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Subject : “Tax is easy” The Revenue Department – depa join hands in “HACKATAX”
Gathering leading Senior-Level Start-Up to create new service solutions for tax

Today (4th September 2019) the depa Building – The Revenue Department, Ministry of Finance and Digital Economy Promotion Agency (depa), Ministry of Digital Economy and Society join hands to hold a campaign to promote the use of technology and digital innovation for tax services - “#HACKATAX Thailand’s First Senior-level Hackathon” with the concept of “Real experts. Real solutions. Real impact.” This is the first time in Thailand that the senior-level management staff from leading start-up companies in Thailand are gathered to brainstorm for the best solutions using digital technology in order to improve tax services. Fintech senior-level management staff have been invited to hack under the theme “Thai Tax is for Everyone”. The event will be held during 11th – 13th September 2019 on the 3rd floor at the depa Building, Ladprao.

Dr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Director-General of The Revenue Department, stated that the Revenue Department has a policy to support Thai entrepreneurs to sustainably grow and easily conduct their businesses by using digital technology under the fair tax system. The Revenue Department has collaborated with depa to organize a #HACKATAX event to tackle how to make taxes easy in which the public sector and entrepreneurs can join hands. The Revenue Department has assigned officers from expert level to director level to join successful start-up entrepreneurs as a single team in order to brainstorm ideas and design solutions that are suitable for both government agencies and entrepreneurs. The Revenue Department believes that the result of bringing together "Real Experts" from both the government sector and business entrepreneurs to design "Real Solutions" will create "Real Impact" for the country.

Dr. Nuttapon Nimmanphatcharin, CEO/President of depa said that the digital technology and innovations in tax applications #HACKATAX form a new phenomenon for the digital technology industry. It is the first integration of government agencies between depa, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society and the Revenue Department, Ministry of Finance. The objective of this event is to brainstorm ideas and collaborate to find solutions for tax services. In addition, those who will participate in the event will not be the new startups, but the experienced ones who will be able to tackle problems and create new ideas that are ready to use, reduce working process, improve services and ultimately increase the efficiency in tax system together with the development of tax management system.

In addition, the Revenue Department together with depa are considering to open “The Revenue Department Sandbox” as a lab to test on the new technology. #HACKATAX participants will receive special privileges to participate in the Sandbox project of the Revenue Department according to the conditions announced by the Revenue Department. Moreover, the sandbox will create a concrete impact to Thailand which aligns with the concept of the event "Real experts. Real solutions. Real impact." Dr. Ekniti said.

Lastly, this event which applied the technology and digital innovation for tax #HACKATAX has focused on the development of public sector services that will provide convenient and simplified tax services. The event will be held between 11th – 13th September 2019 at the activity area, the 3rd floor, the depa Building, Ladprao.

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