

The Royal Thai Embassy, together with the National Innovation Agency (NIA) of Thailand, will organize a webinar on Swedish Innovation System under the theme “Innovation Through and Beyond the COVID-19: Lessons Learned and Future Directions” , which will take place on Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 15.00-16.30 hrs. (Thailand time) or 10.00-11.30 hrs. (Swedish time).

Background

The outbreak of the Covid-19 is a lesson learned for the humankind to be prepared for unexpected circumstances that can immediately alter our way of life. For many countries, the Covid-19 has become an accidental accelerator in redesigning its future towards a more innovative and sustainable economy. However, for Sweden where innovation and sustainability are integral to the society, it is interesting to examine how its innovation system help alleviate the impacts of the Covid-19? Is Sweden’s socio-economic system well-immune? And what is still lacking in its innovation system that needs to be strengthened in the post-COVID-19 era?

Sweden is today one of the world’s innovation leaders. It is ranked number 2 in the Global Innovation Index 2019 by WIPO, trailing behind only Switzerland, while Finland ranks number 6, Denmark 7, and Norway 19. In the Bloomberg’s innovation index of 2020, Sweden is ranked number 5 behind Germany, South Korea, Singapore and Switzerland, while Finland ranks 7, Denmark 8 , and Norway 17. Stockholm is also known to be Europe’s technical startup capital, having per capital unicorns only second to Silicon Valley.

Despite being a world-class innovation nation, Sweden is still seeing the need to be more innovative to meet global societal challenges. The nation's broad dialogue platforms with stakeholders have been long in place to foster the best conditions possible for innovation. This webinar will be joined by key players in the Sweden's innovation system to discuss the above-mentioned topic.

Highlight Topics

- "Business Innovation, Swedish Economic Resilience, and the Covid-19" by Business Sweden

*Sweden relies on its global companies that account for 50 per cent of the nation's GDP. Business Sweden has the critical task to help them succeed, especially in challenging times. It would be interesting to learn how Business Sweden supports Swedish companies abroad to continue to innovate and to offer their perspective on how businesses, researchers, the public sector, and community can work together to promote one of the most innovative economies like Sweden.

- "Future of Innovation and Government's contribution" by Swedish National Innovation Council

*Sweden's National Innovation Council is chaired by Prime Minister of Sweden and meets four times annually. National Innovation Council works to promote policy and ecosystem to support innovation. A special focus has been on strengthening regional innovation to capitalize on local strength and also to address the challenges specific to different areas.

- "Systemic and holistic approach in creating innovation society" by Vinnova

*Vinnova, Sweden's National Innovation Agency, proclaims a vision for Sweden to be a world leader in research and innovation and an attractive place to invest and do business in. VINNOVA works to connect innovative actors in different sectors and fields of knowledge with one another.

- "Creating sustainable innovation-based ecosystem" by ALMI

*Almi is a public enterprise whose mission is to develop and finance SMEs and contribute to sustainable growth. With its 40 locations throughout the country, Almi works close to companies and provides business loans, guarantees, micro loans, export financing, innovation financing in early phases, growth loans, and bridge loans to meet the need during crisis.

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