

## **SESSION 3: Global trade war: Implication on health in ASEAN**

**DATE/ TIME: Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 09.15 – 10.30 hrs (75 minutes)**

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### **LEAD SPEAKER:**

Ms. Pimchanok Vonkorpon  
Director-General, Trade Policy and Strategy Office, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand

### **PANELISTS:**

1. Dr. Arm Tungnirun, Faculty of Laws, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
2. Dr. Mia Mikic, Director Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and the Pacific
3. Mr Kiyoshi Adachi, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

### **MODERATOR:**

Dr Piti Srisangnam, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

The ongoing trade tension between the US and China will continue for an extended period of time and could deteriorate global trade environment. ASEAN is inevitably affected positively and negatively by this phenomenon. Vietnam and Thailand are expected to be largest beneficiaries from the trade war, given their readiness to do business. Similar implications will likely be seen across the region such as trade diversion in the short-term and base relocation, attracting more FDI into the country over longer term.

However, this claim would understate the challenges and potential downside faced by Southeast Asian countries. To reap the benefits of the trade war and minimise the risks, trade analysts suggest countries to uplift countries' commitment to multilateralism, proactively invest in infrastructure and production capacity, and increase regional supply chain integration.

Although this trade tension has escalated substantially over a year, an impact of the trade war on health is not yet explored. This Session will provide the audience with the evolution of the current trade war and discuss on potential impact on regional trade and health, with recommendation for ASEAN countries on how to gain the benefits from and minimise the risk of trade war.

## LEAD SPEAKER

### **Ms. Pimchanok Vonkorpon**

Director-General, Trade Policy and Strategy Office,  
Ministry of Commerce Thailand



Pimchanok Vonkorpon is director-General of trade Policy and Strategy Office (TPSO), Ministry of Commerce, Thailand. Her professional background is in trade negotiations and strategies with experiences spanning from WTO, ASEAN, APEC, and many FTA negotiations. Her specialized areas are service, investment, sustainable development and new economy. She held 2 foreign postings in Geneva and Brussels, representing Thailand on trade matters at the WTO and the European Union, respectively. Pimchanok received her education and training in New Zealand, Japan, France, and the US.

At the helm of TPSO since its establishment in 2015, Pimchanok has geared the department to be one of the leading think tank government agencies in Thailand specializing in trade issues. She has set out 3 main agenda for future works of TPSO in the next few years: (1) trade competitiveness and strategy; (2) local economy development; and (3) adaptation to be the new economy and technology.

**Panelist:**

**Dr. Arm Tungnirun**

Faculty of Laws, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand



Arm Tungnirun is currently a faculty member at Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. He was a 2017-2018 Residential Fellow at the Institute for Global Law and Policy at Harvard Law School. He was also a former director of the Thai-Chinese Strategic Research Center at Thailand's National Research Council. He received his LL.B. from Peking University, Beijing, China, LL.M. in International Economic Law from Harvard Law School, J.S.M. and J.S.D. in Law and Development from Stanford Law School. His research interests are in the areas of Chinese law, international economic law, and development studies. His new book "China 5.0" tops the bestseller list in Thailand in September 2018. He is fluent in three languages, and enjoys thinking across the borders of countries, legal traditions, and academic disciplines.

## Panelist

### Dr. Mia Mikic

Director Trade, Investment and Innovation Division,  
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and the Pacific



Dr. Mia Mikic is Director, Trade, Investment and innovation Division in United Nations ESCAP. She also coordinates the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), an open network of research and academic institutions and think-tanks in the Asia-Pacific region. Previously, she was Professor of International Economics at the University of Zagreb, and Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland. She is the author of *International Trade* (Macmillan, 1998), co-author of *Trade Statistics in Policymaking – A handbook of commonly used trade indices and indicators* (United Nations, 2009), journal and technical papers, and has edited or co-edited several volumes, most recently with Bruno Jetin, *ASEAN Economic Community- A model for Asia-wide regional integration?* (Palgrave, 2016). She led a development of the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Agreements Database of ESCAP which monitors trade performance of the trade agreements for the regional economies. She oversees preparation of Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report, a flagship publication of ESCAP in area of trade and investment. Her current work focuses on the effectiveness of trade, investment and STI as the key means of implementation for sustainable development, services and digital trade, non-tariff protection, and evidence-based policymaking in trade, investment and innovation. She is collaborating with other partners on launching a new initiative called Women in ARTNeT – On the road to gender parity in ARTNeT. She has masters in International Business from the St. Mary's College of California and a doctorate in Economics from the University of Zagreb.

## Panelist

### Mr Kiyoshi Adachi

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)



Kiyoshi Adachi is a Legal Officer of the Intellectual Property Unit, Division on Investment and Enterprise, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Since 2006, Mr. Adachi has led a team of lawyers at UNCTAD looking into the integrated treatment of intellectual property, technology transfer and development issues, and has published and lectured widely on this interface. He has advised and trained stakeholders in developing countries in Asia and Africa on intellectual property provisions in preferential trade and investment agreements; intellectual property and local manufacturing of/access to medicines; and the relationship between intellectual property and access and benefit sharing policies under the Convention on Biological Diversity. Prior to joining UNCTAD, he worked with the United Nations in New York and Vienna, and with an international law firm in Tokyo. Mr. Adachi holds a *Juris Doctor* from the UCLA School of Law and is admitted to the bars of Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, USA. He also has a Master of Public Administration from the American University and a Bachelor's degree in Government and Asian Studies from Dartmouth College. He is currently also a visiting scholar at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo.

**Moderator:**

Dr Piti Srisangnam, Chulalongkorn University

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The University of Melbourne, Australia Doctor of Philosophy (Economics) Dissertation: “The Effect of ASEAN Economic Integration with the Special Reference to the Thai Economy”	2004-2008
Chulalongkorn University, Thailand Master of Arts in International Economics and Finance	2000-2001
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Full-time Lecturer in Economics, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University	2002 – 2014
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, ASEAN Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University	2012 - 2013
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, Centre for European Studies, Chulalongkorn University	2010 - 2012
Lecturer – “Managerial Economics” Master in Business Administration (MBA), Vongchavalitkul University	2009 - 2010
Lecturer – “Managerial Economics and Financial Management” Doctoral Programme in Business Administration (DBA), Rattana Bundit University	2010 – 2011
Lecturer in Microeconomics, Rangsit University	2001 - 2002