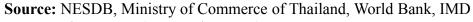


#### **Thailand's Economic Overview in 2016**





**Note**: Exchange rate (BOT, Feb 1 2017): 1 USD = 35.00 THB

GDP 2016: USD 408.5 billion

GDP per capita: USD 6,056

**Growth: 3.2%** 

Population: 68 million

Export Value USD 215 billion Growth: 4.45%

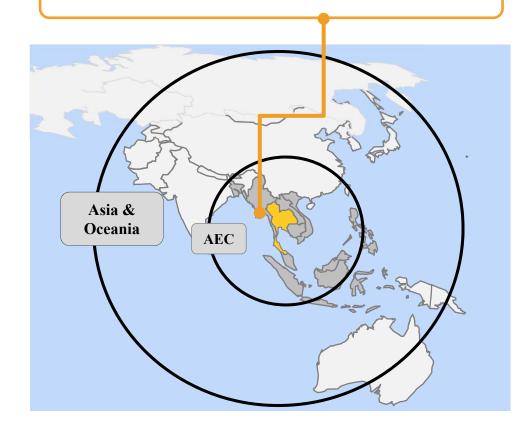
- World Bank ranks
  Thailand 5th for its ease of doing business among East Asia & Pacific countries for 2016
- IMD World Competitiveness ranks Thailand 27th out of 61 economies in its global competitiveness index for 2016

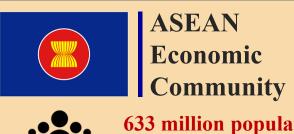




#### Thailand: the Crossroads of ASEAN

"We are surrounded by the world's economic powerhouses"







**633 million population** (9% of world population)



**GDP: USD 2.4 trillion** (2% of world's GDP)



Regional
Comprehensive
Economic Partnership
\*(RCEP)



**3.3 billion population** (50% of world population)



GDP: USD 21 trillion (28% of world's GDP)





# Thailand: Well Developed Regional Connectivity

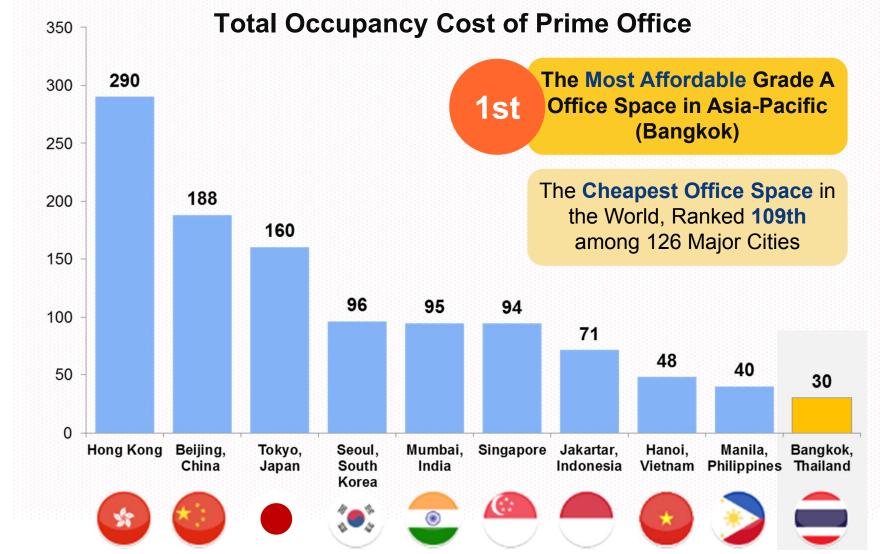






# **Affordable Office Spaces**

[Unit: USD/squarefoot/annum]



Source: CBRE's Prime Office Occupancy Costs, 2016

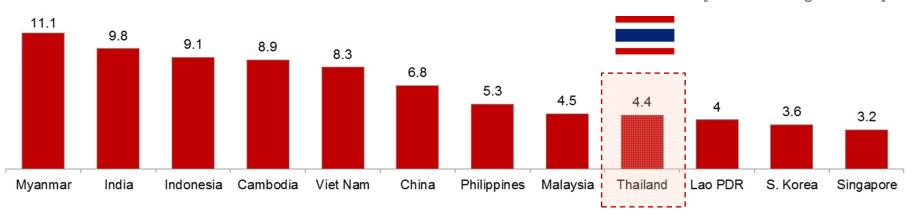




# Wage Increase Rate Between 2015 and 2016



[In Percentage Points]



#### Wage Increase in *Non-manufacturing* Sector

[In Percentage Points]



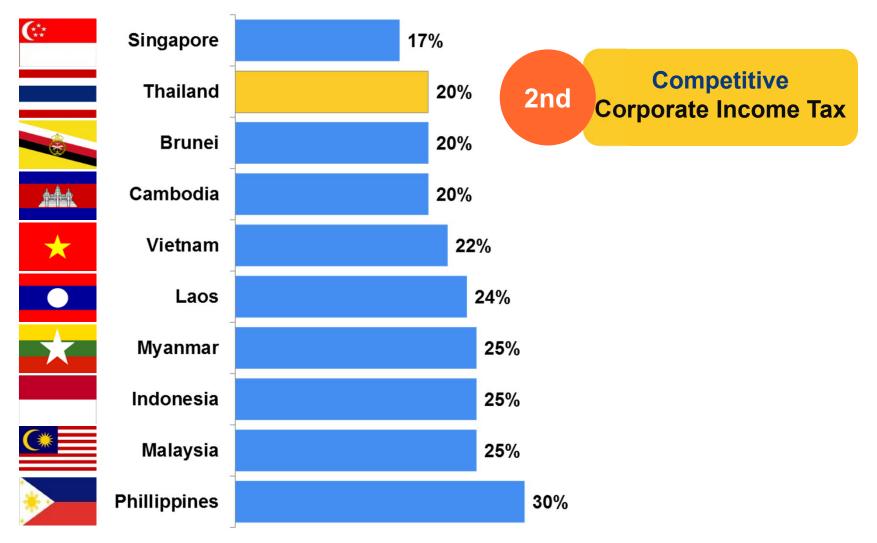
Sources: 2015 JETRO Survey on Business Conditions of Japanese Companies in Asia and Oceania





# **Competitive Corporate Income Tax**

[Unit: %]



Source: 1Deloitte's Taxation of AEC, as of 2015





# Infrastructure





- 7 international airports
  - In 2009, 53.9 million passengers, 1.1 million tons of cargoes
  - Suvarnabhumi Airport Capacity: 45 million passengers and 3 million tons if cargo per year
- Over 70,000 km Highway Systems
- 6 Deep Sea Ports & 2 International River Ports
  - Capacity over 10 million TEUs
  - Laem Chabang Sea Port Capacity: 10.8 million TEUs, with additional 8 million TEUs expansion
  - e-Customs facilities
- 4,346 km Rail links to Malaysia & Singapore
- 60 Industrial Estates

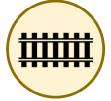


# Thailand's Infrastructure Development Strategy (2015-2022)

5 Key Programs: to reduce logistics and transportation costs and Improve the competitiveness of the economy

#### **Infrastructure development programs for 2015-2022 (USD 53.4 billion\*)**

- 1. Expansion of the inter-city rail network (USD 14.1 billion)
- 2. Highway capacity enhancement (USD 14.9 billion)
- 3. Development of mass transit systems in Bangkok Metropolitan Region (USD 21.3 billion)
- 4. Air transport capacity enhancement (USD 1.4 billion)
- 5. Development of the maritime transport network (USD 2.8 billion)



Railway

- Upgrade railway networks
- Increase double-track railways
- Build 1.435-meter standard gauge



Mass Transit



Water & Air

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- Extend mass transit railway system
- Acquire 3,183 NGV buses



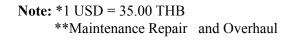
- Expand highways to 4 or more traffic lanes
- Develop **facilities** along the main roads such as container yards

- Enhance sea ports capacity
- Enhance airport capacity
- Establish aviation industrial estates

Road

Source: Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning, Ministry of Transport, as of 21 December 2015







# **Investment Promotion Strategy Direction 2015-2021**

# **THAILAND**

# Sustainable Development, More Competitive Economy





### **BOI's Liberal Investment Regime & Attractive Investment Incentives**

#### Tax Incentives

#### **Policy**

100% foreign ownership

No local content requirements

No export requirements

No restriction on foreign currency

Up to 13 vrs. Tax holiday for core technologies or R&D projects

Sector-based Project

Up to 8 yrs. Tax holiday for targeted industries

Technology-based **Project** 

#### **New Incentive Measures** for Strategic Project

- Up to 15 yrs. Tax holiday for new technologies and high-impact investment
- Matching grant for R&D, training, innovation

**Facilitation** 

Land ownership rights

Work permit & visa facilitation

Or 50% CIT reduction within 10 years

Exemption of import

duties on machinery /

raw materials for use in

production for export

and for R&D

Corporate income tax

exemption up to 15

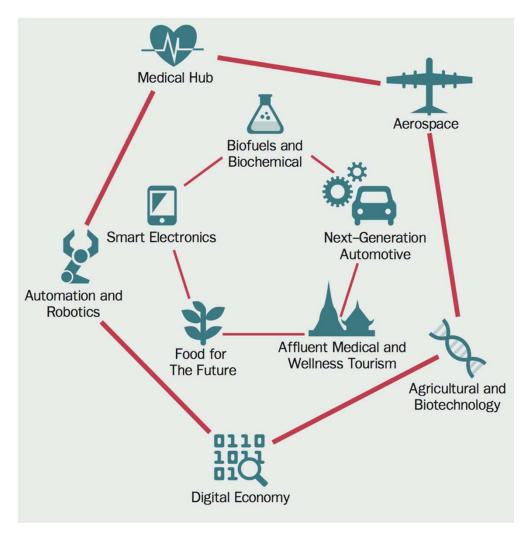
years

Or Deduction up to 70% of the capital investment on net profit derived within 10 years (ITA)





### 10 Targeted Sector



#### **First S-Curve Industries**

- Next-Generation Automotive
- Smart Electronics
- Affluent, Medical and Wellness Tourism
- Agriculture and Biotechnology
- Food for the future

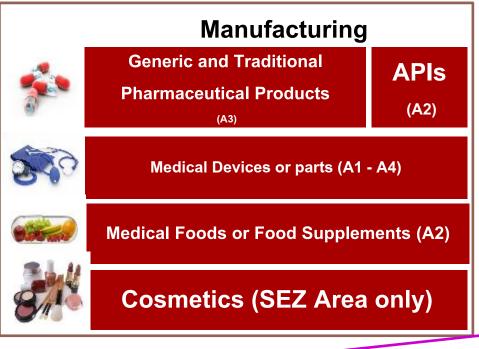
#### **New S-Curve Industries**

- Automation and Robotics
- Aviation and Logistics
- Biofuels and Biochemical
- Digital
- Medical Hub



#### **Thailand: Medical Hub of Asia**

#### **Comprehensive medical industry = Wellness + Sickness**





#### **Supporting for Medical Industries**



R&D and Scientific Laboratories (A1)



Biotechnology (A1)



**Medical Schools** 

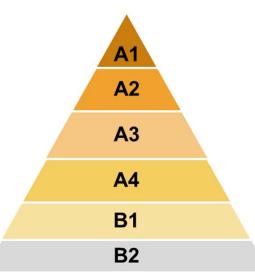


Medical
Transportation
Services
(A3)



Services such as
Product
Sterilization
Services (A2)

#### **BOI Incentives Scheme**



A1: Knowledge-based Activities focusing on R&D and Design

A2: Activities in Infrastructure for the Country's Development, Activities using Advanced Technology to Create Value Added

A3: High Technology Activities which are Important to the Country's Development

A4: Activities with Lower Technology than A1-A3

**B1and B2: Supporting Industry that does not use high Technology** 

	Exemption of Corporate Income Tax	Exemption of Import Duties on Machinery	Exemption of Import Duties on Raw Materials for use in Production for Export	Non-tax
<b>A1</b>	8 years (without cap) + Merit	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
A2	8 years + Merit	✓	✓	$\checkmark$
А3	5 years + Merit	✓	✓	✓
A4	3 years + Merit	✓	✓	$\checkmark$
B1	0 year + Merit (some Activities)	✓	✓	✓
<b>B2</b>	-	-	-	$\checkmark$

# Examples of Promoted Activities (2/2)

Group	Example Activities
A1 8-year CIT exemption with no ceiling	<ul> <li>R&amp;D</li> <li>Lab test/ service, clinical trial</li> <li>Training center</li> <li>Biotechnology such as Biopharmaceutical, Diagnostic kit with biotechnology base Biomolecular/ bioactive substances</li> <li>High-risk Medical Devices include R&amp;D</li> </ul>
A2 8-year CIT exemption	<ul> <li>Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients</li> <li>Active Ingredients from natural raw material</li> <li>Rubber Products</li> <li>High-risk Medical Devices (No R&amp;D)</li> <li>Medical food or food supplement</li> <li>Specialty Medical centers</li> <li>Hospitals (Some Area such as SEZ, 20 Provinces, Southern Border Provinces)</li> </ul>





# Examples of Promoted Activities (2/2)

Group	Example Activities
A3 5-year CIT exemption	<ul> <li>Other Medical Devices</li> <li>Pharmaceutical Products</li> <li>Thai Traditional Medical centers</li> <li>Medical Transportation Services (By Air, Land or Boat)</li> </ul>
A4 3-year CIT exemption	• Medical Devices made from fabrics or fibers (Gowns, Drepes, Caps, Face Masks etc)





# **Technology-based Incentives**

CIT exemption for 10 years + Merit (1-3 years) = Maximum of 13 years plus duty exemptions on materials imported for R&D purposes and related testing

#### **Targeted Core Technologies**

- 1 Biotechnology
- 2 Nanotechnology
- Advanced Materials Technology
- 4 Digital Technology

#### **Enabling Services**

- 1. Research and Development
- 2. Vocational Training Centers (only in S&T)
- 3. Electronics Design
- 4. Engineering Design
- 5. Scientific Laboratories
- 6. Calibration Services
- \* For 2-6, only projects that utilize advanced technology, as approved by the Board

Note: Projects must be engaged in technology transfer by cooperating with educational/research institutions as stipulated by the Board, e.g. Technology Research







#### **BOI Application**

# Promotion of Technology and Innovation Development

#### **Technology Transfer**

It will be a collaborative form of research and development of targeted technologies.



Start from own technology











Institute / Research Institution. Main must be Thai institutions agencies in the country.

Outside Technology



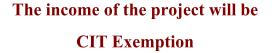








Cooperation in research and development with research institutes / research institutes / research institutes registered with the Revenue Department. To develop target technologies such as Technology Research Conrsutrium



- Bring the results of the development to the production and Commercial products
- Selling technology has evolved.

To those interested

# New Incentives under Competitiveness Enhancement Act

# Competitiveness Enhancement Act



Targets for promotion	<ul> <li>Strategic Investment</li> <li>Promote investment driven by the Thailand 4.0 development plan (National Agenda)</li> <li>New technologies and high-impact investments which are not covered by other incentives</li> </ul>
Incentives	<ul> <li>CIT exemption for up to 15 years for targeted industries</li> <li>10 billion baht grants for investment projects engaged in R&amp;D, innovation or human resource development in specific areas</li> <li>Other incentives in accordance with the Investment Promotion Act</li> </ul>

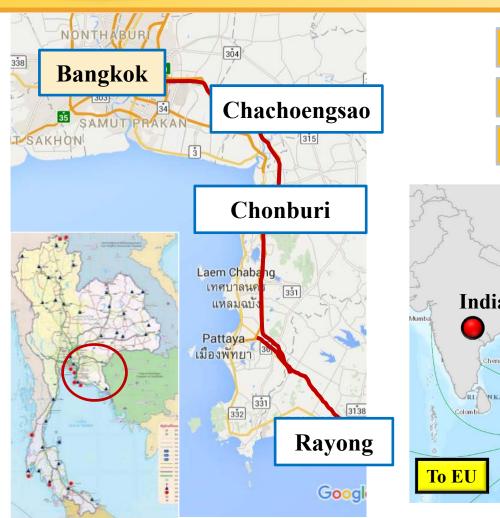




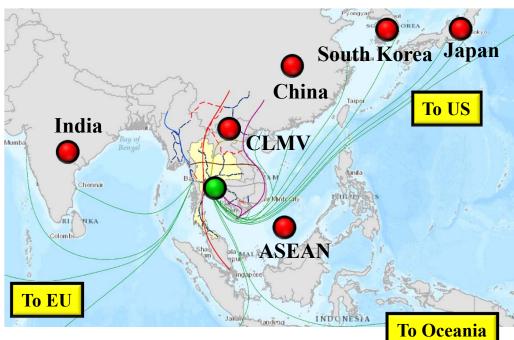


#### Thailand's Eastern Economic Corridor

New Growth Hub of Thailand and ASEAN



- 1 Strategic Location
- 2 Infrastructure Linkage
- 3 Excellent Atmosphere





#### **Investment Promotion Measures in the EEC**

#### **Targeted Industries in the EEC**



Next-Generation Automotive



Food for the Future



Biochemicals and Ecofriendly Petrochemicals



**Smart Electronics** 



Automation and Robotics



Digital



Affluent, Medical and Wellness Tourism



Aviation



Medical Hub

An additional 50% CIT reduction for 5 years for Project in Group A (Activity-based)



