

Unlocking Opportunities through IPEF: India-Thailand Supply Chain Collaboration

Date: 18 October 2024, 1630 – 1800 hrs (UTC+7)

Online Platform: Zoom

AGENDA

1500-1530 hrs	Welcome Remarks & Inaugural Session	
1500-1530 hrs	Inaugural Session: Boosting India-Thailand Economic Partnership using IPEF	
	<p><i>This session will set the tone for the webinar by introducing the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for prosperity (IPEF) and its significance for India-Thailand cooperation. It will provide an overview of the IPEF and how the framework can lead to greater economic resilience, inclusive development, and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. The session will focus on the IPEF Supply Chain Agreement including the related opportunities for India and Thailand, and in the process strengthen their bilateral trade ties and overall economic relationship.</i></p>	
1630-1635 hrs	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Suphakit Chareonkul, Executive Director, ITD
	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Nitinant Wisaweesuan, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University
1635-1640 hrs	Context Setting	Mr Sumanta Chaudhuri, Principal Advisor, International Trade Policy, CII
1640-1647 hrs	Presentation on IPEF and its Supply Chain Agreement	Mr Arun Nair, Senior Consultant, International Trade Policy, CII Ayesha Ajaz Executive Officer, International Trade Policy, CII
1647-1654 hrs	Presentation/Academic Research Findings on IPEF-related areas	Mr. Khobtham Neelapaichit, Senior Researcher, ITD
1654-1700 hrs	Special Address	Dr. Yann Duval, Chief of Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
1700-1800 hrs	Session on the IPEF Supply Chain Agreement: India-Thailand Collaborations	
	<p><i>This session will delve into the critical sectors and key goods that could be central to India-Thailand cooperation under the IPEF Supply Chain Agreement. Both the countries have positioned themselves as high-quality sourcing hubs and preferred destinations for foreign direct investment through their various initiatives including to enhance connectivity as well as on environment and labour standards.</i></p> <p><i>Given this background, experts will discuss how India and Thailand can collaborate to ensure that their supply chains remain resilient in the face of disruptions as well as responsible by adhering to sustainable development goals. Panellists will discuss specific opportunities in automobiles, electronics & semiconductors, and food processing sectors.</i></p> <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep dive into the afore-mentioned critical sectors to spot over-reliance on single source (within and outside the IPEF region) for imports. • Analyse gaps in domestic production in critical sectors and key goods. • Explore case studies from businesses in Thailand and India. 	

- *Provide suggestions to address the challenges in upgrading domestic manufacturing and developing regional supply chains.*
- *Identify common areas to deepen collaboration in manufacturing, skill development, and technologies, as well as to align policies in this regard to fully realize the benefits of the IPEF Supply Chain agreement.*

Suggested Panellists:

1700-1705 hrs	Moderator	Mr. Sumanta Chaudhuri, Principal Advisor, International Trade Policy, CII
1705-1750 hrs	Panel Discussion	Panellists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Atanu Ganguli, Dy. Executive Director, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) 2. Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Indian Cellular & Association India (ICEA) 3. Mr. Santi Abakaz, CEO / Co-Founder TASTEBUD LAB and BIO BUDDY, and Future Food Network, Vice Chairman Committee on Process Food and Future Food at Board of Trade of Thailand. 4. Mr. Pritam Bannerjee, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, India 5. Dr. Jaruprapa Rakpong, Associate Professor, Thammasat University, Thailand
1750-1800 hrs	Q&A and close	