Thailand in Connectivity with China’s
One-Belt-One-Road Strategy

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Minister
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Comparing to China and India, We are all too small as investment destination
Luckily, ASEAN will be one of the most exciting places for businesses over the next 15 years.
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Thailand at the Crossroad of New Global Policy Initiatives
China’s One Belt, One Road
High Speed Train from China to Singapore

THE PAN-ASIA RAILWAY NETWORK

**Central Route**
Kunming - Yuxi - Vientiane - Bangkok - Kuala Lumpur - Singapore

**Western Route**
Kunming - Dali - Yangon - Bangkok - Kuala Lumpur - Singapore

**Eastern Route**
Kunming - Yuxi - Ha Noi - Ho Chi Minh - Phnom Penh - Bangkok - Kuala Lumpur - Singapore

Source: bangkokpost.com
OBOR High Speed Rail Project in Laos
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Emerging New Land bridges for ASEAN and Asia
Road Condition – R3A to China
Road Conditions in CLMVT

Transportation Route Utilization within GMS
India’s Act East Policy
India’s Act East Policy
BCIM Bridge

NEW SILK ROUTE

2800 km

KUNMING
DALI
TENGCHONG
RUILI
IMPHAL
KA LAY
MANDALAY
JESSORE
KOLKATA
DHAKA
TAMABIL
SILCHAR

Image of the New Silk Route showing the connection between various cities and towns.
Japan’s Indo Pacific Policy
Japan’s Indo Pacific Policy

Africa

- Full of potential
  - population around 1.1 billion (15% of global population)
  - around 2.5 billion in 2050
  - account for 30,000,000 km² (22% of global area)
  - high economic growth rate (4.2% on average (2002-2013))
  - rich in natural resources and promising markets

⇒ progressing as a “developing continent” whereas still challenged by poverty and terrorism etc.

Japan will provide nation-building support in the area of development as well as politics and governance, in a way that respects the ownership of African countries.

Asia

- Increase in awareness of confidence, responsibility and leadership, as well as democracy, rule of law and market economy taking root in South East and South Asian countries

⇒ Currently expanding its success to Africa and bring out the potential of Africa as a “global main player” through a free and open Indo-Pacific

Japan will assist expanding infrastructure development, trade and investment, and enhance business environment and human development in the areas from East Asia, as a starting-point, to the Middle East and Africa.

※ To make the “Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy” into shape, Japan will strengthen strategic collaboration with India, which has a historical relationship with East Africa, as well as the US and Australia.
Policy Responses of the Thai Government
We Aim to Become the Center of CLMVT Regions

Highways and Railways Connectivity in the GMS (Greater Mekong) Subregion
Integration of Roads and Motorways Improves quite Rapidly
Center of a thriving market of 230-400 million people

Bangladesh
160 Mil People

Western and Southern China
Creating a Third Alternative: Ex-China – Ex-India Strategy
Further Enhancement by Additional FTAs and RCEP

**Tug of war over Asia trade deal**

China and Japan are pushing different visions of a massive Asian trade pact that excludes the U.S. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership will account for 30% of global gross domestic product.

- **China:** Pushing for quick RCEP deal, mainly focused on lowering tariffs between ASEAN and its neighbours.
- **Australia, Japan:** Want high-standard RCEP deal, covering services and investment.
  - To include tough TPP rules on intellectual property, government procurement and labour laws.
- **India:** Reluctant to expose its markets to Chinese competition.

**RCEP countries share of global GDP**

- **US$22.5 trillion**
- **TPP share of global GDP**
  - **$31.2 trillion**

Sources: Japan Times, Financial Times, ERIA, Australia DFAT
Improving Cross-Countries Connectivity

ACMES Connectivity Master Plan: Railways
Key Projects: Road Network

**ASEAN Connectivity**

**Thailand - Lao PDR (11 projects)**
1. Friendship Bridge 4 (Chiang Khong-Huay Sai)
2. R3A in Laos
3. Huay Kon - Pak Beng
4. Hinhway No.13 North - Sang Kha Lok
5. Phu Du - Pak Lai
6. Highway No. 11 Lao PDR
7. Bridge across Huang River, Tha Li, Loei
8. Friendship Bridge 1 (Nong Khai-Thanaleng)
9. Road access Ban Woen Tai Pier
10. Friendship Bridge 3 (Nakhon Panom-Kham Mouane)
11. Friendship Bridge 2 (Mukdahan-Savannakhet)

**Thailand - Cambodia (3 projects)**
12. Road No. 67 Chong Sa Ngam - Siem Reap
13. Road No. 68 Chong Chom - Kralanh
14. Road No. 48 Ko Kong - Sre Ambel

**Thailand - Malaysia (5 projects)**
15. Bridge across Kolok River, Tak Bai
16. Bridge across Ko Lok River 2, Sungai Kolok
17. Bridge across Ko Lok River 3, Bu Ke Ta
18. Nathawi-Ban Pra Kop
19. Kuan Sa Taw-Wang Pra Chan

**Thailand - Myanmar (8 projects)**
20. Phu Nam Ron - Thailand-Myanmar border
21. Kanchanaburi - Dawei
22. Friendship Bridge (Mae Sot)
23. Friendship Bridge 2(Mae Sot)
24. Myawaddy - Dawna Foothill
25. Dwana foot print - Kawkareik
26. Kawkareik - Thaton
27. Friendship Bridge (Mae Sai)

Source: Department of Highway

**DOH สพท.**

Private/ others

operating

constructing

planning
Thai Laos Friendship Bridge III – Nakorn Phanom
Thai Laos Friendship Bridge IV – Chiang Rai
Opening more permanent custom points at the border areas
... establish new economic zones along our border areas
The Emerging Regional Supply Chains
Example: Minibea Cambodia
Nikon also relocated some of its manufacturing to Savan Park
Thilawa SEZ
Improving Within-Country Connectivity
New Motorways
Bang Pa-in – Korat Motorway
Bang Pa-in – Korat Motorway
Key Projects: Road Network

- 4 lane on Major corridor project
- Cover 11 routes 5,400 km
- Fiscal budget & Loan
- Completed 2,750 km (51%)
- Under construction 850 km
- Planning 1,800 km

Source: Department of Highway
## New Railways

### Double Track Construction 1st Phase

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New Railways

Source: Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning
New Tunnel for Dual Track
New Dual Track
Alignment of high speed rail on dedicated standard gauge track
First phase of high speed train to link to OBOR
Expansion of Existing Airports as well as New Airports

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Number of passengers

- Suvarnabhumi: 47,910,904, 72%
- Phuket: 8,467,995, 13%
- Don Muang: 8,424,915, 5%
- Chiangmai: 3,880,037, 6%
- Chiangrai: 818,163, 1%
- Hadyai: 1,869,113, 3%
New Extension of Suvarnabhumi Airport
New Extension of Suvarnabhumi Airport
Future Extension of Suvarnabhumi Airport
Future Extension of Suvarnabhumi Airport
Key Projects: Mass Transit

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Source: Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning
New tunnel under Chaopraya River
New Bangkok
New Real Estate Projects in Bangkok – Icon Siam
One Bangkok by TCC
Thailand Super Tower
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เพื่อการพัฒนาเมือง
กลุ่มย่านศูนย์กลาง
พื้นที่ย่านธุรกิจ- nazareth
ย่านเศรษฐกิจสร้างสรรค์
บั้งคารสัน

Makkasan
Bang Sue Grand Station
Bang Sue Grand Station
EEC as the Premier Gateway to ASIA
A New Logistic Hub for Indochina, AEC and Asia
Major Investment Projects in EEC

New Generation of Infrastructure + Advanced Manufacturing Center = Gateway to AEC/Asia
U-Tapao: Capital of Aviation & Aircraft Maintenance Industries

- High-speed train
- Commercial area 675 rai (1.08 million sq.m.)
- Airport Operation 1,400 rai (2.24 million sq.m.)
- Free Trade zone 950 rai (1.52 million sq.m.)
- Maintenance Repair Overhaul (MRO) 570 rai (0.912 million sq.m.)
- Training Center 200 rai (0.32 million sq.m.)

Existing Runway

New Runway
U-tapao Airport City
Laem Chabang => Transshipment port for Indochina

- Expansion to support growth
  - Accommodate containers from 7 to 18 million TEU/year
  - Accommodate car export from 1 to 3 million units/year
- Gateway for Indo-China
- Create Thailand’s Trans-shipment business
- Move up from number 22 to rank within the world’s Top 15 ports
Thailand’s Western Gateway to Indian Ocean
Ranong Port
Ranong Port’s Upgrade

[Diagram of port facilities with annotations in Thai]

- ท่าเทียบเรือ 1
- ท่าเทียบเรือ 2
- ท่าเทียบเรือ 3

[Annotations in Thai]

- สร้างท่าเทียบเรือที่ 3 และพื้นที่รองรับดุลยศัพท์
- ปรับปรุงพื้นที่รองรับดุลยศัพท์ ณ ท่าเรือ

[Dimensions and areas indicated on the diagram]
Southern Economic Corridor (SEC)
Great Transformation that Creates
Great Business Opportunities
Hydro Power in Laos
Hydro Power in Laos
Asia’s urban population is growing faster than in any other region, continuing the trend from the twentieth century. The urban population, 234 million in 1950, reached 1 billion in 1990, and is expected to reach 3.4 billion by 2025.

By 2025 China’s urban population is expected to increase by 231 million.

Dhaka in Bangladesh is projected to grow to 18.7 million by 2025.

Economic growth in India has helped drive urban expansion in and around cities such as Mumbai.

Tokyo is the world’s biggest city. Its size is not expected to change much in the next 15 years.
Phnom Phen
City Mart - Yangon
Palm Oil Plantation in Cambodia of ThaiBev
Coffee Plantation in Laos of ThaiBev
New Tourist Destination in Myanmar
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