

**Report of Business Meeting with
Kobe City Government
Thai Trade Center Osaka**

Meeting Date: 2008/12/03

1. Profile of Organization

Name of Organization: Kobe City Government

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Mayor: Mr. Tatsuo YADA

2. Met With

Kobe City Government:

-Mr. Toshiaki NAKASE, Group Manager of Business Development Div., New Corporate Development Department

TTC Osaka:

- Ms. Siripan Likhitwiwat, Executive Director
- Mr. Thum Niemskul, Deputy Director
- Ms. Sirikarn Amatayakul, Deputy Director
- Ms. Yoshiko Sakata, Market Development Officer

3. Information from meeting

Mr. Nakase, Kobe City Government briefed that he had visited TTC Tokyo on 4 Nov.2008 and got to know that Thai service business companies, especially spa and restaurants are interested in investing to Japan by joint venture style. So Mr. Nakase came to TTC Osaka to exchange information about business matching between Thai spa companies and hotels & ryokans (Japanese style hotel) in Kobe.

4. Result of meeting:

TTC Osaka said that TTC is planning to organize Thai spa seminar in Kobe in 2009 and interested in introducing Thai Spa to Arima Onsen, the oldest and famous spa (hot spring) area in Japan. TTC can arrange speakers for seminar from Thailand or specialists in Japan. It is not sure but possible that Thai side will organize mission to Japan for business matching in Kobe.

Mr. Nakase suggested TTC to hold seminar in Arima Onsen, for members of Arima Hot Springs Tourism Association (Arima Onsen Kanko Kyokai) after their monthly meeting. Because they have 30 members and all the members are hotels and ryokan(Japanese style hotel), potential partners for Thai Spa. And he said he will ask opinion from Arima Hot Springs Tourism Association and arrange meeting with the chairman of association for TTC Osaka.

TTC expressed thanks to Kobe and said that TTC will contact with Thai Spa Association regarding speaker for seminar and mission from Thailand.

In addition, TTC asked for corporation to Mr. Nakase about business matching for 5 Thai Restaurants in Feb.2009. Mr. Nakase said that he is waiting for more detailed information about this mission including name and profile of 5 companies from TTC Osaka.

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