Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand

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Minutes of the JFCCT Presidents’ Council Meeting
German-Thai Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday, 18 January 2017
Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel

Participants

1. Dr. Christine Falken-Großer Counsellor Economic and Commercial Affairs
2. Mr. Piyabutr Cholvijarn The Board of Trade
3. Mr. Stanley Kang JFCCT Chairman
4. Mr. Marc Spiegel JFCCT Vice Chairman
5. Mr. Phongsakdi Chakshuvej JFCCT Vice Chairman/GTCC
6. Dr. Kongkiti Phusavat JFCCT, Education and Skills Committee Chairman
7. Mr. Bob Fox JFCCT, ICT Committee Chairman
8. Mr. Steve Cheah JFCCT SME Committee Chairman/MAXCHAM
9. Mr. Arto Artinian Armenian – Thai Chamber of Commerce
10. Dr. Suthram Valaisathien BeLu – Thai Chamber of Commerce
11. Mr. Ron Livingston Thai-Canadian Chamber of Commerce
12. Dr. Supareak Charlie Chomchan Danish – Thai Chamber of Commerce
13. Mr. Alexandre Dupont Franco-Thai Chamber of Commerce
14. Mr. Pornpracha Wattanakijisiri Thai-Finnish Chamber of Commerce
15. Dr. Roland Wein German-Thai Chamber of Commerce
16. Mr. Danny Yu Thai-Hong Kong Trade Association
17. Mr. Harsh Sethi India – Thai Chamber of Commerce
18. Mr. Andrea Gallucci Thai – Italian Chamber of Commerce
19. Dr. Hwee Kim Boo Malaysian-Thai Chamber of Commerce
20. Mr. Stefan van der Sluys Netherlands – Thai Chamber of Commerce
21. Mr. Warren Boyes New Zealand-Thai Chamber of Commerce
22. Ms. Vibeke Lyssand Leirvag Thai – Norwegian Chamber of Commerce
23. Ms. Aina Eidsvik Thai – Norwegian Chamber of Commerce
24. Mr. Virayudh Baram Thai – Pakistan Chamber of Commerce
25. Dr. Sombat Thiratrakoolchai Thai-Russian Chamber of Commerce
26. Mr. Winston Doong Singapore-Thai Chamber of Commerce
27. Mr. Sisira Mendis Thai – Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce
28. Mr. Jan Eriksson Thai – Swedish Chamber of Commerce
29. Mr. Bruno G. Odermatt Swiss-Thai Chamber of Commerce
30. Mr. Abdullah Sabri Tok Thai – Turkish Chamber of Commerce
31. Mr. Brad Middleton AMCHAM
32. Mr. Rolf-Dieter Daniel EABC
33. Mr. Suranart Pokanand The Board of Trade
34. Ms. Noppamas Punchanchom JFCCT
35. Ms. Wanlapa Yamapai JFCCT
36. Ms. Patraporn Y. Personal Assistant to Mr Stanley Kang (private)
Apologies:

1. JFCCT, International Trade Committee Chairman
2. JFCCT Honorary Treasurer
3. Thai-Chinese Chamber of Commerce
4. Estonian – Thai Chamber of Commerce
5. Indonesia-Thai Chamber of Commerce
6. Thai – International Christian Chamber of Commerce
7. Thai – Israel Chamber of Commerce
8. Irish-Thai Chamber of Commerce
9. Japanese – Thai Chamber of Commerce
10. Korean – Thai Chamber of Commerce
11. South African – Thai Chamber of Commerce
12. Thai-Taiwan Business Association

The meeting starts at 12:10 hrs.

Mr. Phongsakdi Chakshuvej, President of the German-Thai Chamber of Commerce welcomed all participants to the meeting and introduced Dr. Christine Falken-Großer, Counsellor Economic and Commercial Affairs of German Embassy to Thailand. For her speech she gave an overview on Diplomatic, business and economic partnership between Germany and Thailand. Then she passed the chair to Mr. Stanley Kang, JFCCT Chairman.

First of all, the chairman welcomed Mr. Warren Boyes, new President of New Zealand-Thai Chamber of Commerce and Ms. Aina Eidsvik presently the Treasure and future President of Thai-Norwegian Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting then turned to its agenda.

Agenda Item I  Approval of the Minutes of the Presidents’ Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th November 2016

The minutes had been sent out prior to the meeting and the chairman asked for any comments or otherwise for approval. Then the minutes were approved.

Agenda Item II  Update from Committees/Working group

- Education and Skills

Dr Kongkiti Phusavat, Chairman of the Education and Skills Committee provided an update as following.

Development need for Life Skills and Work Ethics

*Pilot project with Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) schools through the application of Professional/ peer-learning Community (PLC)*
**Background:**

- To overcome the lack of life skills and work ethics, JFCCT Education and Skills Committee approached this issue by focusing first on teacher training. Therefore, the pilot project was an integral part of BMA’s teacher training program. This teacher training program involved the visit to Finland through the coordination by Team Finland which Thai-Finnish Chamber of Commerce was the key member. Finnish pedagogy stresses the importance of learning outside a classroom and the need to form peer-based learning.

- After the training in Finland, a small group of BMA teachers began to form a network. Therefore, JFCCT Education and Skills Committee tried to work with and support this network. From February 2016 until now, JFCCT Education and Skills Committee has provided 2 sets of the oxygen-measuring instruments, assisted two PLCs among school teachers and students, and supported one field trip to train a rural school and to create a short film for a contest.

- Pilot project was part in-service teacher training in which the focus is on peer-to-peer interactions instead of having teachers listen to the external experts (e.g., university or company staffs) in a seminar room or a workshop

- **ICT**

Mr Bob Fox, Chairman of the ICT Committee chairman provided an update one page handout as following.

**Digital Economy laws** Of the 8 laws, only two have been passed by the NLA. One sets up the new Ministry and concentrates power, the other is the Computer Crimes amendment which was passed in December. The CCA amendment is an over-reach and does not foster a good approach for the ‘Trusted Internet’ concept which is so important for a digital economy. We are recommending change before receiving Royal assent and gazettal. The Frequency Act is an NLA committee and we are seeking an audience; Cybersecurity and Data Protection are still draft laws which need considerable work from their present draft. The ICT group continues to engage on these. We need a TRUSTED INTERNET as a business tool.

**Access to laws and law making process** Reported previously. A proposal has been made for a project on this in the OPDC engagement context for which a discussion will be held on 24 January.

**New Minister for DE&S** ICT group is seeking a meeting with the new Minister for DE&S. A number of topics are being prepared including SOE reform.

**E Commerce; FinTech** Plans effectively to outsource an industry payments platform to Ant Financial Services (Alibaba) are controversial. Current Ant POS terminals allow direct RMB settlement in China, bypassing most local banking services. Good for the Chinese tourist trade, but the wider use of the platform has questionable merit. PromptPay, the government and industry agreed standard, was deferred but now has a schedule; it needs a platform upgrade at the least.
Rules for a fintech ‘sandbox’ (to be set by Bank of Thailand) are being developed by Bank of Thailand for 2017 release.

**IT Start Ups** Some positive developments in availability of finance, but as with SME, the administrative overhead due to out of date and cumbersome regulation continues to be the main stumbling block. Government VC funds are not encouraged. A follow up meeting with the Vice Minister for Finance is sought.

**IT Skills** The skill gap in IT needs relaxations in allowing more foreign skilled participation, with ease of movement, in addition to educational reforms in Thailand. As to education in Thailand, it had long been recognized (including through empirical evidence based on ICT committee field trips to Chiang Mai and Phuket) that a focus on soft skills such as problem solving and teamwork and a skill group known as life skills, were needed. Mr Fox commended the JFCCT Education and Skills committee’s work on development of these areas.

**Regulatory Guillotine** See separate agenda item. Important for foreign business community to be engaged.

**BOI Consultation 1 December** See separate agenda item. Note 15 Feb information session from BOI/conference. There is a Europe-focused BOI consultation on 20 January.

**ICT Conference 2017** THE INTERNET 2017-2020. This has been scoped out and described with a draft agenda. Event now likely about mid March 2017 but subject to confirmation about date.

**Work Permit and Visa** see separate agenda item.

**Blockchain dinner** Following the Don Tapscott dinner on 4 August, NBTC and dtac organised a dinner on Friday evening 16 December, special guest speaker being Alex Tapscott, co-author and son of Don.

**OPDC** (LFA and World Bank ‘Doing Business’ main focus) see separate agenda item.

**World Bank workshop** covering ICT and General was 17 January (postponed from 14 December). Very useful examination of competitiveness and competitive economy, SOE reform, service sector liberalization. Next planned for March.

**EAEU** Mr Fox later responded to a comment from Mr Piyabutr Cholvijarn about interest in the less well-known Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) which has aspirations for an FTA with ASEAN. Mr Fox noted that he had attended a high level government and business seminar in the region recently and was very surprised to learn of the great potential in this area. Mr Piyabutr thanked Mr Fox for his offer to provide some materials.

**Meetings** : Most recent 14 December 2016; 17 January 2017 (18 participants).

The chairman asked if there were any questions.

- **International Trade**

Mr. Nu To Van, Chairman of the International Trade Committee sent apologies due to being on a business trip. Mr Stefan, Committee member, spoke to the one page hard copy report which was distributed.
No meeting was held in January due to unavailability of many Committee Members. Next Committee is scheduled for in February. Location and time will be advised later.

**Some updates:**

1. **Cooperation with World Bank**
   As part of the JFCCT’s effort to work more closely with the World Bank, the Committee will seek more cooperation with the World Bank and to identify the appropriate team / person within the World Bank that is responsible for Trade. Initial discussions have taken place for a meeting to be scheduled in early 2017.

2. **Other matters/updates**
   **New Customs tariff and FTA schedules released**
   New Customs tariff was released by the end of December and came into effect on 1 January 2017. The new Customs tariff has incorporated the latest changes based on Harmonized System (HS) 2017 and includes many changes to the previous HS codes under HS 2012. Companies are recommended to check their existing HS codes with the new codes and see if their existing codes can still be used and whether or not existing licenses using the 'old' codes require renewal.

   Also, new tariff schedules under each Thai FTA have been released and became effective on 1 January 2017.

   **Self-Certification for exports to Switzerland and Norway under GSP**
   
   The Department of Foreign Trade (DFT) under the Ministry of Commerce has issued a new Notification allowing exporters as of 1 January 2017 to self-certify the origin of their products when exporting to Switzerland and Norway under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) instead of applying for Certificates of Origin. Exporters are required to register with the DFT first as a ‘registered exporter’ after which they can certify their products on invoices, billings statements or delivery orders to enjoy preferential duties under the Swiss and Norwegian GSP.

   **Next meeting**
   Next International Trade Committee meeting will be held on 9 February 2017.

   - **SME**

   Mr. Steve Cheah, the SME Committee chairman provided an update as following.

   JFCCT SME committee members have plan to arrange this year the consultative meeting between JFCCT and the office of OSMEP. The committee members will check on their available dates and consider including members from other ministries at the next discussion.

   **Agenda Item III ED Luncheon update**

   The chairman invited Mr. Marc Spiegel to update on the ED Luncheon meeting on December 14th, 2016.
The propose of the meeting was to discuss on the collaboration among the various chambers in term of the event organization of each chamber.

The objective for invited ED to attend is to increase the number of attendees and increase the value to the members.

JFCCT office has created the consolidation for chamber’s events. If you need to change or add please send to the office.

**Agenda Item IV  JFCCT Book**

The chairman invited Mrs. Vibeke Lyssand Leirvag to update as following.

the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand “40 Years Supporting Foreign Business” book (JFCCT Book) was ready for distribution to all chambers maximum 50 books per chamber.

Mrs. Vibeke thanked the sponsors and supporters for the JFCCT Book.

**Sponsors:**
- Orbis Legal Advisory
- Asiana Airlines
- B.grimm joint venture
- Tilleke & Gibbins
- VisionnPower
- Armenian-Thai chamber of Commerce
- Marmara school
- Accorhotels
- CPF
- Board of Trade
- India-Thai Chamber of Commerce
- Creatus Corporation
- DTAC
- Star research Citi Bank
- Mercedes Benz
- Felicia Thailand
- YAANA Venture

**Supporters:**
- CANCHAM
- PKF
- Others

**Graphic Design:**
- Mr. Axel Blom

She also mentioned the good work and many, many hours from Ms. Kaewklau Sethapun, (K Nuede) together with Samdee printing which they were work tirelessly before the Luncheon with the Prime minister’s Address event.
For the JFCCT book financials, Mrs Vibeke said that the report should be ready for the Presidents’ Council meeting in February. Mrs. Vibeke thanked for all support from presidents and all chambers.

Mr. Bob Fox proposed a sincere thanks to Mrs. Vibeke Lyssand Leirvag for all of hard work and leadership for the JFCCT Book. The meeting acknowledged this with applause.

Mr. Marc Spiegel added JFCCT Book in high resolution PDF version which will be downloadable from JFCCT Website soon.

Dr. Supareak Charlie Chomchan suggested that the JFCCT Book should go to the International library but it may need an ISBN. In this regards, he proposed JFCCT office to check with the library. Ms Vibeke mentioned that the ISBN issue had been addressed and that there were some requirements which needed to be met.

**Agenda Item V JFCCT Account**

The chairman informed that the JFCCT account will update in February by Mr. John Casella, JFCCT Honorary Treasurer.

Mr. Marc Spiegel thanked to Mr. Darren Buckley, Country Head Citi Bank to support to open the new account by using CANCHAM as a trustee for JFCCT.

**Agenda Item VI Work Permit and Visa update**

The Chairman invited Mr. Bob Fox, JFCCT ICT chairman to provide an update.

Mr Fox recalled the meeting with Ministry of Labour (details of which are in the January Presidents’ Council minutes, page 6 and the summary on p.7. The summary of the points about the definition of ‘work’ in English and Thai are also on the JFCCT website (about modernizing a 44 year old law).

The issue continued to impact many areas, including ‘doing business’ areas. It had been agreed that a follow up meeting with Ministry of Labour would be sought, where the support of Board of Trade would be very welcome.

**Agenda Item VII Regulatory guillotine**

The Chairman invited Mr. Bob Fox, JFCCT ICT chairman to provide an update. Mr Fox referred to a two page background note was provided to all members, pasted in below:

**PROPOSED REGULATORY GUILLOTINE FOR THAILAND – THE SOUTH KOREAN EXPERIENCE – SINCERE THANKS TO THE PLEDGERS WHO MADE THE EXPERT’S VISIT POSSIBLE**

In January 2016 a report appeared in the Bangkok Post about TDRI analysis of the benefits of a Regulatory Guillotine to remove unnecessary and unwanted laws and
regulations. JFCCT ICT discussed this and researched it. The experience in South Korea saw a large improvement in ‘doing business’ rankings and GDP.

JFCCT met in April and May 2016 with private sector promoters of the project and then with the project specialist Scott Jacobs of Jacobs, Cordova & Associates, who has been retained by several governments for similar engagements. JFCCT provided a strategic view of an approach, recommended including a senior, appropriately experienced person from the foreign business community and provided some examples of laws needing to be addressed. In July JFCCT issued a letter to The Prime Minister and DPM Wisanu in support of a guillotine project. JFCCT ICT has kept in touch with developments with the project.

As it becomes more and more evident that the challenger of revising laws could take a very long time, the need for a guillotine approach becomes more apparent. The current plan is to focus on ‘doing business’ improvement initially.

TDRI has taken a leading role in the project. The public-private guillotine working group is in a structure leading to the Public-Private Steering Committee chaired by Dr Somkid.

There was a short window of opportunity for a visit on 8 December by Dr Hong Keun Gil, Director-General for Regulatory Reform, Regulatory Reform Bureau at Prime Minister's Office, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Dr Gil is the main person responsible for re-regulation and enjoyed the Scott Jacobs work. We are aware of the impressive results from South Korea. We were told that Dr Gil could make a visit on a ‘costs only’ basis, but there was no budget for his costs. After asking around the corporate sector and finding that permission would take too long, Mr Bob Fox and Mr Per Lind (of JFCCT ICT) underwrote the total trip cost for a workshop on 8 December 2-4pm with the stated expectation to crowd fund the cost to support the trip with pledges of THB 5,000 each.

Dr Gil gave the presentation on 8 December 2016 at TDRI and attended other meetings. This was well received and very useful. A recording is on the TDRI website and presentation materials available. Sincere appreciation is due to all pledgers for their generous contributions. Now it is time for more engagement by the foreign business community to support making the guillotine project a reality.
Contributors - in order of making pledge

Scott Jacobs (Jacobs, Cordova & Associates) 5,000
Vibeke Lysander Leirvåg (president Thai-Norwegian Chamber and executive producer JFCCT BOOK) 5,000
Nandor von der Luehe (former chairman, JFCCT) 5,000
Phongsakdi Chakshuvej (President German-Thai Chamber and Vice Chair JFCCT) 5,000
Stanley Kang (Chairman JFCCT) 5,000
Greg Thomas (375 Park Associates) 5,000
K Teerawut Sunamalai (NTT) 5,000
K Kowit Somwaiya (Law Plus Limited) 5,000
Anonymous 5,000
Dr. Supareak 'Charlie' CHOMCHAN (Pacific Rim Rich Group) 5,000
John Varnay (Kyckr Australia) 5,000
David Lyman (T&G) 5,000
Jan Eriksson (Spica; Swedish Chamber president) 5,000
Peter Fischbach (ISM Technology Recruitment) Ltd 5,000
Eric Hallin (GM Rembrandt Hotel) 5,000
Willem Niemeijer (Yaana Ventures; JFCCT Tourism Chair) 5,000
Bob Fox JFCCT ICT Chair (pledger plus co-underwriter) 6,185
Per Lind (FarmourCloud; pledger plus co-underwriter) 6,185

TOTAL 92,370

Allocation:

AIRFARE TOTAL 59,292
Airport transfers (BKK end) 2,400
Accommodation (Sheraton Sukhumvit - thanks for the good rate!) 10,122
Misc - F&B for meetings 3,330
Working evening Meal evening 7 Dec 17,226

TOTAL 92,370

All pledged funds have been received; receipts issued and all expensed paid.

By way of follow up, a meeting will be sought with private sector leaders to work out the best engagement model.
 Agenda Item VIII  OPDC collaboration

The Chairman invited Dr. Kongkiti Phusavat, JFCCT Education and Skills chairman to provide an update.

The Office of Public Sector Development Commission (OPDC) is covering all the governments agencies and local government agencies and state enterprise.

In the next five years, the OPDC plan to build the law but need the feedback from the stakeholders the Thai chamber and foreign business community.

A meeting was held on 15 December to clarify the scope. As a result various topics were allocated as follows:

- Licence Facilitation Act improvements
- World Bank ‘doing business’ (ten criteria) issues
- Board of Trade Topics
- Other major topics

Included in the above are work permit and visa issues.

He thanked to Mr. Bob Fox and EABC to meeting and in collaboration with the Office of Public Sector Development Commission (OPDC).

The next meeting is scheduled for 24 January and a further update would be provided after that.

 Agenda Item IX  Update about BOI topics

The Chairman invited Mr. Bob Fox, JFCCT ICT chairman to provide an update. JFCCT met with BOI on 1 December to cover

- Service sector liberalization – which industries should be liberalized
- Doing business issues
- Other – including specific BOI policies

The meeting was led from the JFCCT side by Khun Phongsakdi Chakshuvej and Mr Bob Fox.

At the request of BOI, JFCCT provided on 20 December a detailed description of areas needing liberalization. Further feedback will be provided about problem areas for ‘doing business’

On 20 January, it is planned that EABC would confer with BOI on proposals for enhancement of effectiveness and attractiveness of various BOI policies.

The chairman invited all presidents to attend the BOI Seminar on "Opportunity Thailand" on Wed. 15th February 2017 from 08.00 to 17.00 hrs. at the Royal Jubilee Ballroom, IMPACT Exhibition & Convention Center.

 Agenda Item X  Cooperation with the Board of Trade
The chairman invited Mr. Piyabutr Cholvijarn updated the meeting as following.

**Summary of the 4th ABAC Meeting and APEC CEO Summit 2016**
**during 14-19 November 2016, Lima, Peru**

Mr. Piyabutr Cholvijarn, ABAC Member-Thailand attend the 4th ABAC Meeting and APEC CEO Summit 2016 during 14-19 November 2016 at Lima, Peru.

Summary and key agendas of the meeting as follows;

**Financial**:
APEC Finance Ministers agreed with ABAC recommendation on encouraging and promoting the Asia-Pacific Financial Forum (APFF), Asia-Pacific Information Platform on Food Security (APIP) and Financial Inclusion Forum under the supervision of ABAC.

**TPP**:
ABAC agreed that Business sector should wait and see the reaction of US which tend to give an attention to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

**Non-Tariff Barriers (NTB)**:
The NTB will be a key agenda in Regional Economic Integration Working Group 2017

**Labor**:
ABAC placed an importance on Skill Mapping Project

**SMEs**:
ABAC agreed to support Cross-Border e-Commerce Training (CBET) and had a cooperation with Asian Institute of Management (AIM) in order to support MSME to step in Global Value Chain.

**Food Security**:
The meeting agreed to support APEC Policy Partnership for Food Security (PPFS) and increasing ABAC’s role in Asia Pacific Food Industry Forum (AP-FIF).

**Presentation of the Formal Invitation to the First ABAC Meeting in 2017**
Mr. Piyabutr presented the information of the 1st ABAC meeting which will be held during 19-23 February 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand

**ABAC Dialogue with Leaders**
The annual ABAC work plan results in detailed recommendations to host economies and includes direct dialog with APEC Senior Officials; Trade, SME, Finance Ministers and directly to APEC Economic Leaders at the annual Dialogue with APEC Leaders.

Air Chief Marshal Prajin Juntong, Deputy Prime Minister, as representative for Thailand Prime Minister was in Group 5 along with leaders from Australia, Chile and Hongkong.

The key topics comprised of
1) Free Trade/TPP  2) Innovation/Digital Economy  3) MSME

**APEC CEO Summit**
The CEO Summit provides Asia-Pacific businessmen the opportunity to attend presentations by business leaders, scholars and opinion leaders worldwide, and of Heads of State of the member economies (Leaders), and to discuss with them these presentations and other critical issues of the economy and business.

The CEO Summit is held within the framework of APEC and is organized by ABAC.

**The “Opportunity Thailand” seminar**
BOI will organize the international seminar “Opportunity Thailand” on 15 February 2017 at 08.00-17.00 hrs., Royal Jubilee, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani.
Tax measures to encourage investment in Thailand

Double deduction for Company limited or Juristic Ordinary Partnership in investment on their assets as follows:
- Machinery – parts – equipment
- Computer program
- Registered Vehicle but not include automobile (less than 10 seats) which not for rent
- Permanent building but not include land and residential building
* For the expenses during 3 November 2015 – 31 December 2016 and acquire the property within 31 December 2016, except machinery and permanent building.

Donations for Flood Victims

Due to the severe floodings in the southern provinces of Thailand which have caused untold damages and dislocations to the local residents and cost some 30 lives and many casualties.

The areas being affected are in dire need of help and many families are still without the supply of basic necessities.

The Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand, as one of the leaders of private sector, is doing its best to help the affected area in the region under "The Thai Chamber of Commerce Supports Flood Victims in Southern Thailand". It is also doing its utmost to make sure the people get the basic facilities until the situation returns to normalcy.

As the situation remains critical, we would like to request a compassionate donation to support the affected people and the families in the South so that we can continue our efforts to facilitate the affected people.

Your generous donation can save the lives of many people and would provide a temporary relief to them for which we would be most appreciative.

Payment option
- Check paid to “The Thai Chamber of Commerce Foundation”
- Transfer money to account name: “The Thai Chamber of Commerce Foundation”
  - Kasikorn Bank (Giant Swing Branch) Account number: 004-2-39457-2
  - Bangkok Bank (Tanao Branch) Account number: 111-4-20536-0
  - Krunthai Bank (Sam Yod) Account number: 002-0-13868-7

Please send a reply form and copy of your payment to Fax: 02-622-1001

For more information, please feel free contact Social Development and Good Governance Department
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Email: wachiraya@thaichamber.org / sub-anan.pr@thaichamber.org
Agenda Item XI  Other Business

The chairman invited to the IDE-JETRO and TDRI Joint International Symposium on 8 Feb. 2017

Furthermore, he would like to thank to K. Pui for the long service more than ten years. Unfortunately, this will be the last month that she works for JFCCT.

Mrs. Vibeke thanked to K. Pui and K. Meaw for hard working for the Prime minister’s event on 25 Nov. She also thanked to the Thai- Turkish Chamber of commerce, K. Thanya and K. Orhan who gave a lot support for this event.

Arto Artinian raised a question about the JFCCT Prime Minister’s lunch event and the lack of Q&A. The chairman noted that a small event was planned in order to cover the questions. A request would be made to DPM Somkid.

Mr. Jan Ericsson invited all presidents to attend the EABC speech dinner with the Governor of Bank of Thailand on 23 January 2017.

Dr. Supareak Charlie Chomchan thanked to the German- Thai Chamber of Commerce to hosted the Presidents’ Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 14:00 hrs.

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