

**REPORT OF INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THAILAND GROWTH-TRIANGLE
1st MEETING OF THE IMT-GT TRADE INVESTMENT AND TOURISM
DATABASE (ITITD) TASK FORCE
4 September 2009, Putrajaya**

INTRODUCTION

1. The Inaugural 1st Meeting of the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Trade Investment and Tourism Database (ITITD) Task Force was held at Putrajaya, Malaysia on 4 September 2009.
2. The Meeting was attended by all Member Countries, a representative from the Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI), the Centre for IMT-GT Cooperation (CIMT) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Meeting acknowledged CIMT and ADB's respective role as Secretariat and technical advisor to the ITITD Task Force. The full list of participants appears as **ANNEX 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING REMARKS

3. CIMT provided an overview of IMT-GT to the ITITD Task Force. CIMT's presentation appears as **ANNEX 2**.
4. The Meeting welcomed Dr. Satwiko Darmesto, the Director of International Trade Statistics, CBS, as the Task Force Member for Indonesia. Dr. Satwiko Darmesto replaces Pak Adi Lumaksono, MA.

AGENDA ITEM 2: BRIEFING FROM ADB

5. ADB briefed the Task Force on their roles and responsibilities and expectations as Task Force Members, and the measures ADB has undertaken to realise ITITD. Differences between the Task Force and Focal Points were highlighted. As decision makers, it was expected For Task Force Member themselves to attend ITITD Meetings, while Focal Points would primarily be involved in technical matters. ADB's presentation appears as **ANNEX 3**.
6. The Meeting recalled ITITD's objective was the realisation of Leaders' desire for a more objective assessment of the socio-economic progress resulting specifically from IMT-GT cooperation. Thus, the value of ITITD was directly related to the level of disaggregation of the indicators for each country.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

7. The Meeting considered adopted the Agenda which appears as **ANNEX 4**.

AGENDA ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

8. The Meeting was held in plenary.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ITITD TASK FORCE DELIVERABLES

9. On the issue of the availability and level of disaggregation of the indicators, the Meeting agreed for each country to officially propose their respective versions of the ITITD Data Template (by reviewing and modifying the ITITD Data Template Questionnaires) by no later than **5 November 2009**.
10. The respective Member Countries versions of the ITITD Data Template will include proposals for appropriate definitions, formulae, and standardisation among Task Force Members; identify country sources, frequency of release/update and methodology of data collection and limitations of the data.
11. The ITITD Task Force agreed to meet as and when necessary to determine consensus on issues as mentioned in Para. 10 above. Inter-sessionally, the ITITD Task Force primary mode of communication will be via electronic mail.
12. The ITITD Task Force agreed on a need for a strategy and action plan with timelines for focal points to identify and collect the necessary data from the relevant national sources. In this regard, each Member Countries will outline their respective Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for national data collection and collation. Member Countries are to submit the respective SOP together with their versions of the ITITD Data Template by **5 November 2009**.
13. The Meeting agreed for a higher body, such as the WGTI, to determine if a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Statistics between the Heads of National Statistics Offices and CIMT is necessary to ensure the long-term commitment of parties, and to raise the issue with Senior Officials as and when deemed appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT TO THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (WGTI)

14. The ITITD Task Force Report to the WGTI appears as **ANNEX 5**.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER MATTERS

15. The ITITD Task Force took note of the significant economic indicators and related statistics already available on the IMT-GT Website at <http://www.imtgt.org> and commended CIMT and ADB for their efforts. The Meeting encouraged CIMT and all relevant parties to promote the IMT-GT Website as a source for IMT-GT information.
16. The Meeting elected Malaysia as the Chairman for the ITITD Task Force, to align with the Chairmanship of the WGTI.

AGENDA ITEM 8: DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

17. The Meeting agreed to convene its 2nd meeting in November 2009, soon after Member Countries submit their versions of the ITITD Data Template due by 5th November 2009. The main objective of the 2nd Meeting is achieving a common, single ITITD Data Template for all IMT-GT countries.
18. The Meeting agreed to allow for the inclusion of country specific data, and encouraged Member Countries to volunteer statistics over and above the baseline information in the common ITITD Data Template.
19. The Meeting thanked Indonesia, for agreeing to host the 2nd Meeting of the ITITD Task Force in Jakarta, Indonesia.

CLOSING REMARKS

20. The Meeting thanked CIMT and the Economic Planning Unit for hosting the Meeting, and ADB for sponsoring the Meeting.

