



Thailand Economy

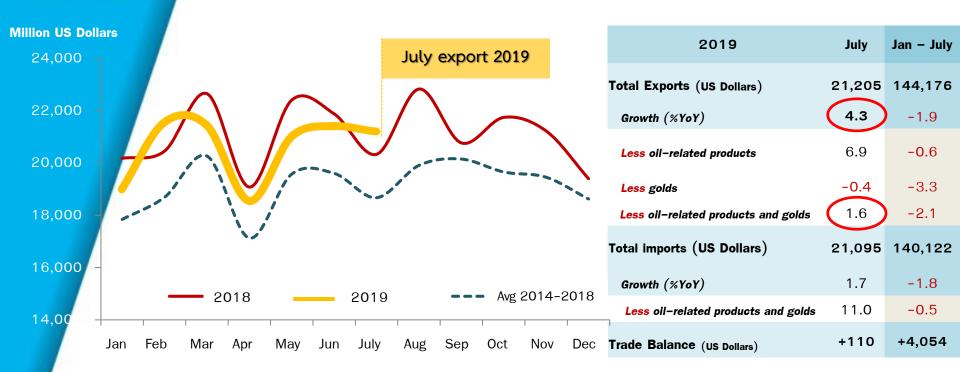
Macroeconomic Index	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
GDP (% YoY)	3.3	4.0	4.1	3.5	3.5
GDP (Billion USD)	412.4	455.3	487.2	516.7	547.4
GDP per Capita (USD)	6,113.8	6,730.6	7,187.2	7,607.7	8,048.6
Trade/GDP (% of GDP)	122.0	122.5	123.2	116.2	119.1
Export of Goods and Services/GDP (% of GDP)	68.4	68.2	66.8	64.6	66.3
FDI In-flows (Billion USD)	1.8	6.5	10.5	N/A	N/A
FDI Out-flows (Billion USD)	12.3	17.0	17.7	N/A	N/A
Consumer Price Index (% YoY)	0.2	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.3
Current Account Balance (Billion USD)	48.2	50.2	37.7	36.5	34.3
Current Account Balance/GDP (% of GDP)	11.7	11.0	7.7	7.1	6.3
Foreign Exchange Reserve (Billion USD)	171.8	202.5	205.6	215.8	N/A
Public Debt/GDP (% of GDP)	41.8	41.9	42.1	41.5	41.8
Exchange Rate (Bath : USD)	35.8	32.6	32.4	30.7	N/A

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Thailand exports (US Dollars)

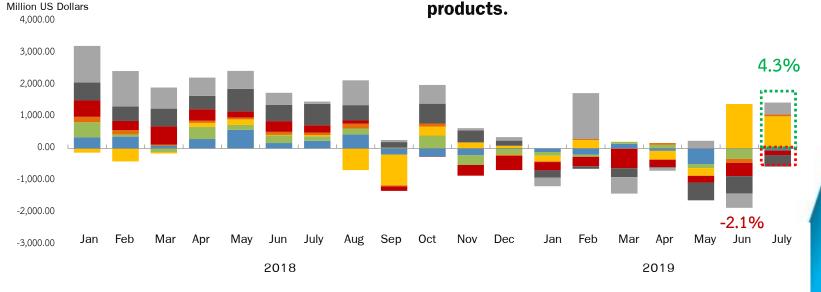
July 2019 bounced back to 4.3 percent with the value of 21.2 billion USD. First seven months of 2019, Thai exports contracted 1.9 percent.

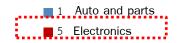


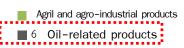
Contribution to growth by Sector

Thai exports in July 2019 bounced back to 4.3 percent largely from gold exports.

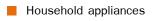
But some new products have emerged while global oil prices dampened exports of oil-related products.







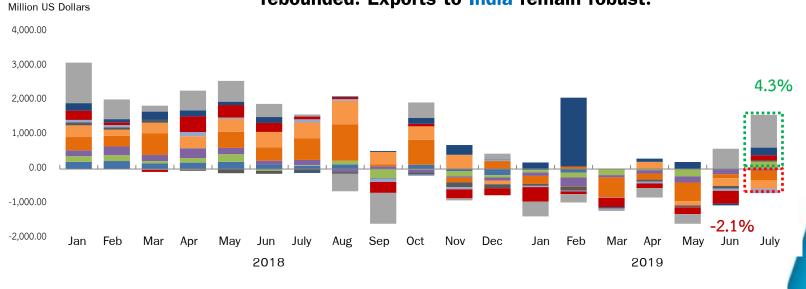




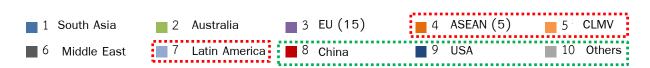


Contribution to growth by Country

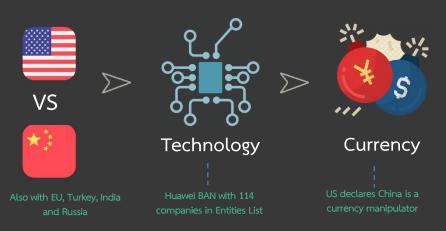
Thai Exports to most major trading partners including US, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China rebounded. Exports to India remain robust.









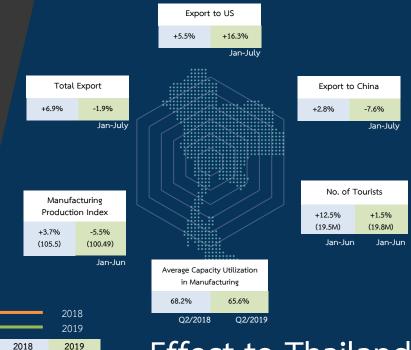


Overall Effect

Since US, China, EU, Turkey, India and Russia economies account nearly 70% of world GDF in 2018, trade tension has started to hit economic activity worldwide.

IMF forecasts World Real GDP in 2019 to 3.2%, world trade volume will expand by 2.5%.

Trade war and trade disputes among nations push a **realignment of trade and investment flows** to diversify and leverage economic interests.



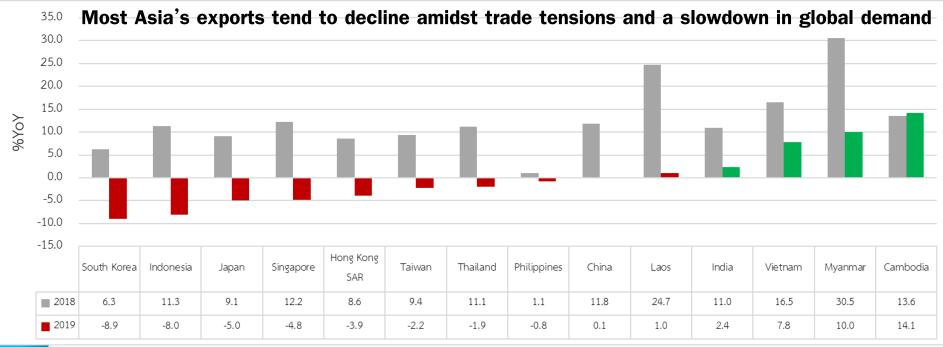
Effect to Thailand

Trade war, and global economic uncertainties has affected Thai economy.

For instance, lowering production performance of industrial sector, sluggish growth in tourism, slowing export



Asian Exports by Country



Source: CEIC

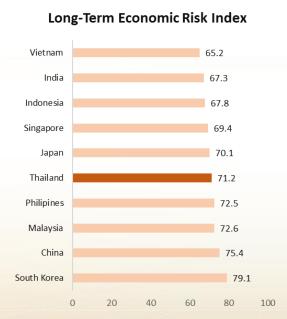
Remarks:

- Export growths are year-to-date. Most countries' latest data is July 2019 except Myanmar (3 mths) Laos and Cambodia (5 mths) and Phillippines (6 mths).

Thailand remains strong with potential growth and opportunities







Thailand's Operational Risk on Q4/2019

Thailand remains strong with potential growth and opportunities





Benz

Machinery, Autos and Parts

✓ Auto manufacturing Hub

demand in Luxury Brands

such as BMW or Mercedes-

✓ Opportunity in China'

ICT

- ✓ Business-friendly environment
- ✓ Industry 4.0 and Incentives in Eastern Economic Corridor



Tourism

- ✓ Relaxation of visa restrictions
- ✓ Growing regional spending powers
- ✓ Medical tourism as one of the most lucrative sectors

Thailand Score

East and Southeast Asia

Average



Consumer & Retail

- ✓ Improving World Bank's EODB gives momentum to attract more investors.
- ✓ Growing urbanization provides pool of potential customers.
- ✓ Tourism attracts affluent visitors.



Freight Transport & shipping

- ✓ Government-led infrastructure to improve capacity in roads, airports, and maritime facilities.
- ✓ Thailand as a vital trade link in the region



Banking and Financial Services

- ✓ Authorities' embrace of digitalization and fintech opportunities.
- ✓ Further regional integration in ASEAN should benefit cross-border investment and activities.

Source: Fitch Solutions

Strategies to Tackle Trade War and Export Stimulus Measures

01

Trade Diversion Effects

- Monitor the influx of imported goods, the attempt of circumvention.
- Trade remedies for farmers/entrepreneurs that could be affected.

02

Markets / Export

- Manage export markets: diversify, seek new markets, export goods that can be replace US and Chinese product in both countries.
- Marketing/ Branding
- Encourage Long Term Contract and FX Management.
- Restructure Thai Exports to match market needs / Enhance product standard.
- Promote and Develop Service sector.

03

Trade Negotiation

- Prepare to talk with US to mitigate risk of tariffs and measures implementation on Thailand.
- Accelerate Free Trade
 Agreements and strengthen
 Strategic Partnership.
- Monitor, maintain, and manage foreign relations and international cooperation with other countries.

04

Investment

- Promote Inward Foreign Direct Investment which improve value chain of Thai industries in to next level.
- Encourage Thai investors to invest outward bundled with Thai products.

WHY THAILAND?: Trade Perspective



Geo-Economic

Thailand's in the heart of ASEAN connected with the fast-growing CLMV countries.



Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC)

The investment environment features generous tax and non-tax incentives for

- High value-added, S-curve, enabling Thailand to develop our own value chains, partnering with countries who own technology.
- (2) Aligned with export portfolio adjustment strategy which aims to move from primary/intermediate products toward more finished goods and
- (3) Environmentally friendly and sustainable.



Infrastructure Development

Expansion of airports, seaports, roads, rail systems and ICT infrastructure.

- Airports: Upgrades of Don Mueang, Suvarnabhumi and U-Tapao International Airports
- Maritime transport facilities: A USD 3 billion project will expand port capacity in the Eastern Seaboard area, including a cruise ship port in Sattahip and upgrades of the major shipping ports of Laem Chabang and Map Ta Phut.
- Enhance Thailand Science Park (TSP) to become the largest fully-integrated research and development hub in Thailand

Trade Agreements

Thailand has free trade agreements with 18 different nations, including such major global economies as Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and India in addition to other 9 ASEAN members.



Thailand: Logistic Hub of Southeast Asia

Connect to
glbal market
Through BRI

Announced by Chinese President XI Jinping in 2013, the SIIk Road Initiative, also known as China's Belt and Road initiative, aims to invest in infrastructure projects including railways and power grids in central, west and southern Asia, as well as Africa and Europe.

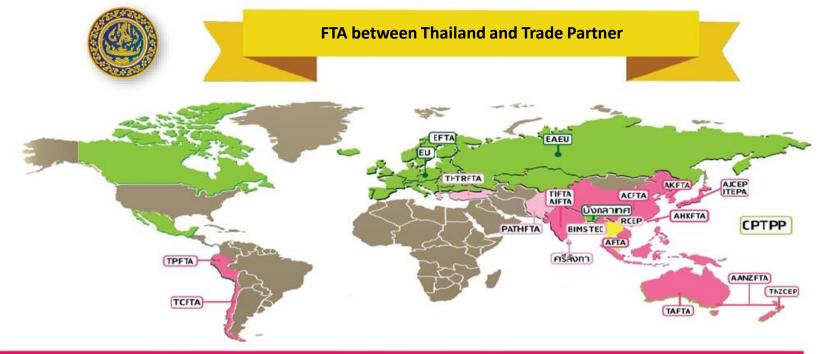


Thailand's Geographical
Advantages
and Global Connectivity



Various mode of
transportation
Sea, Air, Road and Rail

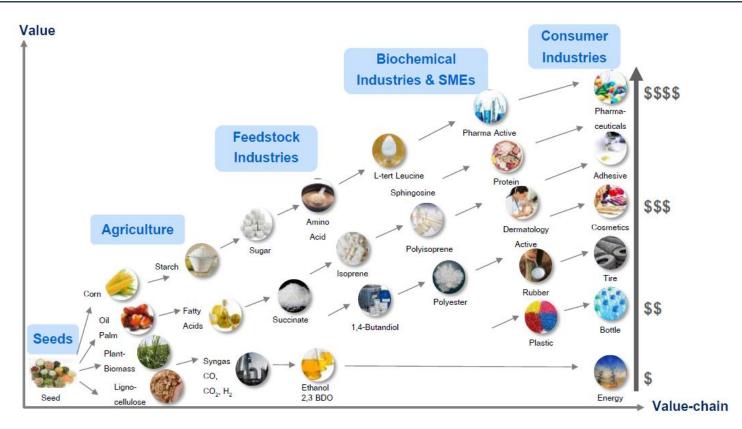




Effective (13 Ag	greements,18 Countries)	Under	Negotiation	Future Possible Agreement
TAFTA - Thai- Australia TNZCEP - Thai-New Zealand JTEPA - Thai-Japan TIFTA - Thai-India TPFTA - Thai-Peru TCFTA - Thai-Chile	AFTA = ASEAN ACFTA = ASEAN—China AIFTA = ASEAN—India AJCEP = ASEAN—Japan AKFTA = ASEAN—South Korea AANZFTA = ASEAN—Australia—New Zealand AHKFTA = ASEAN — Hong Kong	PATHFTA THTRFTA SLTFTA RCEP BIMSTEC	 Thai–Pakistan Thai–Turkey Thai–Sri Lanka ASEAN +6 	Thai – Bangladesh Thai – EFTA Thai – EAEU Thai – EU ASEAN - EU CPTPP



High Value Industries Targeted : Examples of Bio-economy

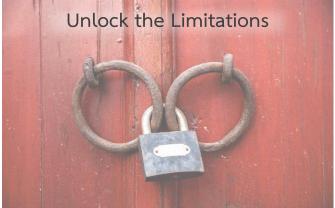


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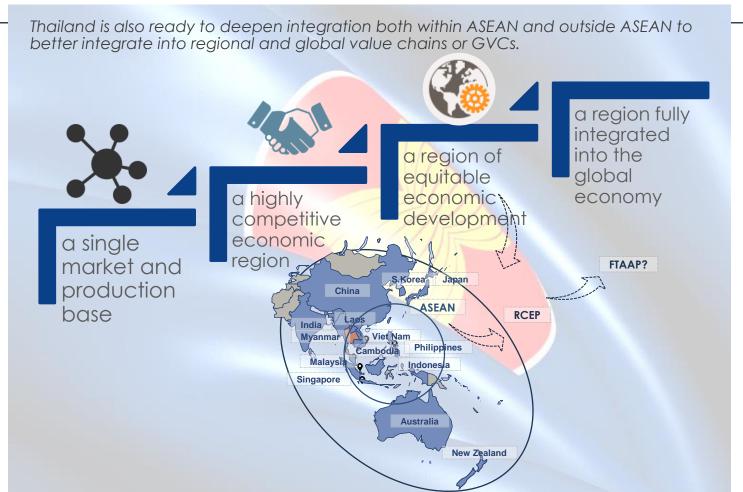
Service Sector Development in Thailand as an Engine of Growth







Enhance Integration into Regional Value Chain



CONNECTING THE DOTS









ECOSYSTEM & HARMONIZATION



PUBLIC - PRIVATE COLLABORATION



INCLUSIVENESS

CONNECTING THE DOTS

PRIVATE SECTOR
COLLABORATION
(PRIVATE-LED
GOV-SUPPORT)

SECTORS FOR COLLABORATION











ROADMAP

POLICY & STRATEGY



- CAPACITY BUILDING
- VALUE CREATION
- MARKET CONNECTIVITY



- DIGITAL MINDSET
- HRD (RE-SKILL & UP-SKILL)
- SMART CONSUMER
- TALENT MOBILITY



- DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- REGULATION & STANDARD
- PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

GOVERNMENT

AND PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP)



Ecosystem and Harmonization

- Online & Offline Interoperability
- Digital Infrastructure : Internet Access
- Logistics & Custom Procedures
- Standards & Legal Framework
- Payment
- Taxation
- Incentives , Incubators , Accelerators , Investors





E-Registration

- ✓ Providing training course and publicity of e-Registration and identity verification service in the center and provincials.
- ✓ Plan to combine Business registration, VAT registration and Employee registration in the single channel



Getting Electricity

- ✓ Providing MEA smart life application
- ✓ Modifying administration fee for getting electricity included exemption for the new request of getting electricity.



Paying Taxes

- ✓ Various electronic services such as e-Filing, e-TAX invoice & receipt and Digital payment
- ✓ Measures to support e-Payment with free of charge and seven-day expansion is accepted for contribution payment via e-Payment



Trading Across Borders

✓ With Pre-arrival system, users can submit bill of lading, pre-tax payment, and instantly, it is able to pick up goods when shipping has arrived, e-Bill Payment via Internet banking.

The New Trade Agenda







CONNECTIVITY





Back Up



Effects from US Measures and US-China Trade War

Direct Effects from **US Trade Measures** (Jan – July 2019)



Solar cells





Washing machines





Steel





Aluminum



Note: US measures are applied in Feb -Mar 2018. Hence the direct effects on Thai exports are accessed from the first quarter of 2018 onward.

Indirect Effects (Jan – July 2019)

Effects through China's Supply Chain



Automotive

and parts



Office Products



Computers, parts & IC







Machinery & equipment



Food & Beverage

Export Opportunities in US Market







Electrical Appliances



Agricultural **Products**







Home/ Office Products



Frozen Fruits & Vegetables

Note: The indirect effects are accessed from the fourth quarter of 2018 onward, after US measures and China's countermeasures are fully effective.



Status of FTA Negotiations

BILATERAL TRADE

FTA

Negotiation Status



Thai - India



Thai - Australia



Thai – New Zealand



Thai - Japan



Thai - Peru



Thai - Chile



Thai - Pakistan



Thai - Turkey

- Early Harvest : Effective Full Agreement: Under Negotiation
- Effective
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Effective Date

Trade volumn between Thailand and trade Partner 2017: million USD

Trade volumn growth rate since FTA's effective (percentage)

1		
	10,386	406.88
	14,948	132.6
ı	2,283	194.87
ı	54,347	16.87
	473	-22.56
ı	1.400	
ı	1,122	25.36
١	1,550	- /
J	1,517	-



Status of FTA Negotiations

Regional Trade





Negotiation Status

Effective Date Trade volumn between Thailand and trade Partner 2017: million USD

Trade volumn growth rate since FTA's effective (percentage)











ASEAN

ASEAN - China

ASEAN - Japan

ASEAN - South Korea

ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand

ASEAN - India

ASEAN - Hong Kong

- Effective

Jan 1, 1993

July 20, 2005

Jun 1, 2009

July 1, 2010

Mar 12, 2010

July 1, 2010

Jan 1,2019

101,158

73,670

54,347

12,724

17,033

10,386

15,217

707.67

262.45

33.37 9.02

2.68

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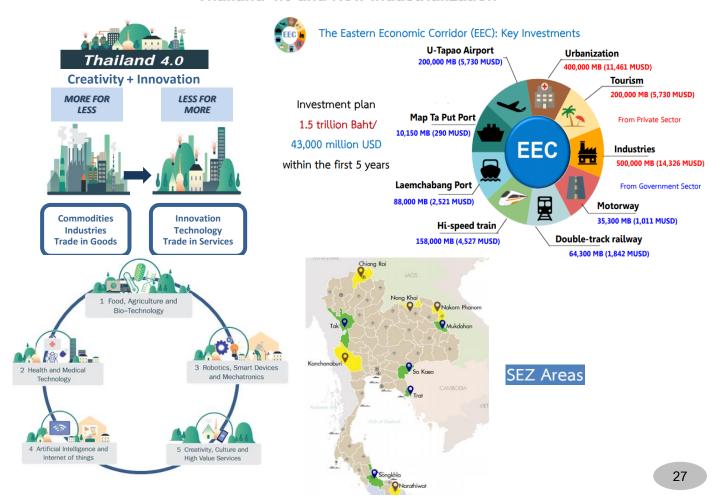
RCEP

- Under Negotiation

269,515

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Thailand 4.0 and New Industrialization



Create Added Value: Post Harvest-Gl-Organic-Branding-Creativity-OTOP

