



INFORMATION NOTE ON CEOS OPEN FORUM ON AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL FINANCE

1. BACKGROUND

Recently the stagnation of agricultural production is witnessed possibly as the result of the weakened investment in agriculture by the Governments for decades. Meanwhile with the increased natural disasters in frequencies as well as the scope of damages, strengthening the food security through the support of agriculture has become a global concern.

APRACA member institutions face different issues and challenges since they confront different surroundings including agricultural and rural development. Strategies to address the agricultural and rural problems and financial challenges are also varying from one institution to another. Therefore, it is natural that the roles of agricultural and rural financial institutions change in accordance with their social and economic environments.

With the background, APRACA plans to organize a CEOs open forum where major issues, challenges, solutions, and successful stories on agricultural finance of member institutions and countries can be presented and discussed. In order to make the most of the gathering of CEOs and high level officers of APRACA members, the forum coincides with the occasion of APRACA Executive Committee.

The CEOs Open Forum on Agricultural/Rural Finance will provide the participants with an opportunity to learn more about the APRACA member institutions, and hopefully, promote mutual understanding among members.

2. METHODOLOGY

- Selection of Speakers: One keynote speaker and six speakers will be selected from the CEOs or their representatives of APRACA members who plan to attend the 62nd APRACA EXCOM meeting on February 25-March 1, 2013 in Thailand.
- Topics of the presentation: one of the followings, some modification acceptable.
 - Current issues and challenges faced by the institution and the solutions to tackle them in the field of agricultural/rural finance
 - Success stories of the institution/country in agricultural/rural finance to support agricultural/rural development
 - Other topics regarding the development of agricultural/rural finance in the region
- Presentation
 - A total of 30 minutes will be allocated to each speaker for presentation and discussion
 - Power Point presentation can be adopted if needed.

3. VENUE: Intercontinental & Holiday Inn Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

4. TENTATIVE PROGRAM

26 February (Mon) 09:00-09:30 Keynote speech by BAAC President
09:30-11:00 Presentations by three speakers (including discussion)
11:00-11:30 Coffee break
11:30-13:00 Presentations by three speakers (including discussion)
13:30 Closing

5. WORKING SCHEDULE

- Circulation of invitation letters to the members: 1 -10 November 2012
- Selection of the speakers: 3 -25 January 2013
- Holding of the Forum: 26 February 2013

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

25 February 2013	Arrival of Participants/Check in at Intercontinental & Holiday Inn Hotel
26 February 2013	
08.30-09.00	Registration
09:00-13:10	CEOs Open Forum on Agricultural Finance; Major issues and challenges of APRACA member institutions
09.00 – 09.30	Keynote speech by BAAC President
09.30 – 11.00	Presentations (Speaker 1-3)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.10	Presentations (Speaker 4-6), Closing remarks by APRACA Chairman
13.10 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 18.00	APRACA EXCOM Meeting
19.00	Welcome dinner hosted by BAAC
27 February 2013	
09.00 – 12.00	Visit to BAAC museum (new Head Office)
12.00 – 13.15	Lunch hosted by BAAC
13.15 – 14.15	Proceed together to Suwannabhumi Airport – check in at TG –domestic counter
14:30	Depart for Phuket by TG 215
16:55	Arrival at Phuket- transfer to hotel and check in at Holiday Inn Resort Patong Beach
18:00	Dinner hosted by BAAC and explore the “Phuket FantaSea”
28 February 2013	
08.00 – 12.00	Visit BAAC client “ Rubber Plantation Group” in Thalang District
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch hosted by BAAC
13.00 – 18.00	Leisure
19.00	Farewell Dinner hosted by APRACA at Holiday Inn Resort Patong Beach
1 March 2013	
09.00 – 11.30	Cultural Visit
11.30 – 12.30	Lunch hosted by BAAC
12.30 – 13.25	proceed to Phuket International Airport and check in at TG counter
14.25 –	Departure for Bangkok by TG 214 /home country

PHUKET FIELD VISIT

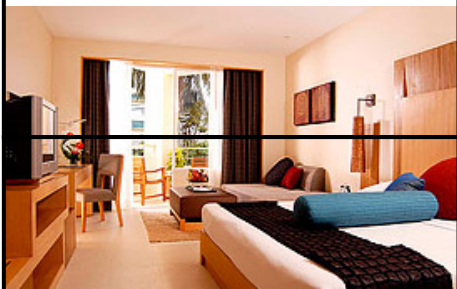


Phuket is Thailand's largest island which is approximately the size of Singapore. The island is connected to mainland Thailand by two bridges. It is situated off the west coast of Thailand in the Andaman Sea. Phuket formerly derived its wealth from tin and rubber, and enjoys a rich and colorful history. The island was on one of the major trading routes between India and China, and was frequently mentioned in foreign ship logs of Portuguese, French, Dutch and English traders. The region now derives much of its income from tourism.



Phuket FantaSea is the island's biggest show. With trapeze artists, a cast of hundreds, performing elephants and other animals and an exotic storyline that blends tradition with fantasy you'll have a wonderful evening out here.

But the extravaganza doesn't stop there as FantaSea also hosts one of the biggest buffets in Asia and is set in a theme park that offers carnival-like games, lots of shopping opportunities, a Palace of the Elephants, a Similan Adventure Centre several other food outlets. It's spectacular, it's extravagant, it's impressive and great entertainment value for all.



Holiday Inn Resort Phuket, perfectly located in the heart of Patong, Phuket's most famous beach. Holiday Inn Resort Phuket is an oasis in the middle of Patong and is within walking distance to shopping, restaurants and night life and just steps away from the beach. 10 minutes away from Jungceylon shopping center, Soi Bangla Nightlife, and Patong beach is just across the road.

Holiday Inn Resort Phuket is part of the world's most recognized upper mid-scale brands, and it offers a fantastic choice with seven different room categories, separated in two distinctive wings. The contemporary-designed main wing is popular for its kids and family-friendly rooms and facilities. The resort is honored as a top 10 Family Resort in Asia by Tripadvisor. The Luxury Busakorn wing

with Thai design offers spacious rooms with pool view or pool access in a tranquil pool and tropical garden environment appreciated by couples seeking a more intimate resort experience.

REGISTRATION FORM

- CEOs Open Forum on Agricultural and Rural Finance, 26 February 2013
- APRACA's 62nd Executive Committee Meeting, 26 February 2013
- Field Visit, 27 February – 1 March 2013

PLEASE CHECK (✓)

Please fill in this form and e-mail to Ms. Thanawan at thanawan@apraca.org by 15 January 2013.

Name:		Position:	
Organisation:			
Address:			
Tel:		Fax:	

PASSPORT PARTICULARS: *prepare separately for accompanying person(s)*

Full Name:	Nationality:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Passport No:	Place of Issue:
Date of Issue:	Date of Expiry:

PARTICIPATION FEE per person: Cash at the Venue

Full participation fee (25 Feb – 1 Mar)	USD400
Only EXCOM Meeting (25-27 Feb)	USD300
Spouse & family members	USD300

PROVISIONAL ROOM RATE PER NIGHT WITH BREAKFAST (the final rates shall be provided when the Hotel Reservation Form be sent)

1. Intercontinental & Holiday Inn Hotel (Meeting Venue)

Room type	Single	Twin/double
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard (Holiday Inn)	Bht. 3,300 ++	3,700 ++
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive (Holiday Inn)	Bht. 4,800 ++	5,200 ++
<input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe (Intercontinental)	Bht. 5,100 ++	5,600 ++

2. Holiday inn Resort Patong Beach , Phuket (Field Visit)

Room type (Single/Twin/Double)	Rate in Thai currency (BHT)
<input type="checkbox"/> Superior	Bht. 4,500 net
<input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe	Bht. 6,000 net

Delegates are kindly requested to make their own reservation arrangements by submitting the Hotel Reservation Form directly to the hotel via e-mail with cc. to thanawan@apraca.org (Hotel Reservation Form will be sent shortly)

FLIGHT DETAILS:

Arrival Date	Flight No.	From - To	Dept. Time	Arr. Time	Remarks
Departure Date	Flight No.	From - To	Dept. Time	Arr. Time	Remarks

FOOD PREFERENCE (please check ✓)

- Vegetarian
 No Pork
 No Beef
 No Restrictions