

## **AGENDA ITEM 6**

### **FOURTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY GROUP ON APEC FINANCIAL SYSTEM CAPACITY BUILDING, KUALA LUMPUR, 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 200**

### ***REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DIALOGUE ON CROSS-BORDER IMPLEMENTATION OF BASEL 2, KUALA LUMPUR, 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST***

#### **Background**

The arrangements for the dialogue organised jointly by SEACEN, ABAC, PECC and the ABA are outlined in the attachment.

SEACEN is the South East Asian Central Banks Research and Training Centre. Established in 1982 and located in Kuala Lumpur, its central bank membership comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Korea, Chinese Taipei, Mongolia, Brunei, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

Its role is to review financial, monetary, banking and economic developments in member economies and in the region as a whole. It initiates and facilitates research and training related to the policy and operations of central banks. Since 2001, training has become its principal activity, with research as a supportive function. Training focuses on core banking functions. Apart from utilising speakers from its member economies, SEACEN training courses involve experts from developed central banks, eg the US Fed Reserve, Reserve Bank of Australia, Bank of Japan and the Centre collaborates with the IMF, the World Bank, BIS, the Basel Committee for Banking Supervision, ADB and others. The Bank of Japan provides financial assistance to fund training activities.

#### **Issues**

The **attachment** reflects a deep level of cooperation. For SEACEN, the dialogue will represent a unique opportunity for public/private sector discussions; for ABAC and PECC perhaps the beginning of fruitful partnership. Unfortunately, due to other major commitments on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, the Executive Director of SEACEN, Dr. Subarjo Joyosumarto, is unable to participate in the Advisory Group meeting. The Coordinator will be meeting separately with SEACEN to discuss the following matters:

- review of arrangements for the dialogue
- the opportunity for further ABAC/PECC collaboration with SEACEN  
(for example, institutional strengthening on FAFT recommendations)

#### **Recommendations**

2.

- endorse the arrangements for the dialogue outlined in the attachment
- discuss further collaboration with SEACEN, and areas of potential capacity building value

***Coordinator, Advisory Group***

***19<sup>th</sup> July 2005***