

**Informal Media Roundtable with APEC Experts**  
**“Towards APEC MRT 2022: Recovering from COVID-19 and global disruptions”**  
**Monday, 16 May 2022, 13.30-14.15 hrs., at Ballroom 2, Shangri-La Bangkok**

**Introduction**

During 9-19 May 2022, the Second APEC Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM2) and related meetings will be held in the lead up to the Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) meeting on 21-22 May 2022 and the APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting in Bangkok this November. The SOM2 and MRT meetings will discuss how APEC will continue to drive forward meaningful actions under the theme of “Open. Connect. Balance.” This includes a refreshed conversation on FTAAP post-COVID-19, the resumption of safe and seamless cross-border and sustainable and inclusive economic growth based on the BCG Economy Model.

To provide the media with coverage opportunities and insight into what goes on behind the meeting room doors, the Informal Media Roundtable with APEC Experts will be held with a view to enhancing the media’s understanding of how the work of APEC is key to COVID-19 recovery efforts in the midst of current global disruptions.

**Programme**

12.30 hrs. - Registration (**Venue:** Ballroom 2 Shangri-La Bangkok Hotel)

13.30 hrs. - Session Starts

- Introduction: Mr. Thanawat Sirikul, Deputy Director-General, Department of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thailand (Moderator)

**Panelists**

- Mr. Cherdchai Chaivaivid, Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thailand
- Mr. Rachavitch Piyapramote, Minister (Commercial), Permanent Representative of Thailand to the WTO and the World Intellectual Property Organization (Bangkok Office)
- Mr. Carlos Kuriyama, Senior Analysts, Policy Support Unit, APEC Secretariat

14.15 hrs. - SOM2 Informal Media Roundtable Session Ends

**Registration**

- Registered media can direct their reservation to [media@apec2022.go.th](mailto:media@apec2022.go.th) by 12 May 2022.

- Media who have not registered via [apec2022.go.th](mailto:media@apec2022.go.th) can direct their reservation with media credentials to [media@apec2022.go.th](mailto:media@apec2022.go.th) by 12 May 2022.

Note:

(1) The SOM2 Informal Media Roundtable will be conducted in English with no interpretation service provided.

(2) The SOM2 Informal Media Roundtable will be hosted physically with no online participation and recording provided.

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