

Welcome Address

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The Chairman of The Stock Exchange of Thailand, Dr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul

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The Governor of The Bank of Thailand, Dr. Sethaput Suthiwartnarueput

(เศรษฐพุฒิ สุทธิวาทนฤพุฒิ),

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

- It is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you to “Thailand Focus 2023”, The Stock Exchange of Thailand’s annual flagship event, where we showcase the Thai capital market to investors worldwide.
- Today, we gather with great pleasure and excitement under the theme of "The New Horizon." As we step forward on this voyage together, we set our sights on exploring uncharted territories, envisioning new possibilities, and embracing boundless opportunities that lie ahead.
- Over the past few years, we have witnessed the steady growth of Thailand's economy. Thanks to the resilience and determination of our people, we've not only rebounded from the pandemic but have also emerged more robust, propelling us to levels surpassing those of the pre-COVID era.

- At today's "Thailand Focus" conference, our Chairman, the Governor, and notable speakers will discuss about the strengths of Thai economy and its capital market, highlighting numerous business and investment opportunities, amidst multiple challenges in global market.
- We'll be drawing upon the nation's inherent strengths as we navigate towards 'The New Horizon'. With a robust macroeconomic foundation, advancements in key and new industries, and an evolving financial landscape, our speakers will lead us to explore topics such as Thailand's economic revival, monetary policies, market confidence reinforcement, and evolution in key industries.
- We'll then explore the transformation occurring in our tourism and hospitality sectors and the charm of Thailand's soft power industries, touching upon our rich cultural heritage and international influence. These elements play an important role as we discuss Thailand's strengths and its path towards "the new horizon".
- We'll also explore the matter of supply chain relocation in the current geopolitical landscape, highlighting Thailand's rapidly growing Electric Vehicle (EV) industry and our strategic advantages.
- Moreover, we will emphasize on the vital role of sustainability practices as we journey towards a greener horizon, underlining the collaborative efforts required to realize this vision.

- These highlights from "the New Horizon" will be the core of our discussions at Thailand Focus 2023, all thanks to the invaluable insights from our esteemed speakers and moderators. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our distinguished guests and organizers for their dedication in bringing Thailand Focus 2023 to life.
- I would like to wrap up by saying "With the New Horizon as our compass, let us embark on this exciting journey together."
- Up next, we have the opening address by the Chairman of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, Dr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul, the ex-governor of The Bank of Thailand and the ex-secretary general of the Thailand SEC. Please join me in extending a warm welcome.