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## Regulatory Landscape and Bond Market Development in Thailand



On 20 February 2020, HBS Law attended the Seminar on "Lesson Learned from Thailand: Regulatory Landscape and Bond Market Development", jointly organized by The Securities and Exchange Commission Cambodia (SECC), together with Securities and **Exchange Commission Thailand** (SEC Thailand), World Bank (WB), Ministry of Economy and Finance of Korea and Thai Bond Market Association (Thai BMA). The event was held at Sokha Siem Resort & Convention Reap Center, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

His Excellency Sou Socheat, Director General of the SECC, led the opening of this seminar with the other guest speakers being Mr. Tada Phutthitada, the President of the Thai Bond Market Association, Mrs. Sirivipa Supantanet, Deputy Secretary-General of the SEC Thailand and Ms. Ratchada Anantavrasilpa, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, East Asia and Pacific of the World Bank.

The purpose of this seminar is to share practical experience by the organizers, who have a wide range of experiences in securities sector, regarding the bond market development in Thailand. the main topics of the seminar can be summarized as followings:

- Thailand debt capital market development
- Debt securities offering schemes and regulatory framework overview
- Regulation on corporate bond issuance
- Foreign issuers
- Roles of Market Participants
- Investor protection mechanism and risk management
- ASEAN Disclosure Standards for Debt Issuance Program
- Green, Social, and Sustainability Bonds
- Operations in Secondary Market in Thailand

The challenges faced by the debt capital market of Thailand since the 1990s and how they have overcome some of these obstacles could serve as a good example for the relatively new debt capital market of Cambodia.

The attendees were a select group of stakeholders from SECC, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia Securities Exchange, Securities Firms, Investment Advisors and Law Firms.

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