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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AAA	Analytical Advisory Activities	MSDHS	Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
ADB	Asian Development Bank	MUA	Ministry of University Affairs
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development	NCC	National Committee on Competitiveness
ART	Antiretroviral Treatment	NCCC	National Counter-Corruption Commission
ASEM	Asia-Europe Meeting	NESC	National Economic and Social Advisory Council
BOI	Board of Investment	NESDB	National Economic and Social Development Board
BOT	Bank of Thailand	NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
BTSC	Bangkok Transit System Company	NSO	National Statistic Office
CAS	Country Assistance Strategy	NPL	Non-Performing Loans
CDP	Country Development Partnership	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
CFAA	Country Financial Accountability Assessment	OED	Operations Evaluation Department
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency	ODS	Ozone Depleting Substance
CIO	Chief Information Officer	ONDC	Office of the National Decentralization Committee
CPAR	Country Procurement Assessment Report	ONEC	Office of the National Education Committee
CSO	Civil Society Organizations	OPPM	Office of the Public Procurement Management
DLC	Distance Learning Center	PAD	Project Appraisal Document
DO	Development Objective	PCD	Pollution Control Department
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	PDC	Public Sector Development Commission
EXIM	Export-Import Bank	PDMO	Public Debt Management Office
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	PEA	Provincial Electricity Authority
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment	PHRD	Policy and Human Resource Development
FSAP	Financial Sector Assessment Program	PM	Particular Matter
FSIAL	Financial Sector Implementation Assistance Loan	PPI	Private Participation in Infrastructure
FTPI	Foundation for Thailand Productivity Institute	PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
GDLN	Global Distance Learning Network	PSRL	Public Sector Reform Loan
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	PTO	Provincial Treasury Office
GEF	Global Environment Facility	QAG	Quality Assurance Group
GMS	Greater Mekong Subregion	RIs	Rajabhat Institutes
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation	ROSC	Reports on the Observance of Standards and Codes
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	RTG	Royal Thai Government
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	RUDF	Regional Urban Development Fund
ICT	Information and Communications Technology	SBL	Security Borrowing and Lending
IDF	Institutional Development Fund	SBM	School-Based Management
IFC	International Finance Corporation	SC	Steering Committee
IMF	International Monetary Fund	SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
IP	Implementation Progress	SES	Socio-Economic Survey
ILO	International Labor Organization	SIF	Social Investment Fund
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency	SIP	Social Investment Project
JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation	SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
KPI	King Prajadhipok's Institute	TAMC	Thai Asset Management Corporation
LG	Local Government	TAOs	Tambon Administrative Organizations
LICD	Local Information Center for Development	TDRI	Thailand Development and Research Institute
LMI	Labor Market Information	TA	Technical Assistance
LTD	Land Transport Department	TIOD	Thailand Institute of Director
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals	TMB	Thai Military Bank
MDGs-R	Millennium Development Goals Report	TPI	Thai Petrochemical Industries
MICT	Ministry of Information and Communication Technology	UI	Unemployment Insurance
MIGA	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency	UN	United Nations
MONRE	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
MOA	Ministry of Agricultural	UNDP	United Nations Development Program
MOF	Ministry of Finance	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
MOL	Ministry of Labor	UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
MOPH	Ministry of Public Health	US-AEP	United States - Asia Environment Partnership
MOE	Ministry of Education	WBI	World Bank Institute
MRC	Mekong River Commission	WTO	World Trade Organization

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Preface

This is the third issue of the World Bank's Thailand Country Dialogue Monitor. In close consultation with Royal Thai Government agencies, the World Bank team has prepared this Monitor as a tool for reviewing the overall implementation progress of the Thailand-World Bank Group Partnership for Development since its launch in December 2002. This issue assesses the progress of partnership activities for the period December 2002 through December 2003. Subsequent issues of the Country Dialogue Monitor will provide twelve-month progress snapshots.

In recent years, the relationship between Thailand and the World Bank Group has progressed from primarily a borrower-lender relationship toward a true development partnership. While financial support remains an important part of the partnership, especially from International Finance Corporation (IFC) transactions, the Bank's role has evolved more toward facilitating knowledge sharing and providing policy advice on medium-term structural issues. Building on this evolving approach, the new Thailand-World Bank Group partnership focuses on providing a comprehensive diagnostic overview, mainly delivered through the Country Monitor series, as well as through periodic development policy and other reviews. The Bank Group is also providing selective implementation support partly through the Country Development Partnerships (CDPs) built around the National Development Agenda, as well as through selective IBRD, IFC and MIGA transactions.

We hope that this annual monitoring tool will serve as a basis for assessment of progress, and will stimulate discussion on where World Bank Group should direct its efforts and resources in the future.



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