

Investment Opportunities in Thailand and BOI Investment Promotion Policies

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Thailand's Economic and Investment Landscape

BOI's Incentives & Support Measures

Our Supporting Services



## Thailand: Strategic Landscape

in both location and International Cooperation





Peru

Chile

66 Million population

**530**Billion USD GDP

RCEP

**2.3** Billion Consumers

(30% of the World's Population)

**ASEAN** 

680 Million Consumers

**Greater Mekong Subregion** 

300

Million Consumers







## Thailand's Competitive Strength in Attracting Investment

#### **Comprehensive Infrastructure**

• Strategic location with connectivity to ASEAN and China

 Well-established infrastructure (Electricity, Water, Sea Port, Airport, Road, Rail)

- 68 Industrial estates in 16 provinces
- Deep Sea ports: Bangkok, Laem Chabang,
   Map Ta Phut, Si Racha, Ranong, Songkhla, Phuket

#### **Digital Advancement**

- Digital infrastructure / 5G
- World-class data center and cloud services
- Digital & Startup **Ecosystem** / Community
- High-level digital transformation & adoption

#### **Robust Supply Chain**

 Leading manufacturing hub and strong supply chain for automotive, electronics & electrical, chemical etc.

#### **Market Access**

- Home to 66 million in population
- Access to ASEAN market with a population of over 680 million
- 15 FTAs with 19 nations including RCEP

#### **Talent Availability**

- Forecast number of new STEM graduates (2022 2026)
  - > 184K from Engineering Degree
  - > 110K from Science Degree

#### **Green Transition Policy**

- Incentives for green transition
- **Utility Green Tariff** (UGT) provide renewable energy bundled with the RE certificate (REC) with the options of additionality & traceability.

#### Safety & Low Risks

- Conflict-free Zone for MNEs
- Low risk of natural disasters

#### **Living in Thailand**

- World-class healthcare system with 64 JCI-accredited hospitals
- 236 international schools across the country, aligning global curriculum as schools in your home country & ensuring educational continuity

## The Reach of Thailand's Current and *Potential* FTA Network

#### FTAs/RTAs Already Entered Into Force

#### **ASEAN** Free Trade Area

Thailand-India Free Trade Area

Thailand-<u>Australia</u> Free Trade Agreement (TAFTA)

ASEAN-China Free Trade Area

Thailand-New Zealand Closer Economic Partnership

<u>Japan</u>-Thailand Economic Partnership Agreement

ASEAN-<u>Japan</u> Comprehensive Economic Partnership

ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area

ASEAN-India Free Trade Area

ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area

Thailand-**Peru** Closer Economic Partnership

Thailand-**Chile** Free Trade Agreement

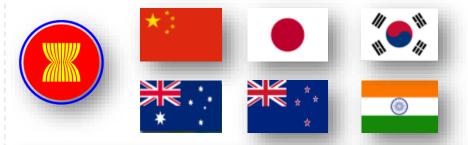
The ASEAN - <u>Hong Kong</u>, China Free Trade Agreement Thailand-Sri Lanka



## Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

An agreement between ASEAN and its free trade agreement (FTA) partners to enter into force on 1 January 2022

#### **RCEP Members**



#### **Under Negotiation**

- Thailand-EU / Thailand-EFTA
- Thailand-Pakistan / Thailand-Turkey / Thailand-UAE



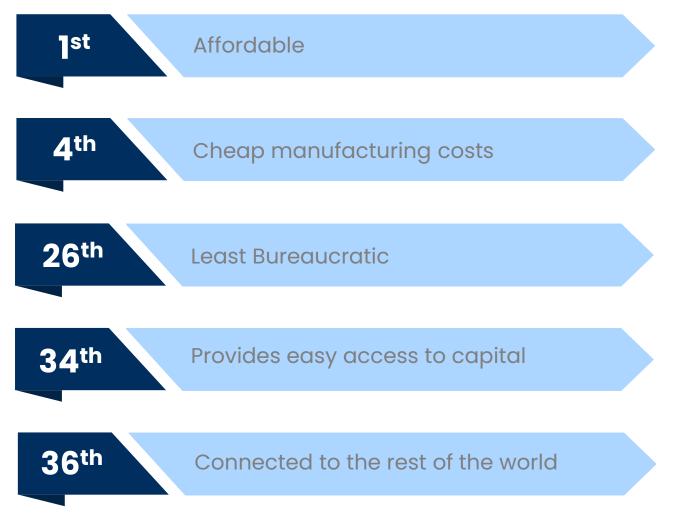
## India **Thailand** China **Mexico USA Philippines Vietnam Brazil** Malaysia **Spain**

#### From 87 countries

### Thailand ranks #2 in the 2023 best countries for starting a business

#### 5 attributes:







## Success Stories of Multinational Companies Investing in Thailand

#### **Electronics**

#### Automotive and EV

#### Agricultural, Food, Biotech

#### Chemical

#### **High Value Service**





Quanta Computer

Midea

IBM

MICROCHIP















Cal-Comp















Nikon



























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## Success Stories of Dutch Companies in Thailand

















**NXP Semiconductors** 







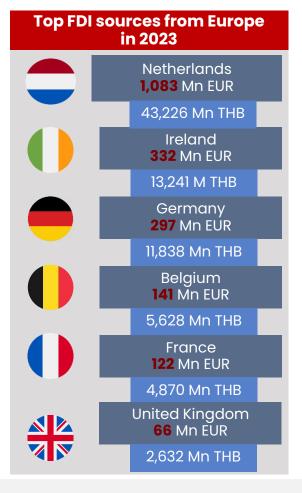






### **Investment Promotion Applications of FDI in 2023**





#### **TOP5 FDI Application by Target Industry in 2023**



**Electric and Electronic** 

Products 8,529 Mn EUR 340,340 Mn THB



#### **Automotive and Parts**

**1,583** Mn EUR 63,149 Mn THB



## Petrochemicals and Chemicals

**1,044** Mn EUR 41,658 Mn THB



## Agricultural and Food Processing

**870** Mn EUR 34,703 Mn THB



#### Biotechnology

**533** Mn EUR 21,287 Mn THB



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## BOI's Role: To Drive the Investment to the New Economy

#### **About BOI**

## BOI

is a government agency under the Office of the Prime Minister



#### **Promoter**

drives and promotes investment in alignment with Thailand's development strategy & the changing global context



Integrator

integrates
Government support
tools such as tax,
finance, and non-tax
incentives in a whole
package



**Facilitator** 

coordinates with agencies to develop the ecosystem & facilitate ease of investment & eliminates obstacles



Connector

links large-scale with small-scale enterprises, Thais with foreigners, across industries to expand business opportunities

#### **Tax Incentives**

- Corporate income tax exemption up to 15 years
- Exemption of import duties on machinery
- Exemption of import duties on raw or essential materials for the export products

**Policy & Incentives** 

Exemption of import duties on goods imported for R&D



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

- 100% foreign ownership
- Land ownership
- Work permit & visa facilitation

#### **Overseas Offices**



#### **Financial Incentives**

- Grants for R&D, Advanced Training, Investment in advanced technology industries
- Startup Matching Fund

### **Investment Promotion measures**

## BOI **Investment Incentive** Scheme

#### **Basic Incentives**

## **Activity-Based**

- Agriculture, Food & Biotechnology
- Medical
- Machinery and Vehicles
- Electrical and Electronics
- Metal and Materials
- Chemicals and Petrochemicals
- Public Utilities
- Digital Industries
- Creative Industries
- High-Value Services

≤13 years CIT exemption



#### **Additional Incentives**

#### **Competitiveness Enhancement**

- Research & Development (R&D)
- Support academic/research institutes, or technology and human resource development fund
- IP licensing fee
- Advanced technology training
- Development of local suppliers
- Product and packaging design

#### **Area-Based**

- EEC 3 provinces
- SEZ 10 provinces
- 4 Special Economic Corridors
- Southern border provinces
- 20 provinces with lowest income
- Industrial Estates/Zones
- Science and Technology Parks (TSP, Food Innopolis, Space Krenovation Park)
- Yothee Medical Innovation District

#### **Agenda-based**

- Investment Stimulation Measure for Economic Recovery
- Smart and Sustainable Industry Measure
- Social and Communal Development Measure
- Comprehensive Relocation Measure
- Retention and Expansion Measure
- · Measure to Support the Establishment of Highly-skilled **Professional Development Institutes**



## Smart & Sustainable Industrial Upgrade Programs

#### **SMART**



Digital Technology



**Industry 4.0** 

#### SUSTAINABLE



Energy Conservation,
Alternative Energy,
Environmental Impact
Reduction



International Standards of Sustainability such as GAP, FSC, PEFCs, ISO 22000

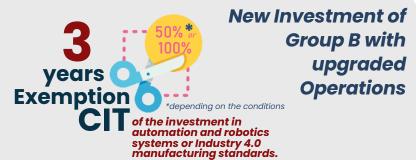
Efficiency Improvement for Existing Projects

**Automation and** 

**Robotics** 







## 10 Sections of Activities Eligible for Promotion

**Section 1** 

Agricultural, Food and Biotechnology Industries



**Section 5** 

Metal and Material Industry



Section 9

**Creative Industry** 



**Section 2** 

**Medical Industry** 



Section 6

Chemical and Petrochemical Industry



**Section 10** 

**High Value Service** 



**Section 3** 

Machinery and Vehicles Industry



**Section 7** 

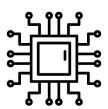
**Public Utilities** 



400 + Eligible activities

**Section 4** 

Electrical Appliances and Electronics industry



**Section 8** 

**Digital Industry** 



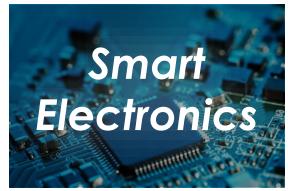






## 5 Key Sectors of Investment Opportunities











## Other Sectors of Investment Opportunities

- Infrastructure
- Renewable Energy
- Healthcare & Medical
- **\*** Tourism
- **❖** Petrochem./Chemicals
- Advanced Materials
- Aerospace
- **Automation & Robotics**
- Defense Industry
- R&D Center
- Supporting Industries



## **Investment Opportunities in Targeted Industries**

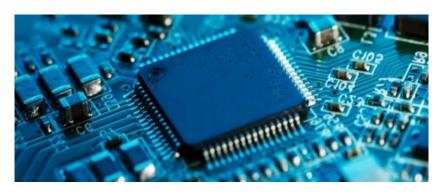


#### **Electric Vehicles**



- Rank 1<sup>st</sup> Automotive Producer in ASEAN and Rank 10<sup>th</sup> in the world in 2023
- Rank 9<sup>th</sup> Largest exporter of automotive products
- EV Supporting Policies: 30@30 Policy and EV demand stimulation measures (Cash Subsidies/ Import Tariff and excise tax reduction)
- The accumulated of BEV registrations are 154,027 units as of February 2024
- 2,658 Charging stations with total 9,694 outlets
- Strong capability in producing BEV key parts and offer a pool of OEM suppliers

#### **Smart Electronics**



- Rank 10<sup>th</sup> of global electronics export 2023
- Semiconductor industry's sales is expected to reach
   USD 10 billion by 2024 (12% CAGR 2024-2029)
- 265 % growth in BOI's investment application in 2023 (YoY)
- Over 2,942 companies in the sector with 756,929 employees
- Home to world leading E&E MNCs
- Launched Thailand Smart Electronic Industry Phrase 1 (2023-2027)



## **Investment Opportunities in Target Industries**



### **Healthcare and Wellness**



- 9<sup>th</sup> Best Healthcare System in the World
- 38,512 Healthcare Service Providers
- 411 Private Hospitals
- 62 JCI Accredited Hospitals
- 151 GMP Accredited Conventional Medicines Manufacturers
- 6.9 Billion USD Medical Device Market Value in 2023
- 13% Expected CAGR in Medical Device Market between 2023-2027
- Up to 75% less medical fees compared with EU countries
- Expect 3 Million foreign patients in 2024

### **Bio-based Industry**



- Situated in biodiversity hotspot
- Top 10<sup>th</sup> producers and exporters of sugarcane, cassava, oil palm, a key source of bio-related activities
- Rank 2<sup>nd</sup> bioplastic producer globally in 2022
- Rank 9<sup>th</sup> Largest biofuel production worldwide 2022
- Thailand's BCG economy could generate an economic value of USD 120 billion by 2027 (Approximately 24% of GDP)
- Well-developed BCG Infrastructure: BCG regulatory framework, Biobank, and Pilot Plants



## **Investment Opportunities in Target Industries**



## **Digital and Creative**



- Rank 1<sup>st</sup> in terms of creative goods export (per % total trade) worldwide 2023 (GII Index)
- USD 27 bn of Thailand's IT spending forecasted in 2024
- +7% growth (CAGR 2024-2028) of revenue in Thailand's data center and +20% growth (CAGR 2024-2029) of revenue in Thailand's public cloud market
- Internet penetration: 85% of population (2023)
- Mega Investment from AWS and Microsoft
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest Broadband internet speed in ASEAN
- 36 Smart Cities in Thailand and 30+ Creative districts
- 15-20% Expected revenue growth of digital content in . 2024 driven by film, animation, and gaming industry

### **International Business Center**



- Located at the **Center of ASEAN**, connectivity hub for CLMV and two major economies : China and India
  - Home to world-leading multinational corps
    >400 IBC projects applied for BOI promotion
- Well-established road, rail, air, and digital Infrastructures
- Ranked 25<sup>th</sup> from IMD World Competitiveness Index 2024 (+5)
- Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Countries for Starting a Business 2023
  - Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Logistic Performance Index in ASEAN 2023
- Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> from the Expat Insider Survey 2023
- Rank 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Digital Nomad Locations (Bangkok) 2023



## Make "THAILAND" Headquarters Destination

- 1) BOI has been promoting Headquarters activities since 2000
- 2) BOI promotion category: "INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTER (IBC)"
- 3) Scope activity: Providing services to its associated companies in overseas countries and/or in Thailand.
  - including International Trade

**Products:** Finished goods, raw materials, parts and components **Trading activities:** wholesale in Thailand and/or export e.g. IN-IN, OUT-IN, IN-OUT, OUT-OUT, OUT-IN-OUT

## Scope of Services under IBC

- 1. General business management, business planning and business cooperation
- 2. Procurement of raw materials and Parts (Information only)
- 3. Research and development of product
- 4. Technical support
- 5. Marketing and sales promotion
- 6. Human resources management and training
- 7. Financial advisory
- 8. Economic and investment analysis and research
- 9. Credit management and control
- 10. Treasury Center (TC)
- 11. International Trade business

**Product**: Finished goods, raw materials, parts and components

**Trading activities**: Export or domestic sales (only wholesale)

- 12. Lending to associated enterprises outside scope of "Treasury Center" which can be implemented under the exchange control laws, for example:
  - Lending of <u>foreign currency</u> loans to associated enterprises in foreign countries
  - Lending of <u>Thai baht loans</u> to associated enterprises in Thailand
  - Lending of <u>Thai baht loans</u> to associated enterprises in Vietnam and countries bordering Thailand with the requirement of using them for trading and investment in Thailand or in aforementioned countries only
- 13. Office Building or factory building rental service for associated enterprises
- 14. Other supporting services as approved by the Board

# Make "THAILAND" a hub for Trading and Customer Services

- 1) BOI promotion category: "Trade and Investment Support Office (TISO)"
- 2) Scope activity: Providing support services for domestic and/or overseas customers
  - o including Trade

**Products:** Finished goods, raw materials, parts and components

Trading activities: only wholesale Products Manufactured in Thailand

## Trade and Investment Support Office: TISO

"Same as IBC"



Monitoring/Servicing Associated Enterprises

Engineering & Technical Services

(<u>except</u> those related to Architecture & Civil Engineering)





Wholesaling Products
Manufactured in Thailand

Providing
support
services for
domestic
and/or
overseas
customers



Advisory Services on Business Operation

(<u>except</u> those that buy/ sell securities/ FX exchange etc.)





Businesses Related to Machinery, Engines, Tools & Equipment

(e.g., importing for wholesaling, training services, installation, maintenance and repair, calibration)



International Business Process Outsourcing

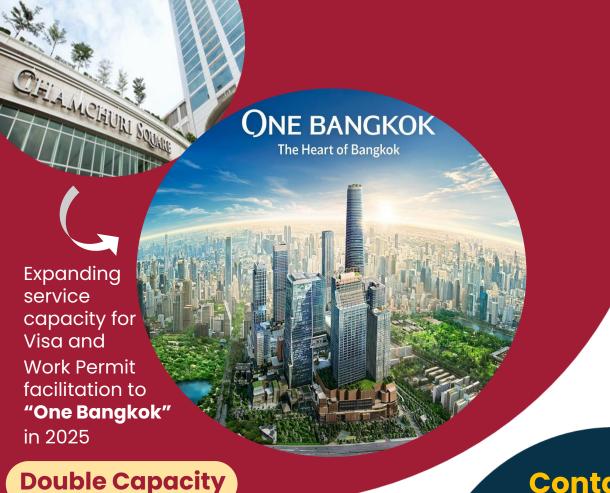
providing through
telecommunication
networks
(e.g., administrative
services, finance &
accounting services,
human resources, etc.)



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## One Start One Stop Investment Center (OSOS)

- Comprehensive information and advice on establishing operation in Thailand
  - Coordination Services between Investors and government agencies
    - 1-Stop for visas & work permits in 3 hours

#### **Contact us:**

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More Convenience More Efficiency Less Time

### 4 Types of LTR Visa



#### **Wealthy Global Citizens**

Wealthy individuals holding at least **USD 1 million** in assets



#### **Wealthy Pensioners**

Retirees **aged over 50 years** who have an annual pension or stable income



## Work-from-Thailand Professionals

**Remote workers** working for wellestablished overseas companies



#### Highly Skilled Professionals

Professionals in targeted industries working for

- business entities or higher education institutes
- research centers or specialized training institutions
- Thai government agencies



#### **Dependents**

**Spouse and children** aged under 20 years old of LTR visa holders



## LTR visa

### for Long-Term Residents

Targeted industries for the **High-Skilled professional\*** category are as follows:

#### **Existing Targeted Industries**

- Automotive Industry
- Electronics Industry
- Affluent Tourism Industry
- Agricultural, Food and Biotechnology Industry
- Automation and Robotics Industry
- Aviation, Aerospace and Space Industry
- Biofuels and Biochemicals Industry
- Digital Industry
- Medical Industry
- Defense Industry
- Circular Economy
- Transportation and Logistics Industry
- Petrochemical and Chemical Industry
- International Business Center (IBC)
- **Highly-skilled professionals with specialized skills** e.g. Digital, Al Finance, Marketing Advisor

### LTR Visa Privileges



10-year visa & Permission to work in Thailand



Fast Track Service at International Airport



90-day report extended to 1-year report and exemption of re-entry permit



Permission to Work in Thailand (Digital Work Permit)



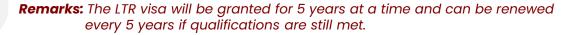
17% Personal income tax rate for Highly-Skilled professionals and tax exemption from oversea income



Facilitation Services at One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit



Exemption from 4 Thais: 1 foreigner employment requirement ratio





## **BOI Industrial Linkage Services**

#### **BOI Supports**

- **Customized Business Matching** 
  - **JV Partner**
  - **Talent Sourcing- Job Matching**
- **Free Sourcing Services**
- **Local Sourcing Events** 
  - **Venders Meet Customers Sourcing Events**
  - Sourcing Market Place Center
  - Knowledge Enhancement for Local Vendors through Competitiveness
  - **Development Seminar**
- International Sourcing: Exhibit Thai Vendors Potential at International Exhibitions
- Online Database/Website BUILD Platform

#### Sample of Companies joining BOI Linkage Services











































## SUBCON THAILAND

14 -17 May 2025

@BITEC Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand

# ASEAN'S MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL SUBCONTRACTING AND BUSINESS MATCHING EXHIBITION

#### **SUBCON THAILAND**

**Biggest Subcontract Exhibition in ASEAN** 



- Manufacturer of industrial parts for automotive, electrical etc.
- > Business matching opportunities with buyers from abroad that has been invited by the BOI.
- Combine buyers of industrial parts from leading domestic and international companies invited by the BOI.
- > Industry seminars of the future with the new S-curve industry innovation exhibition.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

















## **Thank You**

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