

ATPAC-OSTC-CHE-RBD MEETING

UTILIZATION OF THAI PROFESSIONALS (ATPAC) FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAILAND:
RETHINKING AND NEW APPROACHES

ROYAL THAI EMBASSY
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February 26-27, 2005

Tentative Agenda

February 25, 2005 (Friday)

Participants arrive Washington, D.C.

18:00 Informal Dinner

February 26, 2005 (Saturday)

8:30-8:45 Registration

8:50-9:00 **Program Introduction**

Mr. Sonthi Vannasaeng, Minister Counselor on Science and Technology,
Office of Science and Technology (OSTC), Royal Thai Embassy

9:00-9:20 **Briefing of ATPAC Past Activities and Vision**

Professor Dr. Methi Wecharatana, President of Association of Thai
Professionals in America and Canada (ATPAC)

9:20-10:00 **Welcoming Remark and Vision on Utilization of Thai Professionals
Overseas for the Developments of Thailand**

H.E. Mr. Kasit Piromya, Ambassador of Thailand to the United States,
Royal Thai Embassy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:00-10:20 Coffee Break

10:20-11:00 **Role of ATPAC in the Improvement of Science and Technology in
Thailand: Vision and Approaches**

Professor Dr. Pairash Thatchayapong, Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)

11:00-11:40 **Role of ATPAC in the Development of the Higher Education in
Thailand: Vision and New Approaches**

Professor Dr. Pavich Thongrojana, Secretary General,
Commission of Higher Education (CHE), Ministry of Education

11:40-12:00 **Questions and Answers**

12:00-13:00 Lunch

- 13:00-15:00 **Round Table Discussion on “The Future of RBD and ATPAC: Lessons Learned and New Ideas and New Approaches”**
Moderator:
 Dr. Santi Kulprathipanja, Chairman, Technical Committee, ATPAC
Reporter: Mr. Sun Punurai, ATPAC
Invited Panelists:
 Professor Dr. Pairash Thatchayapong, Permanent Secretary of MOST
 Professor Dr. Naksitte Coovattanachai, Chairman, Board of RBD
 Professor Dr. Sakarindr Bhumiratana, Director, NSTDA
 President of a Thai University (Tentative)
 Dr. Somsak Thong-ngog, Advisor, Commission on Higher Education
 Ms. Aporn Kanwong, Director, Division on International Strategy, CHE
 Dr. Sawat Tantipanwadee, Director, RBD, NSTDA
 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vira Chankong, Case Western Reserve Univ., ATPAC
 Dr. Santi Kulprathipanja, Senior Research Fellow, UOP, Inc., ATPAC
 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nongnuch Inpanbutr, Ohio State University, ATPAC
- Suggested Points of Discussion:
- Mission Objectives and Expectation
 - Recruitment Difficulties
 - Counterpart Commitments
 - Lessons: Success, Failure and Obstacles
 - New Ideas and Approaches, etc,
- 15:00-15:20 Coffee Break
 15:20-17:00 **Round Table Discussion (Continues)**
 17:00 Adjourn
 18:30-21:00 Dinner

February 27, 2005 (Sunday)

- 09:00-11:45 **Round Table Discussion on “The Future of RBD and ATPAC: New Ideas, New Approached and Action Plan”**
Moderator: Assoc. Dr. Nongnuch Inpanbutr, Ohio State University
Reporter: Mr. Sun Punurai
Invited Panelists: The same panel as last session
- 11:45-12:00 Summary and Concluding Remarks
 Professor Dr. Naksitte Coovattanachai, Chairman, RBD Board and
 Professor Dr. Methi Wecharatana, President of ATPAC
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
 13:00 Adjourn
