

REPORT OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (WGTI)
INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THAILAND GROWTH TRIANGLE (IMT-GT)
20 OCTOBER 2008, PALEMBANG – INDONESIA

INTRODUCTION

The Second Meeting of the Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI) was held on 20 October 2008 at Palembang, Indonesia. The Indonesian delegation was led by Mdm. Ita Megasari Dachlan Rya Gde, Deputy Director General of International Trade Cooperation, Ministry of Trade. The Malaysian Delegation was led by Ms. Eleine Juliana Malek, Assistant Director of Investment Policy and Trade Facilitation Division, Ministry of International Trade and Industry. Thailand Delegation was led by Mr. Sutirak Issadisai, Executive Director of Bureau of Trade and Investment Cooperative, Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce.

2. The Meeting was attended by 16 participants from the respective Member Countries. The list of delegates is appended as Annex A. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Hairil Yahri Yaacob, Principal Assistant Director of Investment Policy and Trade Facilitation Division, Ministry of International Trade and Industry from Malaysia.

AGENDA ITEM 1 - OPENING REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

3. The Chair welcomed all delegates to the Second Meeting of the IMT-GT Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI).

4. In his opening remarks, he conveyed his gratitude to the host organising Ministry for the kind support in arranging the meeting.

5. He highlighted the function of WGTI as the monitoring body to ensure the achievement of the goals as set out in the IMT-GT Roadmap for Development 2007-2011, particularly in facilitating and promoting intra- and inter-IMT-GT trade and investment. As such, the 2nd WGTI meeting is aimed at updating progress made thus far and to identify issues arising from the implementation of the initiatives.

6. He also reiterated that the action plan may need to be reviewed in ensuring its relevance, viability and effectiveness by taking into consideration the current global economy development.

7. The full text of his opening remarks is appended as Annex B.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - OPENING REMARKS BY HEADS OF DELEGATION

8. Mdm. Ita Megasari Dachlan Rya Gde from the Ministry of Trade of Indonesia highlighted that the Government of Indonesia recognised that trans border economic cooperation such as IMT-GT can play an essential role in supporting regional development. The sub-regional cooperation is carried out and established in order to get the benefit for all Members, especially to accelerate the economic development and the flow of trade and investment within the sub-region.

9. In this regard, Indonesia recognised that more effort should be done to make the IMT-GT sub-regional economic cooperation more dynamic, workable and flexible in managing its programmes and activities to achieve its potential. There is a need to adjust the focus and development strategies of the IMT-GT in order to meet the challenges of globalisation and move to a higher level of development. Indonesia proposed to identify strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities in addressing the impact of globalisation in the sub-regional context.

10. Mr. Sutirak Issadisai from the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand highlighted that the cooperation in trade and investment is necessary to the economic prosperity and sustainability. Therefore, the most crucial task is to ensure that the cooperation framework is well coordinated to generate synergies for mutual prosperity. In this regard, WGTI is a pivotal mechanism to drive the IMT-GT economic wheel faster towards sustainable development of the region.

11. Ms. Eleine Juliana Malek from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia expressed the appreciation to the host country and expected the meeting would be productive and successful.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

12. The meeting adopted the provisional agenda.
13. The agenda appears as Annex C.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT

14. The Meeting was conducted in plenary.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - APPOINTMENT OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE

15. The Meeting agreed that each delegation would appoint representatives to the Drafting Committee to prepare the report of the Meeting for adoption at the end of the session.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IMT-GT DELIVERABLES AND PRIORITY ACTIONS IDENTIFIED UNDER THE IMT-GT WGTI FOR 2008

16. The Chair reported the overall progress report on the implementation of initiatives identified under the IMT-GT WGTI for 2008. Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand provided updates on all issues. The progress report appear as in Annex D.

AGENDA ITEM 7 - ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF IMT-GT DELIVERABLES AND PRIORITY ACTIONS IDENTIFIED UNDER THE IMT-GT WGTI FOR 2008

17. In discussing the progress report, Members had also raised a number of implementation issues which appears in the forth column of Annex D. Members also put up recommendation for Senior Officials' consideration which appears in the last column of Annex D.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2009

18. The Members were requested to start selecting and planning the programmes and activities for 2009. This could be undertaken between the 2nd WGTI and the 3rd IMT-GT Planning Meeting which may be held by end of January 2009. WGTI agreed to initiate discussion on the proposed programmes and activities for 2009, based on the Five-Year Roadmap for Development 2007 – 2011. The discussion will be done intersessionally and it is expected that the Working Group would finalise the deliverables / priority action for 2009 at the 3rd IMT-GT Annual Planning Meeting to be held early next year.

AGENDA ITEM 9 - IMT-GT TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TOURISM DATABASE (ITITD)

19. ADB recalled that the proposed development of the ITITD was supported by the special SOM. To move the project forward, ADB updated working group on the status of Stage 1 implementation of the proposed ITITD and proposed the setting up of an ITITD task force comprised of central statistical agencies, related agencies, and national secretariats. The role of the ITITD task force will be to oversee the development of the database and ensure its sustainability by working with each country to jointly undertake the necessary actions. Details of ADB proposal appears as ANNEX E.

20. WGTI agreed on the formation of the ITITD Task Force and the timeframes of activities proposed by ADB, but noted Members' concerns on the provision of data as further consultation is needed. WGTI requested CIMT/ADB to provide the list of indicators to guide them in determining the relevant agencies that could (i) provide the required data; and (ii) participate as members of the proposed Task Force. ADB clarified that whatever data is available under stage 1 will be the batch to be uploaded by December 2008 in the IMT-GT website with subsequent updating. WGTI recommended SOM to endorse the formation of the ITITD Task Force and the timeframes of activities.

AGENDA ITEM 10 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE IMT-GT WGTI REPORT TO THE 15TH SOM OF IMT-GT

21. The Meeting considered the draft IMT-GT WGTI Report to the 15th SOM of IMT-GT which was prepared by Malaysia. The Meeting agreed that the Report would include the updates provided by Member Countries earlier as well as the issues arising during the implementation of the projects and recommendations therein.

22. The Meeting adopted the Report which will be presented by the Chairperson to the 15th SOM of IMT-GT for consideration. The Report appears in Annex F.

AGENDA ITEM 11 - OTHER MATTERS

23. No additional items were raised.

AGENDA ITEM 12 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORT

24. The Meeting considered and adopted the report of the Second Meeting of the Working Group on Trade and Investment.

AGENDA ITEM 13 - DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

25. The Meeting agreed that the next Working Group Meeting will be held in Malaysia in 2009, subject to further confirmation.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – CLOSING REMARKS

26. The Meeting thanked the host and the organising committee for the excellent arrangement of the meeting.

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OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

2ND INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THAILAND GROWTH TRIANGLE
(IMT-GT) WORKING GROUP ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT
(WGTI) MEETING
PALEMBANG, 20 OCTOBER 2008

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 1. Firstly, I would like to apologise for the short notice given to all of you to attend this 2nd Meeting of IMT-GT Working Group on Trade & Investment. Please accept my appreciation for your presence today.**
- 2. On behalf of WGTI, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Government of Indonesia and our hosts from the Indonesian National Secretariat for Sub Regional Economic Cooperation for the warm hospitality and for the excellent meeting arrangements despite the short notice.**

Colleagues, Ladies & Gentlemen,

- 3. You may recall that one of the strategic thrusts of the IMT-GT Roadmap for Development 2007-2011 is to facilitate and promote intra- and inter-IMT-GT trade and investment. It is achieved through the reduction of costs of doing business and promotion of freer flow of goods and services in the IMT-GT sub-region. In this regard, WGTI has been tasked to pursue, monitor and review the implementation of all the programmes and projects in order to ensure attainment of the development goals and targets set by our Ministers. At our First Meeting held in July 2007 in Banda Aceh – Indonesia, you may recall that we had discussion on the Roadmap Action Plan.**
- 4. Early this year, at the 2nd Annual IMT-GT Meeting held in Phuket, Thailand, nine (9) initiatives have been identified as priority deliverables for the year 2008. As a result, all of us had undertaken efforts and measures to realize those deliverables.**

5. It is in this spirit of delivering the initiatives, this 2nd WGTI meeting is being held with the key objective of taking stock all the progress made and to identify issues arising from the implementation of the initiatives.

Colleagues, Ladies & Gentlemen,

6. Notwithstanding that key objective, we must also not lose sight of the IMT-GT Roadmap for Development for 2007-2011. As all of you are aware, this Roadmap provides both a framework, as well as a plan of action for IMT-GT development to ensure timely and effective implementation of priority IMT-GT projects and achieve synergy among various cooperative activities in the IMT-GT sub-region.

7. While we are focusing our resources to implement all the initiatives identified by our Leaders, I am of the view that the action plan needs some kind of review to ensure its relevance as well as to assess its viability and effectiveness. In saying that, I believe that the work and strategies of the WGTI must take into consideration the current global economy development in particular the financial market downturn and as such some of the projects may need to be re-tailored in order for them to continue to remain relevant and viable. Or perhaps, we may need to drop some projects due to current situation in global setting. Revision of the initiatives is also important in order for us to improve them. I hope our meeting today will also deliberate on this.

Colleagues, Ladies & Gentlemen,

8. As in the past, WGTI will also present its report and recommendations to the Senior Officials and Ministers. In this respect, I hope this Meeting will provide guidance in preparing the report.

9. Having said all of that, as the Chair, it is my earnest hopes that we will have fruitful outcome from today's WGTI meeting. Thank you.



**SECOND IMT-GT WORKING GROUP ON
TRADE AND INVESTMENT (WGTI) MEETING**
20 October 2008, Palembang, Indonesia

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WORKING GROUP ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Lead Country: MALAYSIA

Lead Agency: Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)

Summary of IMT-GT Deliverables and Priority Actions for 2008

NO	INITIATIVES / ISSUES	PRIORITY DELIVERABLES IN 2008	ON-GOING ACTIONS / STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES / REMARKS	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2 ND WGTI MEETING
1. CROSS BORDER TRADE AND INVESTMENT FACILITATION					
1	Establish one-stop investment centres in each of the IMT-GT subregions to facilitate licensing and processing of other permits	Preparation of consolidated information on all One Stop Investment Centres in IMT-GT as well as at national level.	<p><u>INDONESIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information can be obtained from the Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM). <p><u>MALAYSIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information can be obtained from the Business Information Centre (BIC) under MIDA. <p><u>THAILAND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information can be obtained from the Board of Investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidation of information can be the first step to establish the Investment Centres and this can be done by website link to the IMT-GT sub-region and CIMT: www.mida.gov.my www.bkpm.go.id www.boi.go.th 	WGTI proposed that each Member Country study the way to establish the one stop investment centre in each IMT-GT sub region.

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			of Thailand.		
2	Feasibility study for establishment of a Special Border Economic Zone at the Sadao-Bukit Kayu Hitam	Conduct meeting between Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department (EPU) of Malaysia and National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) of Thailand on preparing the 2nd phase of the study covering Bukit Kayu Hitam.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First phase of the study has been completed by Thailand. • NESDB of Thailand is currently undertaking the second phase of the study and is expected to be completed by mid of 2009. • Malaysia Development Institute (MDI) of EPU is undertaking the study and is expected to be completed by February / March 2009. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcome of the study will be reported at the next Joint Development Strategy (JDS) Working Group Meeting. 	

NO	INITIATIVES / ISSUES	PRIORITY DELIVERABLES IN 2008	ON-GOING ACTIONS / STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES / REMARKS	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2 ND WGTI MEETING
3	<p>Common wholesale markets and distribution centres in border areas</p>	<p>Set-up of 5 IMT-GT Plazas in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batam, Riau Island, Indonesia • Bukit Tinggi, Padang Indonesia • Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah, Malaysia • Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia 	<p><u>INDONESIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sumatral Promotion Centre in Batam and Terminal Agro Business in Riau are already established. • Provincial Government of Batam, Indonesia provides a special treatment for IMT-GT traders in utilizing the facilities. <p><u>MALAYSIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMT-GT Plazas in Bukit Kayu Hitam and Port Dickson is still under construction. 	<p><u>INDONESIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both IMT-GT Plaza in Indonesia are ready to operate. However, the demand from the private sector is not yet exist. Need further collaboration with JBC to create joint program to generate the demand of IMT private sector and utilize the facilities. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hatyai, Songkhla, Thailand 	<p><u>THAILAND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IMT – GT Plaza in Hatyai is now in operation. 		
4	<p>Financial settlement arrangement in the IMT-GT Region</p>	<p>Intensified promotions to be undertaken by relevant banks in both countries following the Bilateral Payment Arrangement (BPA) signed between Thailand and Malaysia on 20 September 2002.</p>	<p><u>MALAYSIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malaysia (JBC Malaysia) collaborated with the Association of Banks in Malaysia in promoting their facilities/products. <p><u>INDONESIA AND THAILAND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EXIM Bank of Thailand and the Central Bank of Indonesia have engaged in the negotiation of the Bilateral Payment Arrangement (BPA). Both sides agreed to speed up the process of negotiation by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agreement has yet to be reached. 	

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			facilitate the discussion. In this regard, both sides will provide information of their contact persons.		
2. TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION					
5	Initiative 1	IMT-GT International Trade Fair to be organised by Joint Business Council (JBC) Indonesia in Sumatera	<p><u>MALAYSIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JBC Malaysia has organised a trade mission to North Sumatera on 15-18 April 2008. Businessman from Malaysia and Indonesia considered possible collaboration in the Agriculture & Cattle Farming sector. <p><u>INDONESIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JBC Indonesia has organised the Riau Expo in Riau and Ramadhan Fair in Medan, in 2008. 		

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6	Initiative 2	Thailand Trade Missions to: Indonesia (2 nd Quarter 2008) Malaysia (3 rd Quarter 2008)	THAILAND • Trade Missions from Thailand to Indonesia and Malaysia has been cancelled.	• Thailand informed that the Missions were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.	
7	Initiative 3	Malaysia and Thailand to organise Trade Fairs for “ mobile traders ”	• JBC Malaysia and JBC Thailand are working together to facilitate mobile traders from both countries (vice versa) to have their trade fairs at shopping complex / festival.		
3. ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS INFORMATION COMPILATION					
8	Economic and Business Information Compilation and Dissemination (trade and investment policies, rules, regulations and procedures, using various forms of media)	To disseminate consolidated information on all One Stop Investment Centres established in IMT-GT subregions and at the national level through a	• Each Member Country is currently in the process of linking their respective websites to the IMT-GT and CIMT websites.		

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		website (i.e. Centre for IMT-GT Subregional Cooperation (CIMT) website)			
9	IMT-GT Business Directory (Profiles of manufacturer, traders, products and services)	JBC approved the directory design in the 24 th JBC Meeting and appointed Spektra Kinta Sdn Bhd (Malaysia) to produce the business directory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the soft launch of the IMT-GT Business Directory was held on 3 July 2008 in Shah Alam, Malaysia. 		

**PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE IMT-GT TRADE INVESTMENT AND
TOURISM DATABASE (ITITD): AUGUST 2008**

Background

1. The ITITD is a deliverable under the IMT-GT Roadmap 2007-2011 and appears as project 1.3.5 – “Establish a system for regularly monitoring and reporting cross-border trade and investment” under the purview of the Trade and Investment Working Group (WGTI) which is chaired by Malaysia. Although parked under the WGTI, ITITD will require cooperation from multiple agencies and thus involves other IMT-GT Working Groups. Indeed, data collection is a cross cutting deliverable under the respective Working Groups.

2. The implementation target is 2008-9. At the 1st WGTI meeting on 26-27 July 2007 in Banda Aceh, the Meeting expressed its support for the ITITD and requested ADB to ‘make a presentation similar to the BIMP-EAGA prototype as well as other features of the database...’ [Para. 26]. This target was reinforced at 3rd IMT-GT Summit on 19 November 2007 in Singapore as a key priority and again at the 2nd Annual IMT-GT Planning Meeting on 29-30 January 2008, in Phuket, Thailand. On both these occasions the assistance from ADB is deemed crucial.

Launching ITITD

3. The following are the sequence of activities for SOM's consideration. The proposal is for a 2 stage approach, with staggered deliverables, including (i) a baseline database, with progress presentable for the December Summit as the immediate goal and (ii) a more definitive customised “IMT-GT” database as a goal for 2009. For stage 1, the creation of a baseline database, is relatively straight forward but involves 4 critical steps (Appendix 1).

- a. The development of database framework will commence immediately and undertaken by ADB. The format will be preliminary based on the BIMP-EAGA template and modified as needed. It will define the scope of the template needed (e.g. intra-IMT within countries, across countries, etc) and also identify and recommend solutions to special constraints (e.g. how to deal with transit trade, etc). ADB will engage a trade specialist to accomplish these tasks.
- b. On completion, the proposed database framework is to be presented at the 2nd WGIT Meeting for their consideration. The 2nd WGIT Meeting represents a critical juncture for the project and for Member Country to decide on how best to proceed. As such, the participation of senior representatives of the central agencies is desirable at this meeting. In this regard, ADB may be able to assist by funding the participation of statistical agency representatives’ from each country to this meeting.

Key decision points are:

- i. Review and decide on findings from (a); the format and scope of the data template and constraints; and
 - ii. Identify buckets of data, ranging from data available off-the-shelf, indirect methods of collection and to determine data unique for IMT-GT.
- c. The encoding of data will require Member Countries to provide what data is available for uploading and chart a plan of action for the proceeding years.
 - d. ADB will provide the expertise required to upload the baseline database on the CIMT website which is concurrently being developed.

4. Given the technicalities involved, it is strongly suggested that an ITITD sub-working group Task Force be formed comprising of representatives of central statistical agencies, related agencies and national secretariats. Reporting to Senior Officials via CIMT, the specific role of the ITITD Task Force will be to oversee the development of the database and ensure its sustainability by working with each country to jointly undertake the necessary actions.

Timeframes of Activities

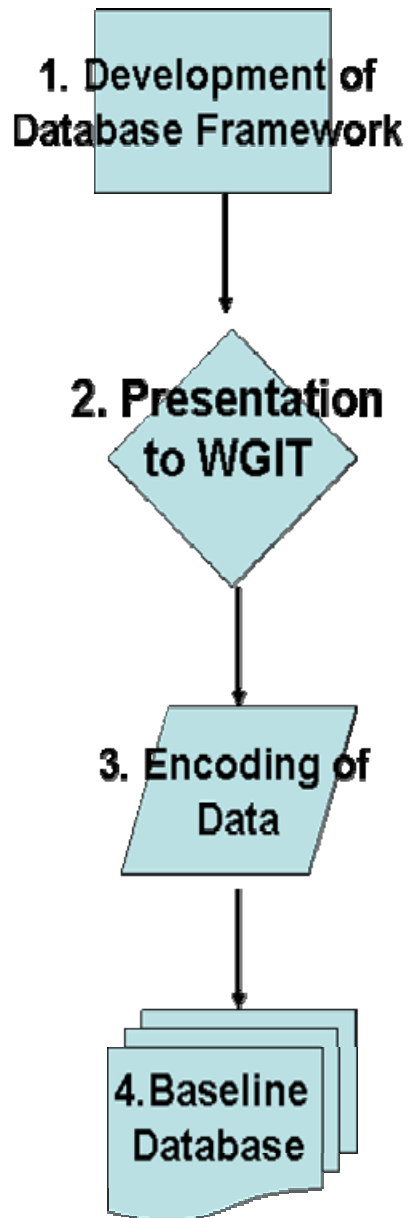
5. Given the urgency of ITITD and that the Summit is fast approaching, an aggressive timeframe is proposed. Activities need to be conducted concurrently in order to meet the November deadline. Should major differences between BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT arise, necessitating a new framework for the ITITD model, then revisions to the two stage approach may be necessary. Regardless, it is pertinent to use the Summit as a milestone for completing a presentable ITITD version.

	Activity	Timeframe	Remarks
Stage1: Baseline Database for Presentation to IMT-GT Summit			
1.	Development of Database Framework	Nov. 2008	ADB to undertake development. Subject to the WGIT convening a meeting.
2.	Presentation to 2 nd WGIT Meeting		
3.	Encoding of data	Dec. 2008	Subject to data collected from Member Countries
4.	Creation of Baseline Datasets on CIMT Website, Progress Report to IMT-GT Summit		
Stage 2: Customised IMT-GT ITITD			

5.	Specific enhancements Analysis and Design of Customised Database Format: Interface, Reports, Tools, Assessment of functionality of proposed design. (To be conducted with Technical Officers of pre-determined IMC agencies)	Jan. 2009	
6.	Enhancement of Database Design	Jan. 2009	
7.	Development of Manual of Operations	Feb. 2009	
8.	Data Gathering and Programming	Feb Mar. 2009	-
9.	Final consultations meetings with governments and end users. User trails and feed back	Apr. 2009	
10.	Uploading of new datasets to Website and 'live' launching of Database	May. 2009	
11.	Progress and review	Aug. 2009	

ACTION: SOM to finalise and endorse timelines.

Appendix 1: Stage One Steps



15th IMT-GT SENIOR OFFICIALS AND
MINISTERIAL MEETING (SOMM)
21-23 OCTOBER 2008, PALEMBANG, INDONESIA

REPORT FROM THE IMT-GT
WORKING GROUP ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (WGTI)

1. The IMT-GT Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI) met in Palembang, Indonesia on 20 October 2008. List of attendees is attached in Annex I.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2ND IMT-GT WGTI MEETING

2. The Working Group undertook stock-taking exercise on the progress of the deliverables / priority action identified at the 2nd IMT-GT Annual Planning Meeting held in Phuket, Thailand from 29-30 January 2008. Issues relating to the implementation of those initiatives were also discussed and WGTI agreed to seek Senior Officials' consideration and endorsement on the recommendation. The matrix containing the summary of the on-going actions / status of the initiatives, issues and recommendation appears in Annex II.

Senior Officials are invited to consider the recommendation.

3. The Working Group also agreed to initiate discussion on the proposed programmes and activities for 2009, based on the Five-Year Roadmap for Development 2007 – 2011. The discussion will be done intersessionally and it is expected that the Working Group would finalize the deliverables / priority action for 2009 at the 3rd IMT-GT Annual Planning Meeting to be held early next year.

4. Asian Development Bank (ADB) presented the proposal to establish the IMT-GT Trade, Investment and Tourism Database - ITITD (one of the deliverables under the IMT-GT Roadmap 2007-2011). In essence, a 2-stage approach with staggered deliverables, including (i) a baseline database, with progress presentable for the December Summit and (ii) a more definitive customised "IMT-GT" database as a goal for 2009 in implementing the project, was

proposed by ADB. In addition, in implementing ITITD, ADB proposed for the establishment of the ITITD Task Force, comprising central statistical agencies, related agencies and National Secretariats. The Task Force is to provide assistance to ADB in compiling the baseline data. Details of ADB proposal appears as Annex III. WGTI agreed and supported the proposal to establish the Task Force and the proposed timeframe of activities. However, further consultation is needed on the details of data required.

Senior Officials are invited to consider and endorse the proposed setting up of ITITD Task Force as well as sequence of activities.

5. Full Report of the 2nd IMT-GT WGTI Meeting is attached as Annex IV.

Senior Officials are invited to take note of the report of the 2nd IMT-GT WGTI Meeting and to consider and endorse the recommendations therein.

IMT-GT Working Group on Trade and Investment
Palembang, Indonesia
20 October 2008

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