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## **The Kingdom of Thailand's Inaugural Sustainability Bond Issuance is well received**

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Mrs. Patricia Mongkhonvanit, Director-General, Public Debt Management Office (PDMO) announced that on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, bookbuilding was held for the Kingdom of Thailand (KOT)'s inaugural sustainability bond issuance, which is first of its kind in ASEAN. The groundbreaking transaction was highly successful with exceptionally strong demand from the investors with amount submitted totaling at 60,911 million THB, 3.05 times the announced offering and attracted an interest rate of 1.585% which is lower than the market yield of the existing 15 yr benchmark bond. Moreover, the sustainability bond attracted a diversified group of investors including banks, asset management companies, financial institutions, insurance companies and offshore investors.

The proceeds from the sustainability bond will be used for the MRT Mass transit orange line and Covid-19 relief package for those affected. In addition, the PDMO has also announced that the 15 years sustainability bond will be one of the benchmark bond series and will continue to be re-opened to achieve sufficient size for liquidity enhancement. The PDMO is committed to work with all stakeholders to continue to issue sustainability bonds in order to play a part in Thailand's efforts in achieving the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by pursuing economic growth that is sustainable, inclusive and environmentally friendly.

The PDMO would like express our appreciation to all stakeholders that helped ensure the success of the KOT's inaugural sustainability bond.

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