Monday, 26 March 2007
Seminar Room 1: 3rd Floor, Learning Centre, UNCC

08:15 - 08:30  Registration

08:30 - 08:45  Welcome remarks
Xuan Zengpei, Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP
Patrick Low, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, WTO
Evan Due, International Development Research Centre, Canada

Day 1: Advances in Trade Theory and Trade Research Updates

08.45 -10.00  Session 1: Advances in trade theory and policy research implications
Patrick Low, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, WTO

10.00 – 10.15  Coffee break

10.15 – 12.00  Session 2: Six decades of multilateralism: what have we learned?
Patrick Low, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, WTO

12:00 – 13:15  Welcome/Networking Lunch
(UNCC Dining Room)

13.15 - 14.15  Session 3: Regionalism as a building block of multilateralism: policy perspectives and the role of ESCAP
Tiziana Bonapace, Chief, Trade policy Section, TID, UNESCAP

14.15 - 14.30  Break

14.30 - 16.00  Session 4: Research update on regional trade arrangements and emerging issues
Mia Mikic, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP

Note:
Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), an initiative of UNESCAP and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada is an open regional network of research and academic institutions specializing in international trade policy and facilitation issues. Network members currently include about 15 leading national trade research and academic institutions from as many developing countries from East, South and South-East Asia and the Pacific. The Trade and Investment Division of UNESCAP is the Secretariat of ARTNeT, and operates through a grant from IDRC. WTO, as a core network partner, provides substantive and financial support to the network. Visit www.artnetontrade.org for details.
Day 2: Trade Research Update (cont’ed)

08:45 - 10:15  Session 1: Trade Facilitation: Recent research and emerging issues
Yann Duval, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP

10.15 - 10.30  Break

10.30 - 12.00 Session 2: Trade, poverty and income distribution: What have we learned?
Patrick Low, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, WTO

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch break

13.00 - 14.30 Session 3: Presentation of selected papers by participants from the region for detailed discussion [presentation will cover details of data collection and analytical methods; with commentaries by resource persons from related sessions as well as other participants]
  - The Importance of Trade Costs: A Gravity Model Application
    Prabir De, RIS, India
  - Who are opposed to Free Trade in the Philippines: An Ordered Logit Estimation of Survey Data
    Christine Mendoza Liao, PIDS, Philippines

14.30 - 14.45 Break

14.45 - 16.00 Session 4: Introduction to CGE and GTAP (www.gtap.org)
Allan Rae, Professor and GTAP Research Fellow, Massey University, New-Zealand

Day 3-5: CGE Modeling and Applications

(By Allan Rae, Professor and GTAP Research Fellow, Massey University, New-Zealand)

08.45 -10.00  Session 1: Introduction to RunGTAP: examining some data

10.15-10.30  Break

10.30-12.00  Session 1: Cont’ed

12.00-13.00  Lunch Break

13.00-14.30  Session 2: Household behavior
Thursday, 29 March 2007

08.45 -10.00 Session 1: International Trade
10.15-10.30 Break
10.30-12.00 Session 2: Taxed and Subsidies
12.00-13.00 Lunch Break
13.00-14.30 Session 3: Setting up a simulation: model closure, solution procedure, shocks
14.30-14.45 Break
14.45-16.15 Session 4: Running a simple simulation

Friday, 30 March 2007

08.45 -10.00 Session 1: Analyzing Solutions
10.15-10.30 Break
10.30-12.00 Session 2: Welfare decomposition
12.00-13.00 Lunch Break
13.00-14.30 Session 3: Running a more complex simulation
  • How to go further: GTAP products, courses, the latest GTAP database.
14.30-14.45 Break
14.45-16.00 Session 4: Presentation of selected papers by ARTNeT researchers
  • Construction of GTAP Compatible Input/Output Table and SAM
    Dilli Raj Khanal, Chairman, IPRAD, Nepal
  • Analysis a potential Impact of AFTA on Lao Economy – Macroeconomic Model Approach
    Phouphet Kyophilavong, National University of Lao, Lao PDR