

Digital Technology Industries

DIGITAL PORT ASIA CO.,LTD.

A Global Provider of Seamless Cloud Solutions



Background

Digital Port Asia Ltd (DPA) was established as a provider of data center services in Thailand in 2012. In June of 2013, a 74% stake in the company was sold to NTT Communications Corporation (NTT Com) of Japan and so became one of their subsidiary companies, providing a range of data services including managed hosting, co-location, cloud, and network services. In December of 2015, DPA completed construction of its first purpose-built data center in Chonburi, Thailand. Located inside the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC), and only 50 minutes' drive east of Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, The Bangkok 2 Data Center has a total floor area of 10,000 m² and

accommodates nearly 1,500 racks, making it one of the largest data centers in Thailand and in the region.

Why Thailand

Many Japanese and other multinational companies are expanding their operations locally due to the robust economic growth of Thailand and the surrounding Greater Mekong region. Data center services are in high demand among companies looking to optimize their ICT environments and strengthen their business continuity planning (BCP). In explaining NTT Com's decision to invest and build in Thailand, Mr. Motoo Tanaka, Senior Vice President of Cloud Services at NTT Com, stated "BCP strengthening is a key focus of our cloud-service expansion plan in Thailand. Digital Port's new data center is a highly reliable facility on its own, and by combining it with other existing data centers in the country, we are able to achieve even greater reliability for enhanced BCP solutions."

Vision for the Future

NTT Com, as part of implementing its Global Cloud Vision strategy, offers data center services in over 140 countries under the Nexcenter™ brand. In the future, the NTT Com group looks forward to adding a diversifying range of global, seamless cloud services to its one-stop ICT solutions in Thailand.

"We are especially delighted that this acquisition has further strengthened the infrastructure supporting NTT Com's global seamless cloud services."

Mr. Motoo Tanaka,

Senior Vice President of Cloud Services at NTT Com

Support from the Board of Investment (BOI) played a significant role in DPA's decision to move forward with the project on its new data center. Some of the incentives offered

by the BOI included a corporate income tax exemption, import duty exemptions on machinery and raw materials, and various other non-tax incentives.

Additionally, by securing a location inside the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC), DPA benefits from further support in the form of various other tax and non-tax incentives including access to various types of visas and work permits for foreign staff, increased investment in public infrastructure (such as the expansion of U-Tapao Airport), and the ability to trade in foreign currencies. It is anticipated that as an increasing number of companies engage with the EEC in the years ahead, there will be a corresponding rise in the demand for comprehensive data services

Attractive BOI Incentives

The Thailand Board of Investment (BOI) offers a wide range of tax and non-tax incentives for projects that meet national development objectives.

Tax-based incentives include an exemption or reduction of import duties on machinery and raw materials, as well as corporate income tax exemptions of up to eight years. Non-tax incentives include permission to bring in expatriates, own land and take or remit foreign currency abroad.

Recognizing the critical importance of the information technology and communications sectors in implementing Thailand's 4.0 strategic plan, tax incentives are granted to approved projects in numerous activities, including software development and related services provisioning such as big data and business process management, IT and cyber-security resource development, ICT and other software development, and the design engineering, and manufacturing or assembling of automation equipment or parts.

Additional information about specific activities relating to the digital technology industries can be found by clicking [here](#) or contacting the BOI's Investment Promotion Division 5.
