

**HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE ON
“REVIVING MULTILATERALISM: ROAD TO BALI AND BEYOND”
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H.E. Dr. Nam Viyaketh

Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR

Minister Dr. Nam Viyaketh obtained his Master Degree in the field of Hydropower Engineering at the Institute of Construction Engineering of Baku-former Soviet Union; and obtained the PhD in Economics from the Academy of Social Sciences, Moscow Russia. Dr. Nam Viyaketh began his career at the Laos' Hydropower Development Study Project as an engineer from 1984 to 1986. Later, he joined the government as a Deputy Director General of Economic Department at the Prime Minister Council's Office from 1989 to 1993 and was assigned as a Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Committee for Planning and Cooperation from 1994 to 1995. From 1995, Dr. Nam Viyaketh was appointed Co-Director of Sepian-Senamnoy Hydropower Project until 2000 and was served as a Deputy Auditor General in the Prime Minister's Office. After 5th and 6th elections during the period of 2000-2010, Dr. Nam Viyaketh became a member of the National Assembly and was promoted as a Vice-Minister of Industry and Handicraft. From 2007 to present, Dr. Nam Viyaketh has been served as Minister of Industry and Commerce where he exerted his leadership in the Laos' accession to the World Trade Organization as the head of delegations for the working party meetings with successful WTO membership in 02 February 2013. In addition, he also currently serves as ASEAN Economic Minister of Lao PDR under regional context.

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H.E. Dr. Pwint San

Deputy Minister of Commerce, Myanmar

H.E. Dr. Pwint San has been working as Deputy Minister for Commerce, Government of Myanmar from March 2011. He started his career in 2006 as Secretary General of Myanmar Industries Association and in 2009 became the Joint Secretary General of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI). He graduated from Yangon Institute of Medicine (M.B.B.S) and he has diploma in Chinese Language from Yangon University of Foreign Languages. In 2005 he did Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Yangon University of Economics.



Mr. Thawatchai Sophasatienphong

Chief Inspector General, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand

Mr. Thawatchai Sophasatienphong was appointed Chief Inspector-general in December 2010 after completing his 4 year-term as Thailand's Ambassador to the World Trade Organization in Switzerland. As Chief inspector-general he oversees the routine activities of the Commercial Offices in the Central and Eastern regions of Thailand. Previously before his posting overseas, he was also one of the inspectors-general but due to his familiarity with international trade issues and experience in trade negotiations was assigned to handle matters relating to FTA with India, Bahrain, BIMSTEC (Trade and Economic Cooperation between Bangladesh/India/Myanmar/Sri Lanka/Bhutan/Nepal/Thailand) and USA. Mr. Thawatchai has a bachelor degree in economics and a postgraduate diploma in economic development from University of London and University of North London respectively. He has been working for the Ministry of Commerce since 1980. He is married with two children.

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Mr. Jonathan Kenna

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Mr. Jonathan Kenna commenced his career as a lawyer, working for 12 years in a variety of legal roles across the private, government and non-government sectors. Mr. Kenna joined Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2004, working initially on intellectual property issues, including in relation to Australia's free trade agreement negotiations with Malaysia and with ASEAN. In 2006 he took on the role of Director of the Asia Trade Taskforce, and from 2007-2010 was posted to Australia's Mission to the World Trade Organization in Geneva. Mr. Kenna then worked as Australia's Deputy Chief Negotiator in the Trans Pacific Partnership trade negotiations. In March this year (2013) Mr. Kenna commenced in his current role as the Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Bangkok and as Australia's Permanent Representative to ESCAP. Mr. Kenna holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Sydney, a Bachelor of Laws (University of New South Wales) and a Master of Laws (University of Melbourne).



Ms. Margaret Liang

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Ms. Margaret Liang is Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) for WTO/Trade Issues; Adjunct Professor of the National University of Singapore Law Faculty; Senior Adjunct Fellow of the Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, Senior Fellow of the MFA Diplomatic Academy, Senior Fellow of the Ministry of Trade and Industry Trade Academy. She has served in Singapore Missions in Bonn and in Geneva. She was Singapore's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN/WTO in Geneva from 1999-2002. She has been actively involved in GATT/WTO negotiations since the launch of the Uruguay Round. From 1985-1992, she was Singapore's negotiator in the Uruguay Round, inter-alia, in the areas of Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Duty Measures, Safeguards, Dispute Settlement, GATT Articles and Government Procurement. She has served as panelist and Chair in several GATT/WTO Dispute settlement panels. She conducts WTO Trade Policy courses for the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade Negotiations, Singapore, and under Singapore's Technical assistance programmes for Cambodia,

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Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam and other Developing Countries. She was the Academic Coordinator for the WTO Regional Trade Policy Course, for Asia- Pacific, a joint cooperation between the WTO and the National University of Singapore from 2008-2010



Dr. Biswajit Dhar

Director General, Research and Information System for
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Dr. Biswajit Dhar is Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, think-tank based in New Delhi. Dr. Dhar has been intimately involved in the policy making process for more than two decades and has been working extensively on the issue of trade and development, researching and writing on themes of policy relevance. For more than two and a half decades, Dr. Dhar has been actively involved in debates on trade and development issues, both as a researcher and a policy adviser to the Government of India. He has been focusing on the implications of the emerging trading regime on the development aspirations of the developing countries. Dr. Dhar has been interacting closely with the organisations that have been involved in working on issues relating to evolution of the global trading regime. Besides institutions based in India, he has been working with several inter-governmental organisations. Dr. Dhar has also been working closely with a number of civil society organisations that have been participating in the debate, which emphasises the need to address the development concerns in the developing countries in the era of globalisation. He has presented research papers in several international and national conferences and has publications in reputed journals. Dr. Dhar has been a member of

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