# PECC Financial Institutions Development Tentative Findings From Survey Results on Bank Ownership And Risk Management

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# Actual Financial Institution and Regulatory Practice

- Bank Ownership Practice
  - Comparison of legal and political reality on actual bank ownership transfer
  - Barriers and problems in transferring bank ownership to private and/or foreign investors as perceived by actual and potential buyers

# Actual Financial Institution and Regulatory Practice

- Actual progress made in transferring state ownership to domestic and foreign investors
- Rights and enforceability of owner (Majority and Minority Owners' Rights)

### Actual Financial Institution and Regulatory Practice

### Bank Risk Management Practice

- Regulatory and accounting requirement for risk exposure reporting (i.e. FX, Maturity, Credit, Operation, etc.)
- Required and actual risk assessment process by bank management (Committee Structure, Authority of Committees)
- System used to prepare risk exposure report (i.e. Manual or Computer Based)
- Use various types of risk assessment models (Maturity Gap, Value-at-risk (VAR) or consultants in risk assessment)
- Importance of Capital Requirement on Risk Management Practices

## Tentative Findings For Banks From Different Economies

- Bank Ownership
  - Laws and regulations for domestic and foreign banks in all four economies:
    - Korea Same
    - Indonesia Different
    - Thailand Same
    - Chinese Taipei Same
  - Different bank ownership structure in different economies
    - For examples,
      - Indonesia set a maximum foreign equity participation in their bank ownership
      - Thailand does not have family-owned nor conglomerate bank
      - Korea requires banks' ½ above or at least 3 votes from the external board of directors

# Tentative Findings For Bank From Different Economies

#### Bank Ownership

- Board and shareholder structure are required for all banks
  - State-owned bank:
    - Mostly appointed
  - Foreign / Private owned banks:
    - Vote
- Most Asian banks have unclear role division and lack of leadership hinder the overall performance of the chairman and board
- Regulators cannot force to change an internal organizational structure of a bank, unless it is an insolvent financial institutions

#### Privatization

- Korea allows domestic banks to transfer bank ownership to foreigners.
- Chinese Taipei and Thailand allows 25% maximum ownership for a single entity for both domestic and foreign owners
- Indonesia No progress made for state-owned banks, only private

# Tentative Findings For Banks From Different Economies

- Risk Management
  - Foreign Vs. Domestic
    - have more risk management tools used
  - All banks compliance with Basel II
    - Capacity building for bankers are needed
  - Risk Management Techniques
    - Learning stage
      - Domestic banks need to learn from foreign banks
    - Most domestic banks in all four economies are more experienced with "Market Risk."
      - Credit Risk and Operational Risk are still mostly under developed
  - All banks are highly monitor by the regulator
    - Transparency
    - Corporate governance to ensure proper bank ownership structure that enforced on risk management

### Lesson To Be Learn From Different Economies - Current Reform After 1997 Crisis

#### Korea

- Fully banking industry liberalization
  - Allow banks to claim bankruptcy
  - Openness to foreign ownership in domestic banks
- High NPL in 1997
- Efficiently lower its NPL from two digits to single digit

#### Indonesia

- Focus on bank ownership restructure
  - Moral Hazard
- Risk Management
  - Monitor by "On-site Supervisory Presence" (OSP)
    - A system that allows supervisors to have direct access of information on the daily activities and exposures of the target bank

#### Thailand

- Government Liberalization on the Banking Industry
- On-site and off-site examination on individual banks

#### Chinese Taipei

- Reduce number of banks through establishing bank holding companies
  - Survival fittest
- CDIC and Ministry of Finance took over and strictly monitor all unhealthy financial institutions
  - Deposit Insurance System
  - Early Warning System
  - Examination Data Rating System

### Outputs For Year 2002

### Publication and outreach program of recommendations and survey results

- Cross-economy comparison of 21 PECC economies on Bank Ownership and Risk Management
  - Legal Environment
  - Regulation
  - Actual Practices
    - Are there solution for high NPL ratios in specific economies?
      - How does this relate to implementation of best practices?
    - What are the problems bankers have encountered?
    - A Need For Capacity Building?

### **Tentative Recommendation**

- Institute a more accountable regulatory framework and transparency of information
- Continuation on privatizing the state-owned institutions
- Capacity building is required for risk management training
- Develop regional and international economic cooperation