PM, with some markets remaining open throughout the night. Businesses are closed on weekends.

Foreign Currency:

The Baht is local currency. One US dollar is equal to about 30 - 32 Baht. Money exchange outlets are available at both the arrival and departure halls of the Airport as well as in major hotels and banks. ATM machines are available at most banks and shopping centres throughout the city. ATMs generally have Thai and English language displays and will accept most internationally recognised foreign cards. Many ATM's will also accept cards under the CIRRUS, Maestro, VISA or Mastercard system.

Currency: 1,000 Baht (grey) 500 Baht (purple) 100 Baht (red) 50 Baht (blue) and 20 Baht (green). Coins are silver 1, 2, 5, 10 Baht.

Travellers Cheques / Credit Cards: Most traveller cheques can be cashed at banks. Take your passport or ID. Mastercard and VISA are widely accepted by major banks, restaurants and shops. AMEX, Diners and tend to be accepted only at upmarket venues.

Banks: Open Mon. - Fri. from 9:30am to 3:30pm, except public and bank holidays. However, currency exchange centers operate in most tourist areas from 7.00am to 9.00pm, everyday, including holidays.

Taxes:

Value Added Tax (VAT) is payable on a range of goods and services at 7%. If you're visiting for less than 180 days in a calendar year, not an airline crew member, and leaving Thailand by plane, you can claim VAT refund (Non-Thais only) Tel: 66 2 272 6576/79 (fax 662 617 3559)

Electrical Voltage:

Voltage is 220 Volt with 50 cycles A.C. and flat 2 pin plugs.

Language:

English is fairly widely understood and spoken in most tourist areas of Bangkok. Bilingual Thai / English road signs are found on all road signs, Skytrain stations and some local buses.

Security:

The Tourist Police: Provides help for tourists in difficulties. Responsible for investigating any problems and handling claims and complaints. Bilingual Tourist Police can be found at the Tourism Authority of

Thailand (TAT) offices in Bangkok. Call Tourist Police 1155, 678-680 (Emergency) or TAT Helpline for assistance. Tel : 281 5051, 282 8129 Fax: 2815051

Emergency Numbers: Tourist Hotline 1155 (English and other languages spoken) Ext. 1 (24 hours)

Weather:

Climatic Table											
Average Daytime Temperature (°C) - Central Thailand											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
30	31	34	36	35	33	32	33	32	32	31	30
Average Rainfall (cm) - Central Thailand											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1.0	2.5	3.5	6.0	8.0	14.5	16.5	17.5	30.0	21.0	7.0	0.

Health:

Check with your local clinic about vaccination requirements. Drink only bottled or boiled water.

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We look forward to your participation!