

**JFCCT-BOI Consultative Meeting**  
**Wed 10 November 2021, 0930 - 1200 hrs.**

By Zoom platform

**JFCCT Chairman's Responding Remarks**

ML Chayotid Kridakon Advisory to Deputy Prime Minister

Ms. Duangjai Asawachintachit, BOI Secretary General

BOI senior colleagues

Representatives from government agencies

Members of the JFCCT; other members of the foreign business community.

It is a privilege (a long standing BOI privilege!) to be part of this annual event. It is very much appreciated and I thank again the Secretary-General of the BOI, K Duangjai Asawachintachit, for arranging not only this event but other interactions.

All that we have done recently has been refocused by a pandemic. It has been about survival. But we have moved forward in great part due to use of vaccines and policies which safely open up the nation and its economy.

Now we have the opportunity to be greener and more skilled. Economic Recovery will have a changed flavour.

In preparing major topics for today, we at JFCCT have four drivers in particular:

- **Keeping safe but being economically sound**
- **A Greener economy, understanding BCG (Bio, Circular, Green)**
- **Reskilling and upskilling**
- **Competitiveness, Doing Business Easily and Services Liberalisation**

Let me turn to each.

### **Keeping safe**

Vaccines have provided a means to restart our economy and be open. We have to keep vigilant with calibrated policies.

### **A Greener economy, understanding BCG (Bio, Circular, Green)**

We have the opportunity to be greener, rather than go back to overbuilt tourism, air pollution and other negatives. There are policies attractive to business.

### **Reskilling and upskilling**

Some sectors are gutted of organisational learning – for example Hospitality. Reskilling and Upskilling must come from education and training, including vocational training, and also relying on foreign skills. Upskilling is needed for the Thailand 4.0 vision.

### **Competitiveness, Doing Business Easily and Services Liberalisation**

Doing Business Easily is part of being competitive. Work Permit and Visa continue to be areas of concern for foreign and local businesses where foreign skills and unskilled labour is relied on. We seek a strategic plan for reform including Fast Track Reform. Liberalising services is vital for being competitive.

JFCCT greatly appreciates all engagements and opportunities. I wish all a fruitful session and again that ML, and K Duangjai. As always, JFCCT stands ready to work on all viable solutions to the challenges in front of us.

Stanley Kang

JFCCT Chairman