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## Thailand Securities Depository, The Stock Exchange of Thailand and The Association of Investment Management Companies Organize "Enjoy Tax Privileges Today With LTFs"

Mrs. Nongram Wongwanich, the President of the Thailand Securities Depository Co. Ltd. (TSD), said that to encourage investors to be more aware of tax planning and long-term savings from mid-year onwards, the TSD has joined with the SET and the 'Let Your Money Work Through Mutual Funds' project to organize the "Enjoy Tax Privileges Today with LTFs" seminars, to be held July 1 - 3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the SET building on Rachadapisek Road.

In this event, investors will be welcomed to invest in any of the 23 available long-term equity funds (LTF) from 18 asset management companies.

Those who invest in an LTF will receive tax privileges, as they will be able to deduct the amount invested in the fund from their personal taxes at the end of the year. The maximum allowed deduction is THB300,000 but must not exceed 15% of the investor's total annual income. The tax privileges will only be applicable if investors keep their investment units for not less than 5 years.

The "Enjoy Tax Privileges Today with LTFs" seminars will enable investors to learn more about purchasing LTF units at an early stage, so that they will be able to compare policies offered by the various mutual funds while assessing expected returns on investments at all asset management companies to see which exhibit the best capabilities to efficiently manage their funds.

"We anticipate that the event will attract numerous investors, because the tax privileges being offered will directly benefit all income earners. Planning to invest in an LTF during mid-year enables investors to better schedule the timing of their investments and provides them with sufficient time to analyze and compare information from all the funds, instead of rushing to do so at the end of the year. This event will take place at an optimal time for those who have decided to invest in LTFs this year", said Mrs. Nongram.

Mr. Adisorn Sermchaiwong, Chairman of the Association of Investment Management Companies (AIMC), which will act as the representative of the "Let Your Money Work Through Mutual Funds" project, said that the highlight of the event will be the "One-Stop Shop", where investors will be able to conveniently seek advice and detailed information on LTFs. At the event, investors will be able to access information on each fund's investment policy; how to save on taxes, and much more from all the participating asset management companies. All this valuable information will be accessible without the trouble of having to travel to each and every AMC individually. Those who decide to invest in any funds during the event will be eligible to receive premiums and promotional offers from many of the participating companies.

Mr. Vichai Poonworoluck, Chairman of the Thai Investors Association (TIA), added, "We would like to invite all investors and those who are looking for new alternatives for savings to join in the 'Enjoy Tax Privileges Today with LTFs' event. We believe that all who participate will benefit from having the opportunity to speak directly with representatives from all the asset management companies in one location, to obtain all the essential investment information they'll need to make wise decisions. Participants will also benefit from the many seminars at the event where they can learn more about mutual fund investing."

Furthermore, executives from all asset management companies will take turns, throughout the 3-day event, in sharing their views and information on various topics beneficial to investors. Seminars to be held, on the second floor of the SET building, will include "How to make your LTF-RMF investments worthwhile", "Have fun with your tax deductions from Finansa", "Love your children, love yourself", Invest in LTFs with Tisco Asset Management", "Investment tips and new services from AJF", "How to invest in LTFs safely", "LTFs: Smarter Investing by Aberdeen", "Mid-Year Sale of LTFs", "Is this a good time to invest?", "In 3 1/2 years, how will the Thai economy and stocks be?", "LTF investing with BBL Asset Management" and "How to invest for the highest profits". Attendance of all seminars will be free of charge.

Another seminar that investors will be especially interested in is "LTF, an easy investment for double profits" by guest speakers Dr. Suvann Valaisathien and Dr. Nivet Hemvajaravarakorn. The session will be moderated by Dr. Paiboon Seriwattana on Sunday afternoon at the Prof. Sangvien Intaravichai Auditorium on the 3rd floor of the SET Building. It is expected that the seminar will attract a large audience. Interested participants should reserve seats at 0-2229-2222 or get more information about "Enjoy Tax Privileges Today with LTFs" and all currently-available mutual funds at 0-2264-0900 Ext. 6, or check out [www.thaimutualfund.com](http://www.thaimutualfund.com).

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