



Seventh Meeting of the Asia Tax Forum

**20-22 October 2010
Cambodia**

Wednesday, 20 October

Time	Description of content	Speaker/comments
11:00-3:30 PM (Buffet lunch from 1:00-2:00 PM)	<i>Master Class I</i> Design and administration of an efficient excise tax system	<u>Lead:</u> Professor Richard Bird, Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Toronto <u>Commenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Rob Preece, Associate Director, Centre for Customs & Excise Studies, University of Canberra• Mr. Warwick Ryan, Director, Government Relations, KPMG Australia• Dr. Kontee Nuchsuwan, Excise Tax Policy, Fiscal Policy Office, Thailand Ministry of Finance• Mr. Vann Puthipol, Director of Large Taxpayer Department, Cambodian Ministry of Economy and Finance

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<p>11:00-3:30 PM</p> <p>(Buffet lunch from 1:00-2:00 PM)</p>	<p><i>Master Class II</i></p> <p>Design and execution of an upstream taxation regime for natural resources</p>	<p><u>Lead:</u> Mr. Philip Daniel, Deputy Head of the Tax Policy Division (Deputy Division Chief) in the Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund</p> <p><u>Commenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International oil company tax officer • International mining company representative • Mr. Rustam Effendi, Fiscal Policy Office, Indonesian Ministry of Finance • Mr. Eng Ratana, Deputy Director of Large Taxpayer Department, Cambodian Ministry of Economy and Finance
<p>All Day</p>	<p>Delegates free to check into hotel, register and visit Seam Reap</p>	
<p>5:30 PM</p>	<p>Closed session for public sector participants</p>	<p><u>Co-Chairs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sim Eang, Director General, General Department of Taxation, Cambodian Ministry of Finance and Economy • Mr. Timothy Dyce, Deputy Commissioner (Excise), Australian Taxation Office
<p>7:30 PM</p>	<p><i>Welcome Dinner</i></p>	<p><u>Opening remarks:</u> Mr. Daniel Witt, President, ITIC</p> <p><u>Welcome address:</u> Mr. Sim Eang</p>

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9:00-9:30 AM	<p><i>Opening Ceremony</i></p> <p>Tax reform in Cambodia – issues, challenges, solutions</p>	<p><u>Welcome Remarks:</u> Ms. Milwida Guevara, Chief Executive Officer of the Synergeia Foundation and Managing Fellow of the Public Finance Institute of The Philippines;</p> <p>Mr. Daniel Witt</p> <p><u>Keynote Address:</u> The Honorable Keat Chhon, Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Economy and Finance</p>
9:30-10:30 AM	<p><i>Reflections on GST/VAT as the Central Measure in Tax Reforms</i></p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Richard Bird</p> <p><u>Keynote paper:</u> Dr. Partho Shome, Chief Economist, Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, United Kingdom</p> <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Korea • Malaysia • New Zealand
10:30-10:45 AM	COFFEE BREAK	

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10:45AM-12:00 PM	<i>Breakout Session 1: Design and Practical Implementation of Excise Taxes</i>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Mr. Hafiz Choudhury, Program Advisor, ITIC</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> Professor Richard Bird</p> <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Korea • India • Thailand
10:45AM-12:00 PM	<p><i>Breakout Session 2: Taxation of Natural Resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Oil & gas (upstream) taxation and</i> • <i>Minerals taxation (non hydrocarbons)</i> 	<p><u>Chair:</u> Mr. Daniel Witt</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Mr. Philip Daniel</p> <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indonesia • China • Mr. Eng Ratana, Deputy Director of Large Taxpayer Department, Cambodian Ministry of Economy and Finance
12:00-1:30 PM	LUNCH	
1:30-3:00 PM	<i>Plenary Session: Excise Tax Reforms in the Region</i>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Mr. Rob Preece</p> <p><u>Keynote paper:</u> Dr. Kontee Nuchsuwan</p> <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tim Dyce • Philippines • Indonesia

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3:00-3:30 PM	COFFEE BREAK	
3:30– 5:00 PM	<i>Breakout Session 3: Tax Aspects of FTAs, Customs Unions, and WTO</i>	<p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stephen Phua • Mr. Robert Beckman, Director, Center for International Law, National University of Singapore • Mr. Hafiz Choudhury <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaysia • Vietnam • Cambodia
	<i>Breakout Session 4: Indirect Taxation of Financial Sector Supplies – Country Analyses</i>	<p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Joosung Jun, Ewha Womans University</p> <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India • China

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9:00-10:00 AM	<i>Plenary Session: Use of Transfer Pricing Techniques in Indirect Tax Policy</i>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Mr. Hafiz Choudhury</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Mr. Tony Gorgas, Partner, Global Transfer Pricing Services</p>
10:00-10:30 AM	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<i>Breakout Session 5: Introduction of a Property Tax</i>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Mr. Rob Preece</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • Mr. Sok Chhieng, Chief of Legal Office, Cambodian Ministry of Economy and Finance • Vietnam
	<i>Breakout Session 6: Tax Administration Modernization</i>	<p><u>Chair:</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Discussants:</u> TBD</p>

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11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	<i>Plenary Session: Environmental Taxation as Part of an Indirect Tax Policy Regime</i>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Mr. Rob Preece</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Mr. Steve Holloway</p> <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thailand • Philippines • China • Singapore
12:45-1:00 PM	<p><i>Eighth Meeting of the Asia Tax Forum, 2011</i></p> <p>Closing Comments</p>	<p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Daniel Witt • Mr. Hafiz Choudhury
1:00-2:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00-2:00 PM	<p>Meeting of ATF Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Program for 2011 • Agenda for eight ATF • Venue for ninth/tenth ATF 	
2:00-6:00 PM	Cultural program at Angkor Wat, hosted by Royal Cambodian Ministry of Finance	
7:00 PM	<i>Closing Banquet</i>	