



In 2023, Thai listed companies performed remarkably well in the CGR assessment, based on revised CG criteria that promoted long-term sustainable development.

The Thai Institute of Directors (Thai IOD), with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), announced the 2023 CGR findings of 782 listed companies. Adjusting criteria to contest international standards that highlight sustainability and a more proactive role and leadership of the board of directors in accordance with the CG Code and investors' expectations resulted in a sound satisfactory average score of 81 percent. Thai listed companies placed importance on cultivating sound corporate governance to achieve sustainable growth and the trust of both domestic and international investors necessary to gain global recognition.

Ms. Manee Maneesang, Assistant Manager - CG Development at Thai IOD, presented the 2023 CGR findings on October 31, 2023. Thai listed companies exhibited a satisfactory overall average score even though new assessment criteria contained more details to meet international standards focusing on sustainability. A new set of 172 criteria and a weighting scheme required adjustments to the scoring algorithm. With the bar set higher in 2023, an average score of 81 percent is deemed good and earned the "Excellent" level of recognition (compared to a "Very Good" level of 85 percent in 2022).

When analyzed by categories, both Disclosure and Transparency (86 percent) and Rights and Equitable Treatment of Shareholders (84 percent) showed the average scores above 80 percent, which is encouraging. There is room for improvement in the Role of Stakeholders and Sustainable Development (75 percent) and Board Responsibilities (70 percent) categories, however.

By analyzing the findings by the level of National CG recognition, there were 654 companies with the average scores of 60 percent or higher. Of these, 405 companies (52%) were given the "Excellent" recognition level of 80 percent or higher, 120 companies (15%) obtained the "Very Good" recognition level of 70-79 percent, and 129 companies (17%) were scored the "Good" recognition level of 60-69 percent.

Dr. Kulpatra Sirodom, Chairman of the Board of Thai IOD, stated: *"This is another year in which CGR advanced imperative assessment criteria to comply with the international standards that prioritize sustainability. The new criteria encompassed various impacts on the society and environment dimensions to ensure long-term business viability and*

sustainability. She also added that Thai IOD will support listed companies to develop corporate governance guidelines that put greater emphasis on CG implementation and reporting. Thai IOD and SET will continuously inform listed companies on the need of adhering to corporate governance best practices."

Dr. Pakorn Peetathawatchai, President of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, stated: *"SET and IOD have long promoted the agenda of conducting business with good corporate governance as the foundation and realizing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues to balance short-term and long-term returns. Stakeholders' expectations and investors' ambitions to increase corporate responsibility, resource efficiency, and attention on human rights ushered in a new ESG era for CGR assessment in the year 2023. SET's ESG Data Platform is open to the public and designed to facilitate sustainable business growth and investment by providing listed companies with ESG data to support their ESG operations and allowing investors to utilize ESG data in making investment choices. This is a major step toward ensuring the long-term viability of the Thai capital markets."*

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