



# Revenue Department News

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**Subject** : The Revenue Department of Thailand enhances its tax inspection by participating in the Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) project, receiving experts' help in closing the loopholes in cross-border e-Commerce tax inspection

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The Revenue Department of Thailand enhances its tax inspection by participating in the Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) project, in which the experts are asked to pass on the knowledge and share their experiences about tax inspection with the Revenue Department of Thailand's officers. It aims to enhance the tax inspection by closing the loopholes in inspecting cross-border e-Commerce business and other new types of business, which shall result in fairness in taxation. Furthermore, due to his active participation, Dr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Ph.D., has been appointed as the first Governing Board of the TIWB from Asia.

**Mrs. Sommai Siriudomset, Principal Advisor on Strategic Tax Administration (Energy Industry), as the Spokesperson of the Revenue Department,** revealed that, "At the moment, every country is facing the same problem, which is inability to collect tax from streaming or e-Commerce business because most e-Commerce companies are not registered domestically. Many countries are still finding a way to handle this problem. Therefore, the Revenue Department of Thailand has signed up to participate in the Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) project, which is a project under co-operation between 2 important international organizations: The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The purpose of this project is to provide assistance, knowledge base, or techniques, improve tax inspection efficiency for developing countries, and increase co-operation in taxation between countries. There has been a co-ordination with capable countries to send experts to share experiences or give advices to the officers of the Revenue Department of Thailand."

**The Spokesperson of the Revenue Department** added that, "Participating in the Tax Inspectors Without Borders or TIWB project will not only effectively enhance the tax inspection capacity for our revenue officers to inspect e-Commerce or novel online businesses, but will also create fairness in taxation between domestic and foreign entrepreneurs that are providing services in Thailand."

Furthermore, in the beginning of June 2020, the TIWB has appointed Dr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Ph.D., Director-General of the Revenue Department of Thailand, as a member of the Governing Board of TIWB because of his active participation in several

international forums in the past. He is considered the first Asian person in this position, which is a no-compensation position and has a 3-year term. Also, he will have the first meeting in October 2020.

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