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## **Thailand in Brief**

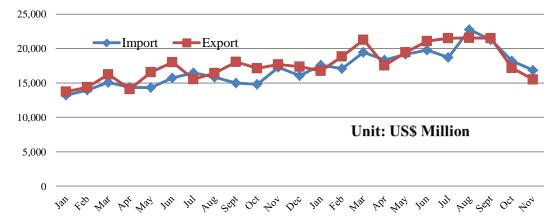


# **Thailand in Brief**



Population: 67 Million Labor Force: 39 Million

Imports : Exports, 2010 - Nov 2011





Per capita GDP(2010): NZ\$6,223 (Thailand is an upper middle income country)

Exchange rate: NZ\$1=Bt24.12 in 2011





### THAILAND is the world's

- 19th largest manufacturer
- 33<sup>rd</sup> largest exporter
- 35<sup>th</sup> largest economy

And the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest economy in ASEAN





## **Investor Confidence: after the deluge**

#### STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS SERVICES

"....we believe the country's relatively strong and flexible fiscal position could absorb this fiscal burden."

S&P credit analyst Takahira Ogawa



P&G





"The flood crisis has not affected our commitment to long-term investment in Thailand....The country is still appealing for future investment by the company because of its infrastructure and skilled labor. Thailand is one of the important manufacturing bases for P&G," *Raul Falcon, Managing Director Procter & Gamble Trading (Thailand)* 

#### **Flood Rehabilitation and Prevention Measures in Thailand**

The Thai government launched a 900 billion baht (NZ\$37 bn) flood rehabilitation s pending plan.

**Immediate** 

Relief

The Bank of Thailand & other commercial banks set aside a substantial amount for soft loans toward the rehabilitation of businesses affected by the flooding. Industry Ministry and IEAT implemented a waterremoval action plan to allow effected industrial estates to resume operations swiftly

Ministry of Finance Allocated several billion baht to assist and rehabilitate entrepreneurs and industrial estate developers

#### NEAR-TERM FLOOD ASSISTANCE

The government is proposing a new credit line with a special interest rate, tax incentives and various investment privileges to industrial operators whose factories have been flooded. BOI also Granted permission for flood-effected companies to bring in foreign skilled workers. BOI lifted restrictions on moving machinery & raw materials from promoted projects

LONG-TERM FLOOD PREVENTION A master plan is being worked out to solve flooding.

Source: BOI as of Nov 11, 2011 Exchange rate: NZ\$1=Bt24.12 in 2011

### **Economic Performance 2011**

$(0/\mathbf{V}_{0}\mathbf{V})$	2010		2011E		
(% YoY)	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	
GDP (at 1988 price)	7.8	3.2	2.6	3.5	1.5
Export of goods (US\$)	28.5	27.4	19.2	27.3	17.2
Volume	17.3	18.6	9.2	16.6	10.7
Import of goods (US\$)	36.8	25.6	28.0	33.4	27.2
Volume	26.5	19.2	18.9	24.4	16.7
<b>Current Account to GDP(%)</b>	4.6	7.6	2.1	3.5	2.2
Inflation	3.3	3.0	4.1	4.1	3.8
Unemployment rate	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7

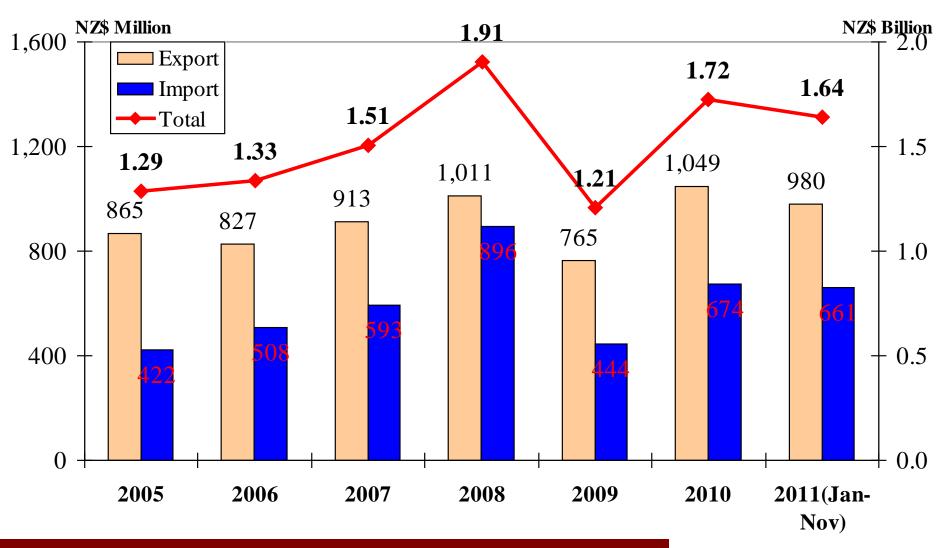
Source: NESDB as of Nov 21, 2011



### **Thailand - New Zealand Trade**



## Trade Summary Thailand/New Zealand



Source: MOC, as of Jan 4, 2012 Note BOT/Exchange Rate NZ\$1=Bt24.12 in 2011



# Principal Exports to New Zealand

**Unit: NZ\$ million** 

Description	2008	2009	2010	2010 (Jan- Nov)	2011 (Jan- Nov)	% Growth (YOY)
Motor cars, parts and accessories	280.88	158.34	284.42	262.44	219.50	-16.36
Polymers of ethylene, propylene, etc in primary forms	112.50	65.29	72.80	66.79	79.62	19.20
Other electrical equipment and parts thereof	16.49	19.60	35.72	31.30	53.13	69.75
Radio-broadcast receivers, television receiver and parts	4.32	5.84	39.84	37.14	46.92	26.35
Rubber products	21.34	23.36	37.19	34.07	46.23	35.69
Others	575.49	492.31	578.68	535.63	535.09	-0.10
Total	1,011.01	764.73	1,048.65	967.37	980.49	1.36

Source: MOC, as of Jan 4, 2012 Note BOT/Exchange Rate NZ\$1=Bt24.12 in 2011



#### Principal Imports from New Zealand Unit: NZ\$ million

Description	2008	2009	2010	2010 (Jan-Nov)	2011 (Jan-Nov)	% Growth (YOY)
Milk and daily products	328.18	189.73	322.56	269.97	327.92	21.47
Preparations for infant feeding	56.71	38.94	39.34	34.87	45.21	29.66
Fruits, vegetables, fruit and vegetable preparations	22.71	28.14	36.60	34.89	43.91	25.83
Wood in rough, sawn or chipped wood and products	27.07	22.39	35.62	31.62	42.05	33.01
Pulp, waste and scrap of paper	32.58	20.40	34.71	32.38	32.58	0.63
Others	428.83	144.78	204.84	195.88	169.15	-13.65
Total	896.08	444.38	673.66	599.61	660.82	10.21

Source: MOC, as of Jan 4, 2012 Note BOT/Exchange Rate NZ\$1=Bt24.12 in 2011



## Thailand and International Rankings





The World Bank Ranks Thailand the 3<sup>rd</sup> Easiest Place in Asia to do Business and 17<sup>th</sup> in the World



### Thailand: Ranked by UNCTAD as the 10<sup>th</sup> most attractive destination in the world



Source: UNCTAD Top host economies for FDI 2011-2013





2010 Global Manufacturing Competitiveness index; Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Oct 6, 2011

### **Making Thailand the Best Expat Experience**

### Top Destinations for Expat Experience 2010

- 1. Thailand
- 2. Canada
- 3. Bahrain
- 4. Spain
- 5. South Africa
- 6. France
- 7. Bermuda
- 8. Australia

9. Malaysia10.Switzerland



Source: Expat Explorer Survey 2010, HSBC as of Nov 24, 2010 (4,127 respondents)



## **Market Potential**



### **ASEAN Connection**

### **Thailand**

•67 million population
•GDP (2010) NZ\$419 billion
•GDP/ p.capita NZ\$6,223

#### **ASEAN**

+570 million pop.•US\$1.3 trillion GDP (2007) (or NZ\$1.64 trillion)

#### ASEAN+3

+2 billion pop.
(1/3 world pop.)
•US\$9trillion GDP (or NZ\$11.4 trillion)
(16% of world GDP)



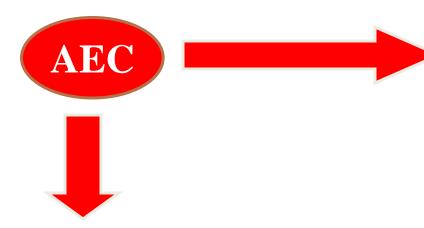








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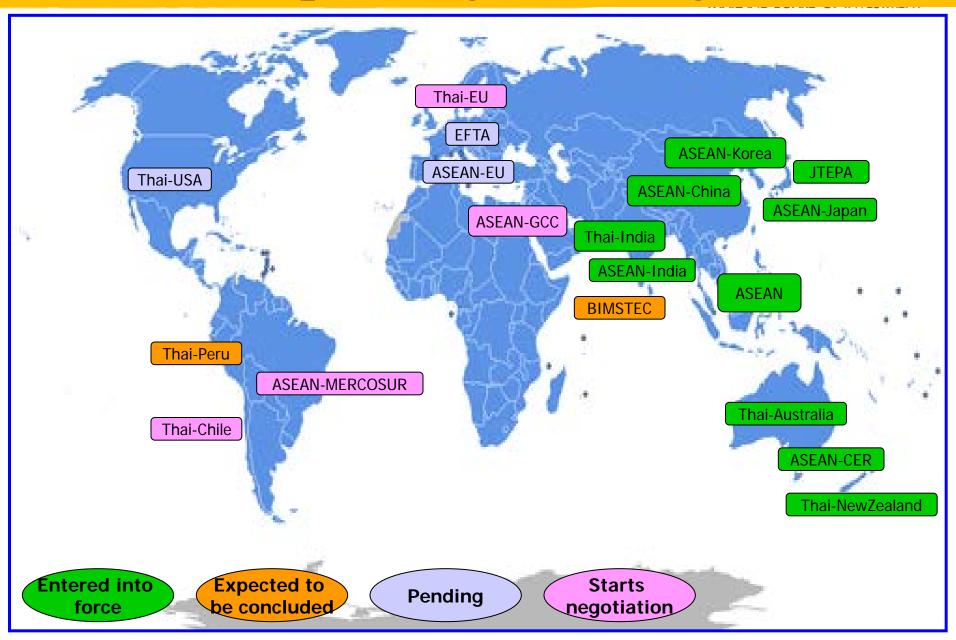
### A Single Market & Production base



Transform ASEAN into a stable, prosperous and highly competitive region with equitable economic development, and reduced poverty and socio-economic disparities

- Free flow of goods
- Free flow of services
- Free flow of investment
  - Free flow of capital
- Free flow of skilled labor

## An Expanding FTA Regime





## **Doing Business in Thailand**

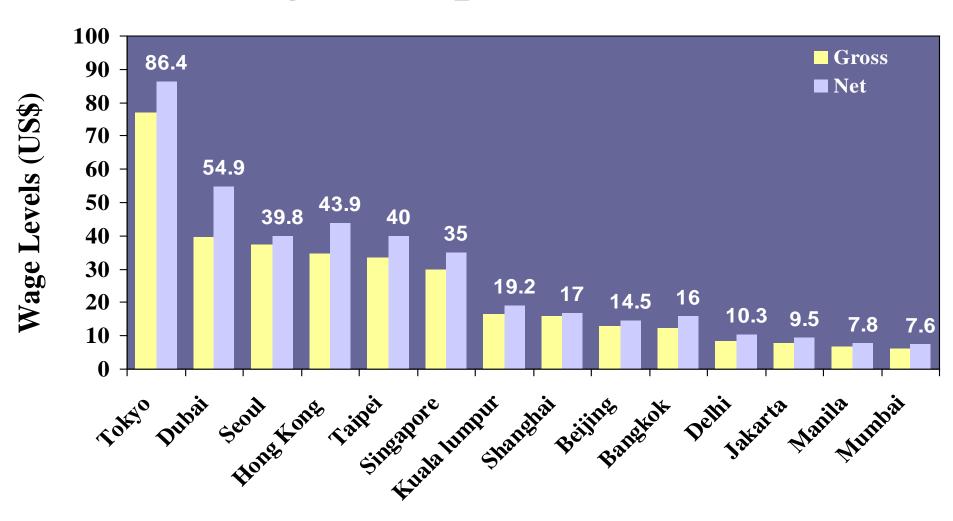




Source: CB Richard Ellis, Global Office Rents, Q1, 2011 Note: NZ\$1=Bt24.12 in 2011



### Wage Comparison 2010



Cities ranked according to gross value of index Source: UBS/Prices & Earnings Nov 2010







#### **Over 50 Industrial Estates, Zones and Parks**

# 37 commercial airports, including6 international airports

Ports	Capacity/Year
Bangkok	1.3 million TEUs.
Laem Cha Bang	7.4 million TEUs.
Chiang Saen	120,000 tonnes.
Chiang Kong	15,000 tonnes.
Map Ta Phut	2.0 million tonnes.
Consta	160,000 TEUs/
Songkla	600,000 tonnes.
Phuket	450,000 tonnes



### **Low Tax Rates:**

Legislation is pending, but Cabinet has approved reduction of corporate income tax rates For company and juristic partnerships in general, a reduction of corporate income tax rate from 30% of net taxable profit to

- 23% for the accounting period of 2012, which ends at 31 December 2012 or later, and to
- 20% for the accounting period which starts from 1 January, 2013 and thereafter.



### Thailand and the BOI offer:

# No restrictions on foreign currency

100% foreign ownership

### LIBERAL INVESTMENT REGIME

No export requirements No local content requirements



## **BOI's Current Foreign Equity Participation Policies**

- no restriction on foreign shareholding in manufacturing
- □ 100% foreign shareholding allowed in many services
- At least 51% Thai ownership is required for investment in agriculture, husbandry, mineral exploration and mining, and services in list 1 of the Foreign Business Act

### **Basic BOI Privileges and Measures**

### **Tax Incentives**

- Corporate income tax holidays up to 8 yrs
  - Additional 50% reductions of corporate income tax for 5 yrs
- Import duty reductions or exemptions on machinery and raw materials
- Double deduction of public utility costs
- Deductions for infrastructure construction/installation costs

### **Non-Tax measures**

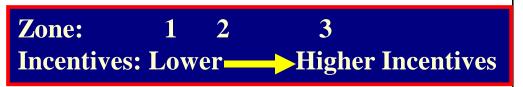
- Land ownership rights for foreign investors
- One Stop Services Center (OSOS)
- Work permit/visa facilitation for foreign experts and technicians

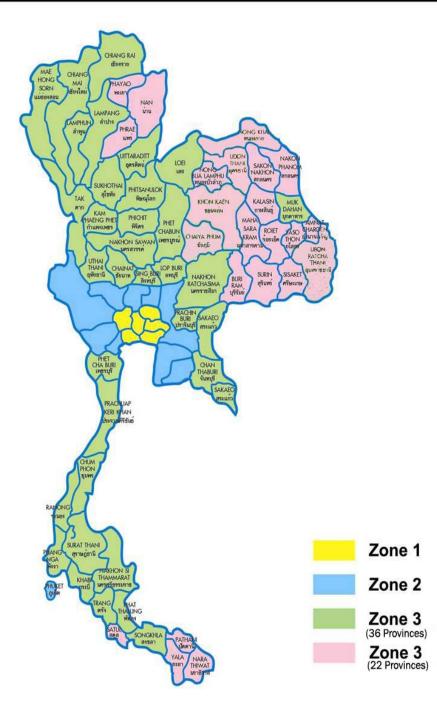
One-Stop-Shop

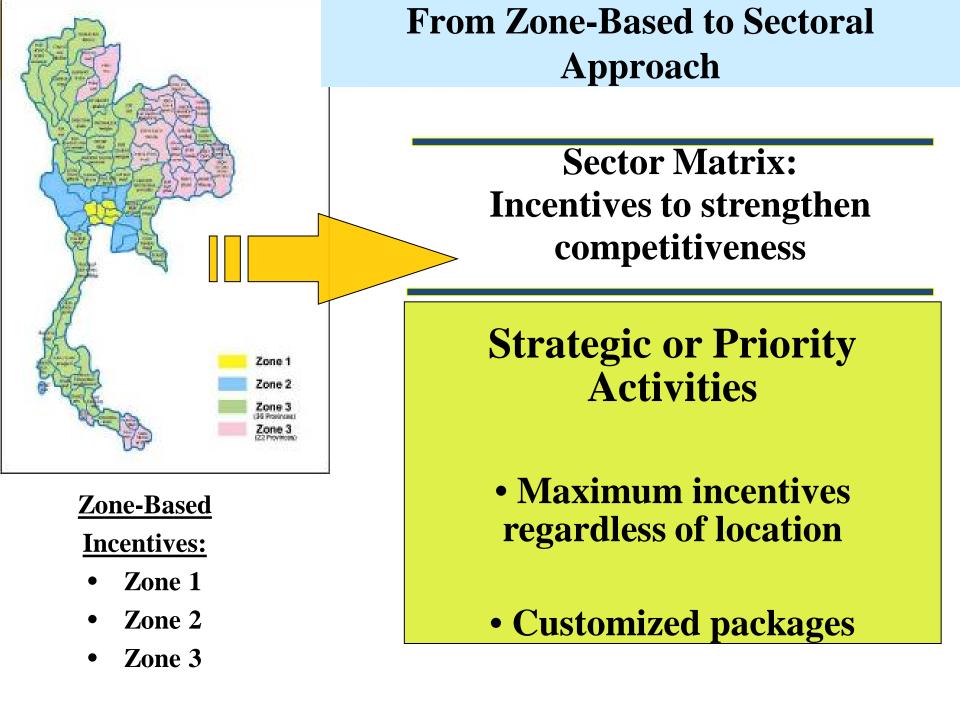
Visas & Work Permits are issued in <u>3 hours</u>

## Zone-Based Incentives

- Zone 1(6 provinces)
- Zone 2 (12 provinces)
- Zone 3 (58 provinces)— Investment Promotion Zone
- (1) 36 provinces
- (2) 22 provinces









### **Examples of Priority Activities**

- Agriculture and agro-industries
- R&D
- Software development
- Molds & Dies
- Biotechnology
- Alternative energy
- Manufacture of hi-tech products e.g. advanced ceramics
- Waste recycling & recovery



## **Activities Eligible for BOI Promotion**

Agriculture	Mining, Ceramics Basic Metals	Light Industries	Metal Products, Machinery, Transport	E&E	Chemicals, paper, plastics	Services





#### **Thailand Automotive Industry**



### **Key Highlights for the Auto Industry**

Thailand: 12th largest automobile producer in the world

**Target: Top-10** by 2014

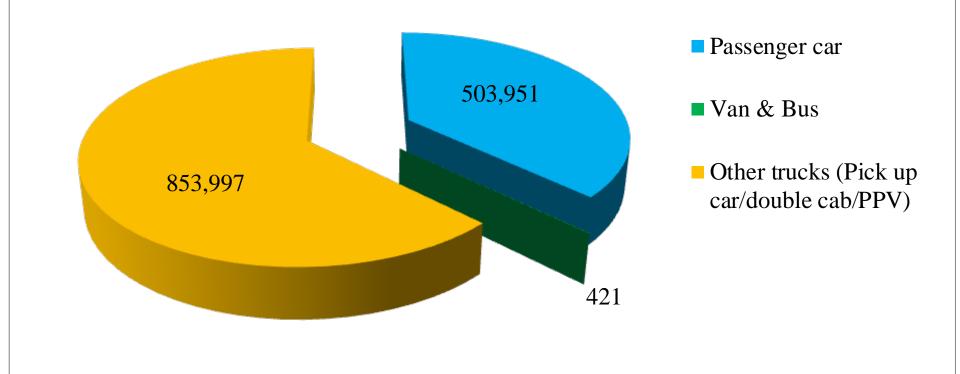
**Output:** 12 assemblers with a combined production of 1,645,304 units in 2010 (56% for export)

High local content : 80-90% for pick-up and 30-70% for passenger car



## Thailand's Automotive Production, 2011(Jan-Nov)

: 1.36 mil. units





### **Opportunities:** Components Needed in Thailand

 Automatic Transmissions
 Continuously Variable Transmissions (CVT)
 Traction motors for automobiles; e.g. Hybrid or fuel cell cars
 Regenerative Braking System
 Electronic Stability Control (ESC)
 Rubber tires for vehicles







# Machinery

Economic transition from labor to productivity is creating great demand



# **Opportunities in Machinery**

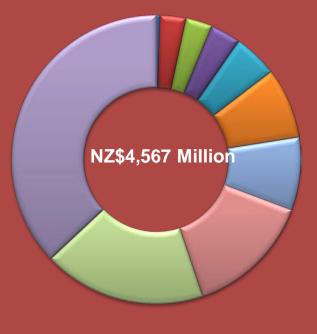
Thailand continues to industrialize, but is dependent on imported industrial machinery

- High demand for:
  - Food and farm machinery
  - Alternative energy/energy conservation machinery
  - Textile machinery
  - Automotive machinery
  - Mould & Die Industry



### **Imports & Exports of Industrial Machinery by Products**

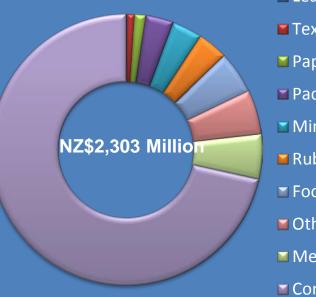
#### **Industrial Machinery Imports** (Jan-Oct),2011



#### Leather Mining

- Paper and Printing
- Metalworking
- Textiles
- Food Processing
- Packaging
- Others
- Rubber and Plastic
- Construction

#### **Industrial Machinery Exports** (Jan-Oct),2011



- **Textiles**
- Paper & Printings
- Packaging
- Mining
- Rubber & Plastics
- Food Processing
- Others
- Metalworking
- Construction



# **Industrial Machinery Needed**:

- Turning machines
- Drilling machines
- Milling machines
- Grinding machines
- Machine Centers
- Gear Cutting & Finishing Machines

- Die Sinking EDMS
- Wire Cut EDMs
- Laser Beam Machines
- Plasma Arc Cutting Machines
- Electron Beam Machines
- Broaching Machines

BOI Priority Activities – 8 years corporate income tax holiday, duty free machinery



### **Agro-Industry Machinery**

- Thailand needs to continually improve to remain competitive and meet increasing international standards
- Large, growing markets for:
  - Farm machinery
  - Food processing machinery

### **BOI priority 8-year income tax holiday for food processing and farm machinery (no cap)**



### **Alternative Energy Energy Conservation Machinery**

- Manufacture of energy-saving machinery/equipment
- Manufacture of machinery/ equipment using alternative energy

BOI Priority Activities – 8 years (uncapped) corporate income tax holiday, duty free machinery





# **Electronics & Electrical Products**



**Top E&E Export** 

**Electrical Products** 

Air-conditioner
 Circuit breaker,
 switches, plugs
 VDO camera
 Refrigerator
 Color TV

### **Electronics**

- 1. Computer parts
- 2. IC
- 3. PCB, PCBA
- 4. Diode, transistors, semiconductors.
- 5. Equipments used for telephone or telegraphs

THAILAND BOARD OF INVESTMENT **Top E&E Import Electrical Products** 1. Circuit breakers, switches, plugs 2. VDO tape, CD, DVD 3. TV parts, components 4. Wiring harness 5. VDO cameras **Electronics** IC 2. Computer parts 3. Mobile phones Computers, notebook, Palm 4. 5. Printed circuit



# Integrated Circuit Cluster in Thailand

Wafer

IC Design

- . . .
- Rohm LSI Silicon Craft Technology

# Assembly

- Microchip
- NXP
- Spansion
- Hana Semiconductor
- Circuit Electronics
- Millennium Microtech
- Utac Thai
- Stars Microelectronics

- Statschippac
- Oki
- Sony Device Technology
- Sanyo Semiconductor
- Rohm Integrated System
- Toshiba Semiconductor
- Thai NJR
- Vigilant Technology

### Lead Frame

- Sumiko LeadFrameTSP-T
- Rohm Mechatech
- Yamakin



- Microchip
- Maxim Integrated

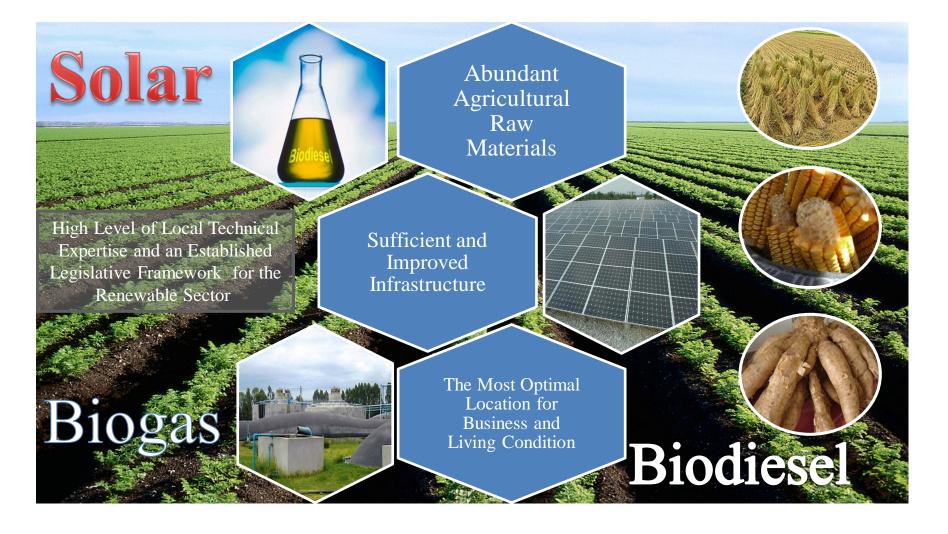




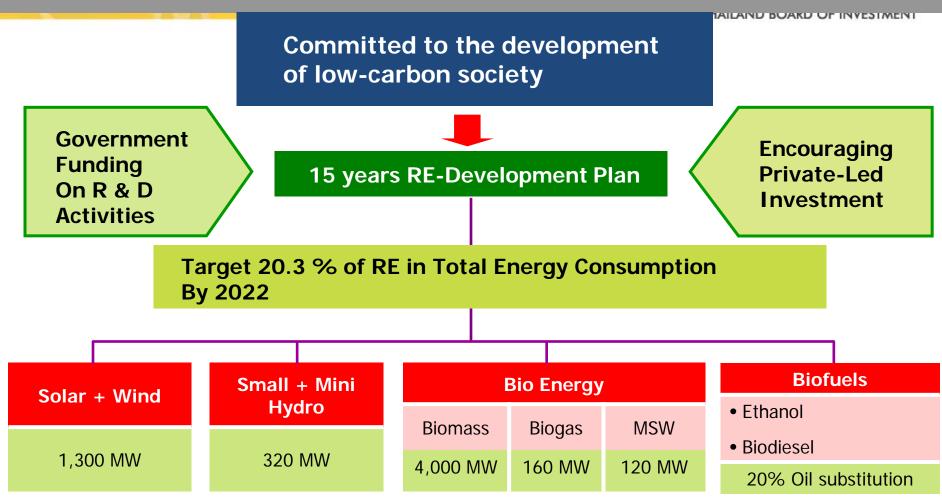
# **Green Technologies**



### **Growing Opportunities: Renewable & Alternative Energy**



# **Thailand Renewable Energy Development**



BOI Tax incentives scheme (8 yr. Tax holiday)

- Some direct subsidy (10-30%) on Biogas, MSW, Solar-hotwater projects
- Soft Loans for RE+EE investments
- Government Co-investing scheme ("ESCO Fund")



# **Opportunities of Biofuel & Bio Energy**

### • Availability of feedstock

Thailand is # 1 exporter of cassava/tapioca products and # 2 exporter of sugar in the world → availability of raw materials for ethanol.

- Forecast available feedstock for ethanol: 3.7 mil. tons of cassava (out of 28.9 mil. tons)\*

- Thailand is # 1 exporter of rice and other crop →availability of biomass feedstock if technology from cellulosic to liquid fuel is commercial.
- Large agro-industry such as tapioca, palm oil, modern farming & food processing → opportunities for bio-gas business combined with waste treatment units



# Renewable Energy: BOI Eligible Activities

1.18 Manufacture of alcohol or fuel from agricultural products, including scrap, garbage and/or waste

4.2.3 Manufacture of energy-conserving machinery or equipment or machinery which uses alternative energy

4.15 Manufacture of fuel cells

5.5.10 Manufacture of solar cells and raw materials for solar cells

7.1.1 Production of electricity or steam power using alternative energy such as energy from agricultural materials, biogas and wind energy

Renewable Energy



### **BOI Incentives include:**

- Import duty exemption on machinery all zones, except Bangkok
- S-year uncapped corporate income tax exemption in all zones except
   Bangkok
- Additional 50% reduction of CIT on the net profit generated from investment for 5 years after the exemption period
- > Deductions for transportation, electricity and water costs
- > Deductions on infrastructure installation or construction costs
- > Applications must be submitted within Dec 31, 2012

All Projects in Renewable & Alternative Energy are Treated as Priorities Activities





### **High Value-Added Services**



# **Services Industry**

Many opportunities exist in this growing sector:

- R&D and design
- Printing
- Tourism facilities, esp. long-stay
- Film & Entertainment
- Regional Operating Headquarters
- Distribution Centers
- Aircraft maintenance

Logistics:

• Shipping services strongly supported by the Thai Government to support our strong growth in international trade





# Priority Activity: Film & Animation

#### **Incentives:**

7.8.8 For projects locating in "Movie Town" film industrial estate:

- Indoor studio and outdoor studio
- Post production services such as film developing, special effects, computer animation, sound lab, and etc.
  - Duty-free machinery import
  - 8-year cap-free corporate income tax exemption
- 7.6 Thai motion picture production, motion picture supporting services, or multimedia services.
  - 5-year corporate income tax exemption
  - 8-year corporate income tax exemption located within the "Movie Town"
  - Duty-free machinery import

\* Plus personal income tax waived for non-Thai actors for five years until 2015





### **BOI Incentives to Promote the Services Industry**

- Long Stay Business
- Trade and Investment Support Offices (TISO)
- International business process outsourcing (IBPO)
- International Procurement Offices (IPO)



# **BOI Incentives : Rights & Benefits**

### Activities:

- Long Stay Business
- Trade and Investment Support Offices (TISO)
- International business process outsourcing (IBPO)

#### **<u>Rights & Benefits</u>**

#### **Non-Tax Incentives Only**

- Permission to own land
- Permission to bring into the Kingdom foreign skilled workers and experts sufficient for your business activities
- Permission for foreign nationals to enter the Kingdom for the purpose of studying investment opportunities
- Permission to take out or remit foreign currency



### **International Procurement Offices (IPO): Rights & Benefits**

#### **Corporate and individual income tax privileges**

1. Corporate income tax (CIT)

The IPO will be subject to CIT at the rate of 15% for five consecutive accounting periods on its net profit from the qualified income.

2. Personal income tax (PIT)

(A) PIT flat rate at 15% for a maximum of 3 expatriates working for IPO for 5 years under management level or high level experts

(B) PIT exemption for expatriates under A in respect of income earned from being assigned to work aboard for 5 years and such income is not recorded as a tax deductible expense of IPC in Thailand

The above PIT privileges are under conditions that the qualified income together with income from selling raw materials and parts to affiliated companies situated in Thailand for manufacturing by such affiliated companies must not be less than 50%.

Source: PricewaterhouseCoopers as of November 2010

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THAILAND BOARD OF INVESTMENT

#### **New Package of Regional Operating Headquarters (ROH)**

Benefit	Benefit		Benefit
For portion of income from OVERSEAS OPERATIONS	For portion of income from LOCAL OPERATIONS		Fo EXPATR
<b>0% CORPORATE</b>	10% CORPORATE		15%
<b>INCOME TAX</b>	INCOME TAX		INC
for 15 years	for 15 years		f
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#### **Key Conditions**

- In 1<sup>st</sup> fiscal year, have one operating company in another country; a second within 3<sup>rd</sup> year; a third within 5<sup>th</sup> year
- Have annual expenses in Thailand of Bht 15 million, or have invested at least Bht 30 million in Thailand
- By end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 75% of ROH personnel to be qualified staff, have 5 specialised professionals, and 5 top executives earning at least Bht 2.5 million in annual salary and benefits each
- All companies must be real operating companies with a physical presence and staff

For income of **EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES** 

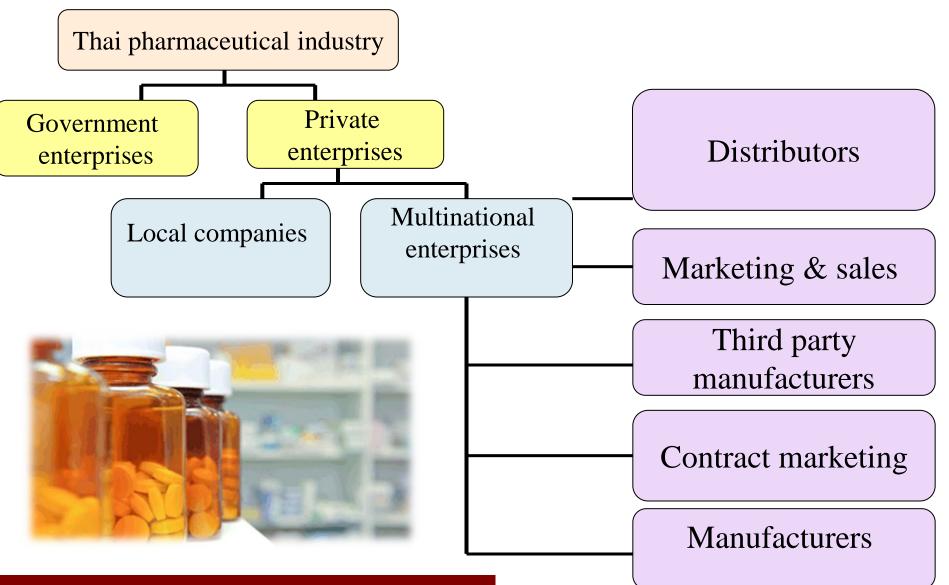
#### 15% PERSONAL INCOME TAX for 8 years

#### **Key Conditions**

In addition to conditions for income from overseas and local operations:

 Income generated from services to overseas companies must be at least 50% of total revenues

# **Pharmaceutical Industry Structure**



Source: The Government Pharmaceutical Organization and OIE



### **Current Thailand's Pharmaceutical Industry**

#### Generic Drugs

- Thailand's generic drugs industry comprises of 167 companies, 157 are having GMP standard.
- Industry's annual growth rate is an average 15 percent.
- The 79 percent of the market size is consumed by hospital, and the rest is taken by general drug store.
- The generic drugs industry is projected to grow in the future due to the expiration of many major drugs patent.

#### Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

- The market size of active pharmaceutical ingredients is small with a few players as it requires substantial investment.
- Thailand plans to create value added by producing some kinds of active pharmaceutical ingredients which could reduce the price of manufacturing drugs to compete in the world market.

Source: Strategy Development for Thai Pharmaceutical Industry by OIE, Sept 12, 2011



# Current Thailand's Pharmaceutical Industry

#### **Biological Products**

- The biological products produced in Thailand mainly traded in domestic market, especially basic vaccine used for control and prevention of disease.
- The industry's annual growth rate is between 20-40 percent.
- Although the local manufacturers such as the Government Pharmaceutical Organization (GPO), the GPO-MBP Company, Satan Sao Wapa, and Thai Red Cross Society are able to manufacture their own vaccines domestically, their productions are not sufficient for domestic demand, especially expensive vaccines which are always imported.
- Thailand is likely to increase its capacity of production more than relying on importing some kinds of vaccines from foreign market.

#### Traditional Drugs and Herbal Drugs

- Traditional drugs and herbal drugs have good potentials for increasing export productivity, since Thailand has an abundant of herbs.
- Exports of herbs and spices value has a steady growth due to popularity of consumption and health concern.

Source: Strategy Development for Thai Pharmaceutical Industry by OIE, Sept 12, 2011





### **BOI Support Services**



**Investment Matchmaking Program** 

1-Stop for visas & work permits: work permits in 3 hours

Industrial Subcontracting Services Vendors meet customers program (BUILD Unit)

**ASEAN Supporting Industry Database** 

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**Country desks** 

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### **Services at OSOS**

- Staff from relevant agencies available for consultations on a range of topics.
- Help investors with applications to make sure investors know what is required to:
  - Apply for investment promotion privileges
  - Obtain a foreign business license
  - Tax registration
  - Complete an environmental impact assessment
  - Obtain utilities, and much more



# Sample of New Zealand Investments in Thailand

Project approved by BOI in 1970 – 2011 (Jan-Nov)

- 37 approved projects
- NZ\$122 million investment value













Source: BOI as of Dec 7, 2010 Note: Exchange rate: NZ\$1 = Bt 24.12 in ,2011



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- Show date: 5 to 20 January 2012
- **IMPACT Exhibition and Convention Center** Venue : (237,000 sq.m)
  - Outdoor : Lakeside 166,000 sq.m
  - Challenger 1-3
  - Hall 9

- 60,000 sq.m
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