

**Welcome to the second edition of the OECD Thailand Country Programme newsletter!**

The Thailand Country Programme, launched in May 2018, aims to help bolster Thailand's domestic reform agenda, support its transition to high-income status and bring the country closer to OECD standards and instruments. This second edition of the newsletter highlights activities from November 2018 - February 2019.

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**High-Level Events**

**OECD and Thai Officials Meet to Discuss Next Steps for Co-operation**



**15 February 2019- Bangkok, Thailand**

OECD Deputy Secretary-General Masamichi Kono met with Mr. Virasakdi Futrakool, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs during his visit to Bangkok. They discussed overall OECD-Thailand co-operation, including the ongoing work of the four pillars of the [Thailand Country Programme](#). DSG Kono underlined the OECD's interest in supporting Thailand's ASEAN Chair priorities in 2019, particularly in the areas of digital ASEAN, connectivity and sustainability.

**Launch of the Multi-dimensional Country Review of Thailand (MDCR): Volume II**



**15 February 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand**

OECD Deputy Secretary-General Masamichi Kono and Dr. Pattama Teanravisitsagool, Deputy Secretary General of the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) launched the new [Multi-dimensional Country Review of Thailand \(MDCR\): Volume II In-depth Analysis and Recommendations](#) in Bangkok. The report looks at policy transition in three areas: regional development, multi-level governance and water management.

**The 77th Session of the Committee on Digital Economy Policy (CDEP)**



**15 November 2018 – Paris, France**

Thailand officially became a Participant to the CDEP in August 2018. Dr. Pichet Durongkavoroj, Minister of Digital Economy and Society attended the 77<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee. He shared Thailand's digital strategies and the development of the new digital laws and related regulations.

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**Capacity Building Activities**

**Capacity Building Workshops on SME Development in Thailand**



**18-22 February 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand**

The OECD, in collaboration with Thailand's Office of SME Promotion (OSMEP), held a series of workshops to present the key findings of the [SME Policy Index: ASEAN 2018](#). Discussions centred upon finance and MSMEs, mapping existing SME support structures, and policies to support the integration of the informal sector into the formal economy. Over 100 policy makers from various government agencies and business sectors attended the workshops.

**Workshop on Curriculum Design**



**30-31 January 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand**

Building on the key findings of the [2016 Publication on Education in Thailand: An OECD-UNESCO Perspective](#), the OECD and the Office of the Basic Education Commission (OBEC) conducted the first in a series of three workshops. The workshop focused on curriculum design and the development of a competency-based curriculum. The capacity-building workshops aim to support Thailand in modernising its curriculum and bolstering its domestic reform efforts.

**Conference on Raising Learning Outcomes in Southeast Asia: Insights from PISA**



**29-30 November 2018 – Bangkok, Thailand**

Thailand's Ministry of Education hosted a regional conference, entitled "**Raising Learning Outcomes in Southeast Asia, Insights from PISA**", for ASEAN countries. The event was designed and organised by the OECD in collaboration with the Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST). The Conference discussed strategies and practices to improve curriculum, instruction and assessment measures.

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**RECENT PUBLICATIONS ON THAILAND**



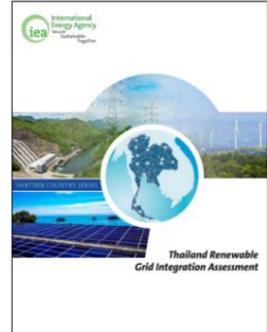
The Report is the second volume of three MDCR of Thailand. The first volume released in April 2018, identified the main constraints to Thailand's development. In this edition, the Report highlights three priorities for Thailand to achieve faster and more inclusive economic growth: 1) unlocking the potential of regions, 2) fostering multi-level governance; and 3) better management of water security.

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The Report analyses opportunities and challenges related to enhanced data access, the impacts of artificial intelligence on science and manufacturing, and the influence of digitalisation on research and innovation. The 2018 edition features a STI policy survey from Thailand for the first time. STIP database of Thailand is available [here](#).

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The Report is part of IEA's *Thailand Renewable Grid Integration Assessment Project*. It analyses three different work themes related to renewable energy in Thailand including 1) Techno-economic grid integration assessment 2) Distributed energy resources analysis; and 3) Power Development Plan assessment and variable renewable energy system cost analysis.

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