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PROGRAM

14:00-14:05	Welcome Remarks: Mr. Odd Per Brekk , Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP), IMF
SESSION I	Chair: Prof. Hiroshi Ugai , Hitotsubashi University (HIT)
14:05-14:45	Presentation #1: “Free Trade Agreements, Rules of Origin and Trade Efficiency – A Stochastic Frontier Gravity Model Approach” Presenter: Mr. Ngoc Thang Doan , National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), State Bank of Vietnam Discussant: Mr. Tianhao Yue , HIT, China Banking Regulatory Commission Commentator: Prof. Kuo, Chun-Hung , International University of Japan (IUJ) Comments/Questions: Floor Participants Response by Mr. Ngoc Thang Doan
14:45-15:25	Presentation #2: “Exchange Rate Pass-through to Inflation in Thailand: A Time Varying Parameter Model” Presenter: Ms. Anchalee Sirikanerat , HIT, Bank of Thailand Discussant: Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Hossain , the University of Tokyo (UTokyo), Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh Commentator: Prof. Makoto Hasegawa , GRIPS Comments/Questions: Floor Participants Response by Ms. Anchalee Sirikanerat
15:25-15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
SESSION II	Chair: Prof. Xing, Yuqing , GRIPS
15:45-16:25	Presentation #3: “Impacts of Foreign Aid and Foreign Direct Investment on the Privatization Process: Evidence from Developing Countries” Presenter: Ms. Su Wah Hlaing , IUJ, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Myanmar Discussant: Ms. Sansany Phermmasarnsack , GRIPS, Bank of the Lao PDR Commentator: Prof. Hiroaki Miyamoto , UTokyo Comments/Questions: Floor Participants Response by Ms. Su Wah Hlaing



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16:25-17:05	<p>Presentation #4: “<i>Decomposition and Dynamics of Inequality and its Relation to Trade Facilitation: A Study on the Philippines</i>”</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Nickson Cabote, UTokyo, National Economic Development Authority, the Philippines</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. Akzholtoi Sadabaev, IUJ, National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Commentator: Prof. Masahiko Takeda, HIT</p> <p>Comments/Questions: Floor Participants</p> <p>Response by Mr. Nickson Cabote</p>
17:05-17:15	<i>Break</i>
SESSION III	Chair: Prof. Masahiko Takeda, HIT
17:15-17:55	<p>Presentation #5: “<i>The Impact of 2008-2009 Financial Crises on Operational Performance of Japanese Firms through Different Channels</i>”</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Ashrafbek Olimov, Yokohama National University (Open-track), State Tax Committee, Uzbekistan</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. Sumantra Pal, GRIPS, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India</p> <p>Commentator: Ms. Naoko Miake, Economist, OAP</p> <p>Comments/Questions: Floor Participants</p> <p>Response by Mr. Ashrafbek Olimov</p>
17:55-18:00	<p>Concluding Remarks: Mr. Odd Per Brekk</p>
	(End of the Thesis Presentation)
19:00-20:30	<p>Farewell Reception</p> <p>Venue: Wadakura Fountain Park Restaurant</p>
(18:45-18:55)	<p><i>Group Photo Session</i></p> <p>Venue: Same as above</p>