

“The SPI Secretariat, in coordination with the host of 15th SPC Meeting, Nepal, is organizing the 1st SPC Seminar on Payment Systems on 10th May 2014.”

Seminar Speakers:

Mr. Esmond Lee

Executive Director (Financial Infrastructure)

Mr. Lee is presenting ‘**RTGS – Emerging Issues and Challenges**’ to the participants covering new innovations in the Large Value payment systems and guidelines for addressing the associated risks; role of RTGS in NPS and Regional Payment Gateways; challenges encountered in the implementation of Next Generation RTGS System.

Profile:

Mr. Lee is responsible for financial infrastructure. He joined the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) in 1993 as Head (Market Systems). From 1998 to 2000, he was the HKMA Chief Representative in New York. Since returning to Hong Kong in 2000, he served again as Head (Market Systems) before his promotion to the current position. Before joining the Monetary Authority, he was working in the Hong Kong Government as a principal economist.

Mr. Harish Natarajan

Senior Payment Systems Specialist

Mr. Natarajan is presenting ‘**Role of non-banks (online Payment Gateway Service Providers, Mobile Wallets etc.)**’ to the participants covering the role that non-banks can play in payment systems, leveraging the reach of existing non-banks service providers; non-banks complementing banks in reaching the payment system/ products.

Profile:

Mr. Natarajan is a Senior Payment Systems Specialist with the Payment Systems Development Group, at the World Bank (April 2009 to present). His responsibilities include assisting countries in improving safety, reliability and efficiency of payments, remittances and securities settlement systems. He is currently working on projects in these areas in several countries in the Middle-east and North Africa; South Asia; East Asia and Pacific; Central Asia; and, Latin America and Caribbean regions. He also represents the World Bank in the retail payments working group of the CPSS-BIS. Prior to joining the World Bank, Harish worked with VISA Inc, in the South Asia region in various senior level positions in business development, operations and risk management.