

TSI Digital Testing Center” Grand Opening



Mr. Kittiratt Na-Ranong, President of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, revealed that the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) established Thailand Securities Institute (TSI) in 2001 to serve as a center for knowledge development and a licensing testing center for both current and prospective practitioners within the securities industry.

From the first day the institution was opened to the public, more than 15,000 individuals have participated in TSI's training programs and up to 13,700 individuals have gone through TSI's licensing examinations.

During the past three years, the number of marketing representatives in the securities market has roared up from 3,000 in the year 2000 to 14,500 in the year 2003 since the securities trading volume has been recovered and new securities products have been introduced to the market. As such, qualified practitioners who possess high levels of competency and adherence to professional codes of conduct are increasingly required.



"To respond to such need, TSI has developed its testing system and introduced TSI Digital Testing Center as the most advanced knowledge testing center within Southeast Asia. Online technology has been used along the process, ranging from application, registration, examination, information process and report on examination results, in order to provide greater convenience and time efficiency to customers. In the year 2004, it is expected that TSI Digital Testing Center could serve up to 4,000 customers per day or at least 48,000 customers a year."

The existence of such advanced testing center will enable us to increase the number of qualified practitioners to better serve the needs of the securities market. We expect that TSI could produce more than 3,500 knowledgeable practitioners to serve the market each year", Mr. Kittiratt added.

Mr. Punsak Vejanurug, Executive Vice President, the Stock Exchange of Thailand, said that TSI Digital Testing Center was established to provide all types of licensing examinations, namely Certified Marketing Representative: Equity (CMR: Equity), Certified Marketing Representative: Debt (CMR: Debt), Certified Marketing Representative: Derivatives (CMR: Derivatives), Investment Planner (IP) and Certified Investment Advisor Representative (CIAR) to both current and prospective practitioners in the securities market.

During 3 years of operation, the number of individuals taking TSI's licensing examinations in order to prepare themselves for a career in brokerage firms and asset management companies has increased from 1,100 in the year 2001 to 8,500 in the year 2003. Such incremental needs, therefore,



could not be served by the paper-based examination method. In response to such need, TSI has brought in an advanced online technology to enable its testing system to support the larger number of customers and provide greater convenience and efficiency.

"TSI Digital Testing Center could report real-time examination results, as well as comparing the results with standard scores, thus enabling the testers to see their strength and weakness in each category. Moreover, the testing system is equipped with highly effective random system, so testers can be confident that each of them is treated fairly and TSI Digital Testing Center provides a truly advanced and transparent service," added Mr. Punsak.

TSI Digital Testing Center opens Monday to Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All types of examinations are provided 4 times a day. Interested individuals can apply for an examination at www.tsi-thailand.org.

TSI Digital Testing Center is one of the major services provided by TSI. Other TSI's services include arranging training courses on financial and investment knowledge, as well as providing an advanced e-Learning service and the latest e-Tutor technology for effective preparation for licensing examinations.