INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND INCENTIVES
FOR
10 TARGETED INDUSTRIES
IN
THE EASTERN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR
AND
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF THAILAND

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Thailand – Geography and Statistics

- **Land Area:** 513,115 sq km
- **Capital:** Bangkok
- **Population:** 69 million
- **GDP (Nominal) 2018 Estimate**
  - Total: US$514.700 billion
  - Per capita: US$7,588
- **Per capita income (2017):** US$6,593.82

source: http://www.operationworld.org/thai
EEC Overview (1)

EEC

- is for the “Thailand 4.0” industry development.
- is to revitalize and enhance the Eastern Seaboard Development Program.
- Initially covers 3 provinces:
  (1) Chachoengsao
  (2) Chonburi
  (3) Rayong

EEC promotes 10 targeted industries.

Source: https://www.eeco.or.th/en/
EEC Overview (2)

- Ten Targeted Industries
  - Next-Generation Automotive
  - Smart Electronics
  - Affluent, Medical and Wellness Tourism
  - Agriculture and Biotechnology
  - Food for the Future
  - Robotics
  - Aviation and Logistics
  - Biofuels and Bio-chemicals
  - Digital Technology
  - Medical Hub

- Circular industry to be added as 11th targeted industry.
EEC Act B.E. 2561 (A.D. 2018)


- General requirements and procedures for promoting, facilitating and enhancing competitiveness of Thailand’s economy.

- Specific objectives:
  1. developing environmental friendly economic activities
  2. providing one-stop services by the Government to reduce obstacles and costs of doing business
  3. developing basic, effective and continued public utilities accessible to all and completely connected
  4. specifying types of land use in compliance with the principle of sustainable development
  5. developing cities to be internationally modern, convenient, safe and widely accessible.
EEC Policy Committee, EEC Office and EEC Blueprint

- **EEC Policy Committee**
  - chaired by the Prime Minister
  - grants licenses and permits in place of other government authorities.

- **EEC Office**
  - implements the EEC Act.
  - located in Bangkok.

- **EEC Blueprint**
  - EEC Development Master Policy and Plan consisting of:
    - (1) the land use plan
    - (2) the infrastructure development plan
    - (3) the project plan
    - (4) the government service plan
  - prepared by the EEC Office
  - approved by the EEC Policy Committee in July 2018.

- **Detailed land use plan and detailed infrastructure plan**
  - being prepared by relevant government offices
  - to be completed within July 2019
Special Economic Promotion Zones (SEPZ)

- Located in the EEC area.
- Approved by EEC Policy Committee.
- As of September 2018, 24 SEPZs have been approved for the EEC.

Source: https://www.eeco.or.th/en/
Approved SEPZ

- **EEC Aviation City (EECa)**
  - U-Tapao International Airport
  - Aircraft MRO Center
  - Regional aviation hub

- **EEC of Innovation (EECi)**
  - Wangchan Valley in Rayong
  - Space Inspirium in Sriracha District, Chonburi
  - Community and industry of R&D and innovation

- **EEC Digital Park (EECd)**
  - Sriracha District in Chonburi
  - Digital infrastructures
  - ASEAN Regional Data Hub

- **Industrial Promotional Zones**
  - Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate
  - Hemaraj Eastern Seaboard Industrial Estate No. 4
  - Several other “Smart” industrial parks
Incentives Granted to Projects in SEPZ (1)

- **Tax Exemption and Reduction**
  - Maximum tax exemption
  - Maximum tax reduction
  - Under the investment promotion law
  - Under the law on enhancement of competitiveness for the targeted industries.

- **Exemption and Reduction of Customs Duties**
  - Exemption of customs duties.
  - Reduction of customs duties
  - For import to and export from the EEC area.
Incentives Granted to Projects in SEPZ (2)

- **Real Property Ownership and Long-Term Lease**
  - Foreigner investing in SEPZ can own land for business operation and own condominium for residential purpose.
  - Lease and sublease of land and other immovable properties in SEPZ can have a term of 50 years plus one-time renewal for not more than 49 years.

- **Visa and Work Permit**
  - Non-Thai executives, specialists and skilled employees can
    - work for businesses in SEPZ without a work permit
    - have their spouses and dependents exempted from immigration law requirements.
  -Licensed foreign professionals can
    - practice in the SEPZ
    - subject to the requirements and conditions to be imposed by the EEC Policy Committee.
Incentives Granted to Projects in SEPZ (3)

- Exemption from compliance with the exchange control law in whole or in part for business operators.
- Payment of goods and services in the EEC area can be made in foreign currencies.
- EEC Policy Committee has power to
  - Grant licenses and permits under laws on building control, factory, etc. in place of officials in charge of such laws.
  - Grant other rights and privileges under the investment promotion law and the law on enhancement of competitiveness for the targeted industries on a case-by-case basis.
Infrastructure Projects in the EEC Area

- **220 KMs High Speed Train** to link
  - Don Muang International Airport
  - Suvarnabhumi International Airport
  - U-Tapao International Airport

- **Double-Track Railway** to link Laem Chabang, Map Ta Phut and Sattahip Sea Ports with industrial zones nationwide.

- **U-Tapao International Airport upgrade** for 60 million passengers per year.

- **Laem Chabang Sea Port Phase 3 expansion** to handle 18 million TEU containers and 3 million cars per year.

- **Map Ta Phut Deep-Sea Port Phase 3 expansion** to handle more liquid materials and natural gas.

- **TG MRO Center at U-Tapao** for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul.
Infrastructure Projects in the EEC Area

http://thaiembdc.org/eastern-economic-corridor-eec/
Investment Projects in Thailand 2017

- 1,227 projects (THB625.080 billion)
- 588 projects (THB201.627 billion) of 10 targeted industries

**Picture from**: https://medium.freecodecamp.org/creating-grid-map-for-thailand-397b53a4ecf

**Information from**: http://www.boi.go.th/upload/overviewpromotionandstat2017_th_24131.pdf
Investment Projects in EEC 2017

- 259 projects (THB310.337 billion)
  - Chonburi – 133 projects (THB117.311 billion)
  - Rayong – 93 projects (THB162.751 billion)
  - Chachoengsao – 33 projects (THB30.275 billion)

** Information from BOI at November 7, 2017

Transnational headquarters/ International firms/ hotel business/ Metal Industry etc.