

Program Agenda

Thursday, March 7

9:00-	Registration
9:30–9:45	Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Chikahisa Sumi, Director, IMF OAP
9:45–10:30	Overview of the IMF's role Mr. Takuya Kamoshida, Economist, IMF OAP The session will explain the role of the IMF in the international financial system, in addition to employment opportunities at the IMF.
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:00	Overview of the IMF's Macroeconomic Framework This session will provide an overview of the ways in which the IMF analyzes macroeconomic developments and policies. It will discuss the IMF's financial programming tool and how it is used to understand macroeconomic accounts and their linkages.
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:00–14:00	A. Building a baseline scenario This session will discuss steps for building a baseline scenario under no macroeconomic policy changes. Steps in making internally consistent and sensible projections will be also presented.
14:00-15:30	B. Macroeconomic policies and adjustment programs This session will discuss macroeconomic policies and steps to formulate adjustment programs to achieve goals.
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-17:15	C. The application of the IMF's macroeconomic framework to Lao PDR This session will use a country case study to discuss how to use macroeconomic data to assess a country's economic developments, prospects, and risks. The latest IMF staff report on Lao PDR will serve as the basis of this lecture.
17:15-18:15	D. Explanation on Group assignments

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9:00-10:30	E. IMF adjustment program: What happened and what we learned during the Thai crisis in 1997. This lecture will review developments leading up to the 1997 Thai crisis, major causes of the crisis, and key elements of the IMF adjustment program. It will also discuss developments under the IMF program and lessons learned from the crisis.
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:00	F. JICA Presentation East and Central Asia and the Caucasus Department, JICA JICA will explain its operations and how they are related to the IMF's Macroeconomic Frameworks, taking its experience in Mongolia as an example.
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-16:00	G. Group Presentation
16:00-16:30	Awarding of Certificates / Photo Session
16:30-	Reception (Seminar Rooms 3&4)

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