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**SET hosts Thailand Focus 2021 to showcase Thai capital market opportunities in the next normal to worldwide institutional investors**

**BANGKOK, August 17, 2021** - The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) will organize “Thailand Focus 2021: Thriving in the Next Normal”, a virtual conference, to present the strength and opportunities of the Thai capital market in the next normal. Finance Minister Arkhom Termpittayapaisith will graciously deliver a keynote speech on the Thai economy’s opportunities, readiness and strategic development toward sustainability to boost confidence among institutional investors globally. In addition, representatives of business, financial and capital market sectors will present how Thai business operators could strategically optimize their resilience and adapt to cope with the pandemic situations. Senior executives of over 100 listed companies will share valuable information in the virtual conference set for August 25-27.

**SET President Pakorn Peetathawatchai** said that Thailand Focus conference has continuously been organized for 15 years with this year’s theme of “Thriving in the Next Normal”. It will show potential, strength and readiness of the Thai capital market and the overall economy in the next normal. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Thai capital market has managed to keep uncertainties in check, making strides in initiating new business and attracting more companies engaged in future industries to line up for listing. From 2019 until now, the Thai capital market’s performance has proved to be outstanding compared to other ASEAN markets in terms of newly listed securities’ fundraising amount while the overall market currently fares better than early this year. These indicate the Thai capital market’s healthy position as a key fundraising and a return generating source amid the crisis, and interesting investment destination. Thailand Focus conference truly provides a good opportunity to present useful information and potential to global institutional investors.

Thailand Focus 2021 virtual conference is honored to have Finance Minister Arkhom Termpittayapaisith address a keynote speech on “Shaping Thailand’s Readiness for Post COVID-19 Economic Opportunities”, shading light on the directions and policies concerning economic stimulation by the government to support recovery and prepare for growth. He will confirm development strategies to drive sustainable economy as a foundation for long-term growth. Moreover, representatives of the government and private sectors will concertedly boost confidence among international institutional investors by presenting Thailand’s potential and listed companies’ adaptations especially by adopting innovations and technologies to increase their performance efficiency toward growth opportunities, with lessons learned from the current crisis to enhance business in the future.

Despite the COVID pandemic, this year’s Thailand Focus will be the closest to its previous versions in normal situation. For example, the number of participating listed companies will double their presence in the virtual conference last year. Furthermore, there will also be one-on-one meetings for institutional investors to have opportune discussions directly with listed companies in addition to the virtual private group meetings that were organized last year, drawing a great number of large institutional investors.

“Moreover, top-notch executives of more than 100 listed companies from all industry groups will join the conference to share their information to worldwide institutional investors. These companies have growth potential and tap into current investment trends. In addition, corporations placing importance on sustainability development embracing environmental, social and governance or ESG aspects valued by global investors will also share their insights,” added Pakorn.

“Thailand Focus 2021: Thriving in the Next Normal” will be organized in the form of a virtual conference during August 25 - 27, 2021 to present investment opportunities to worldwide institutional investors. For more information, please visit [www.set.or.th/thailandfocus](http://www.set.or.th/thailandfocus).

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