



International Conference: The Future of Economic Integration in Asia

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Dear Dean of Faculty of Economics,

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It is our great pleasure to inform you that the Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) will jointly organize a two-day International Conference on "The Future of Economic Integration in Asia" on 20-21 November 2008 at the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand.

The conference aims to address issues of common interest for the "Future of Economic Integration in Asia," including financial integration, intra-regional factor movement and FDI, industrial and corporate competitiveness, and sustainability. We expect approximately 200 participants affiliated with universities and research institutions as well as from government agencies and private entities to share analysis and policy recommendations with a view to enhancing regional partnership to guide the Future of Economic Integration in Asia.

In this regard, we are very delighted to extend an invitation to you and your colleagues. Should you be interested, please kindly fill out the registration form attached herewith and state clearly the names and positions of two participants who may attend the conference <u>free of charge</u>. The complete registration form can be emailed or faxed to the address and number appeared below. Online registration is also available at http://www.econ.tu.ac.th/interconference/register

For more information, please visit our website http://www.econ.tu.ac.th/interconference

Thank you very much for your kind consideration. We look forward to your participation at the conference.

Sincerely yours,

Nipon Poapongsakorn, Ph.D.

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Dean, Faculty of Economics

Thammasat University

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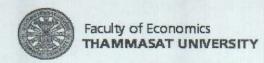
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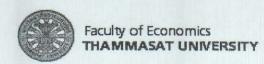
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Concurrent Sessions

Financial Integration

Regional Factor Movement and Foreign Direct Investment

Competitiveness:

Business Opportunities and Challenges

Challenges of Sustainability: Growth, Resources, and Environment

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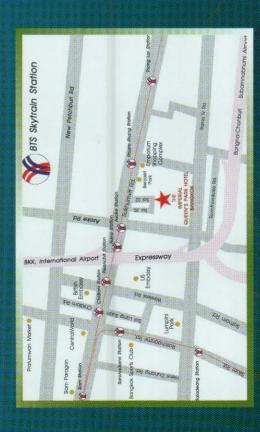




Registration Policy

Admission to the conference is free-of-charge. To secure your seat, we recommend those who are interested in attending the conference to make reservation on-line at www.econ.tu.ac.th/interconference/register between 1 August - 30 September.

(Bookings will be confirmed and invitation letter will be sent by email by October 10th, 2008.)



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Background

While trade talks in Doha Round are facing sluggish progress, a number of countries are negotiating to form partnerships based on both bilateral and regional frameworks. Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are therefore receiving greater popularity as a tool to facilitate cross-border movements of goods and services as well as of factors of production among the participating countries. Nonetheless, insufficient and slow development of the supporting mechanisms is impediment for economic players to be prepared to adapt to the new economic order.

based on these considerations, faculty of Economics in collaboration with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) will organize an international conference where researchers, experts, and policy makers get together to address issues of common interest and concern for the "Future of Economic Integration in Asia". The conference is expected to provide in-depth discussions on related aspects, including international movement of labor and capital, financial integration, competitiveness, sustainability, and institutional factors facilitating collaboration between the public and private sector.

Tentative Program

Wednesday 19 November 2008
Arrival of Participants
18:30 Welcome Reception

Thursday 20 November 2008

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8:30	Registration
9:00	Opening Session
	Opening Remarks by Dean, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University
	Welcome Address by Representative of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation
9:15	Keynote Address on "Future of Economic Integration in Asia"
	by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, ASEAN Secretary-General
10:00	Coffee Break
10:30	Panel Discussion on "Challenges of Economic Integration in Asia"
12:00	Lunch
13:30	Concurrent Sessions
	l) Financial Integration
	II) Regional Factor Movement and Foreign Direct Investment
	III) Competitiveness: Business Opportunities and Challenges
	IV) Challenges of Sustainability: Growth, Resources and Environment
15:00	Coffee Break
15:30	Concurrent Sessions (Continued)
17:00	Break
18:00	Dinner
	Remarks by Mr. Fumihiko Namekawa, President of Toshiba International Foun
	Dinner Talk by M.R. Pridiyathorn Devakula,
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Lunch	12:45
Closing Remarks by Dean, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University	12:30
Open Discussion	11:45
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Break	10.00
Guest Address by Dr. Tarisa Watanagase, Governor of the Bank of Thai	9.20
Wrap-up of the First Day of the Conference	9:00
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