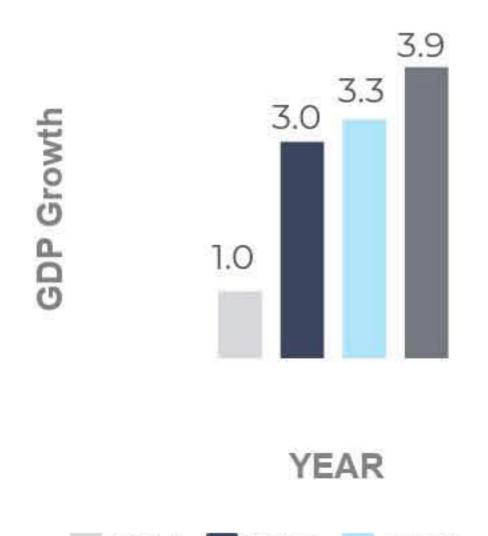
# Thailand's Economic Factsheet

# Economic Figures



# 2018 GDP Growth Forecast

| NESDB                | 3.6-4.6 |
|----------------------|---------|
| Bank of Thailand     | 4.1     |
| Fiscal Policy Office | 4.2     |
| ADB                  | 3.6     |
| World Bank           | 4.1     |
| IMF                  | 3.5     |
| ~                    |         |

2017 Nominal GDP 455.4 bil. USD

2017 GDP Growth 3.9%

GDP Growth Q4/2017 4.0%

2017 GDP per capita 6,729 USD

Foreign Reserves bil. USD

2017

215.4 (March 2018)

Policy Interest Rate

1.5% (March 2018) Unemployment Rate

1.3% (Jan 2018)

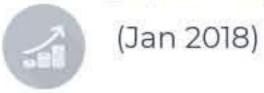
Public Debt Per GDP

41.34%

(Feb 2018)

Inflation

0.7%



# Trade & Tourism

**Trade Statistics** (Jan-Feb 2018: bil. USD)

|                            | *      | 2.40                     |                           |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jan-Feb Export Value 40.47 |        | Import<br>Value<br>39.78 | Trade<br>Balance<br>+0.69 |
| 2017                       | 236.69 | 222.76                   | +13.93                    |

**Tourism** Foreign Tourists (Jan-Feb 2018)

7.11

million

Year 2017

35.38 million

**Top Tourists** 



China







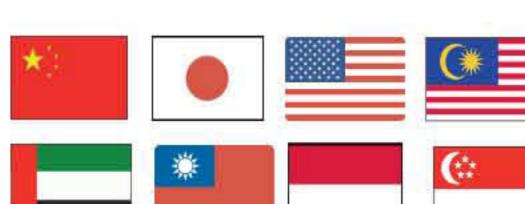


South Korea

## Top 10 Exports (Jan-Feb 2018)

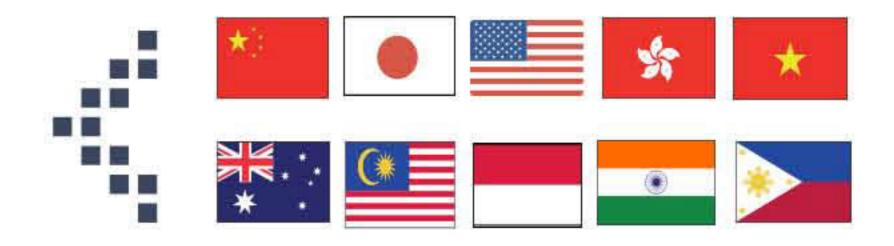
- 1. Auto Parts & Accessories
- Computer, Equipment, & Parts
  Precious Stones & Accessories
- 4. Rubber Products
- 5. Plastic Pellets
- 6. Chemical Products
- 7. Refined Fuels
- 8. Machinery and Parts
- 9. Electronic Integrated Circuits
- 10. Internal combustion engine

### Jan-Feb 2018 **Top 10 Import Origins**





# Top 10 Export Destinations Jan-Feb 2018



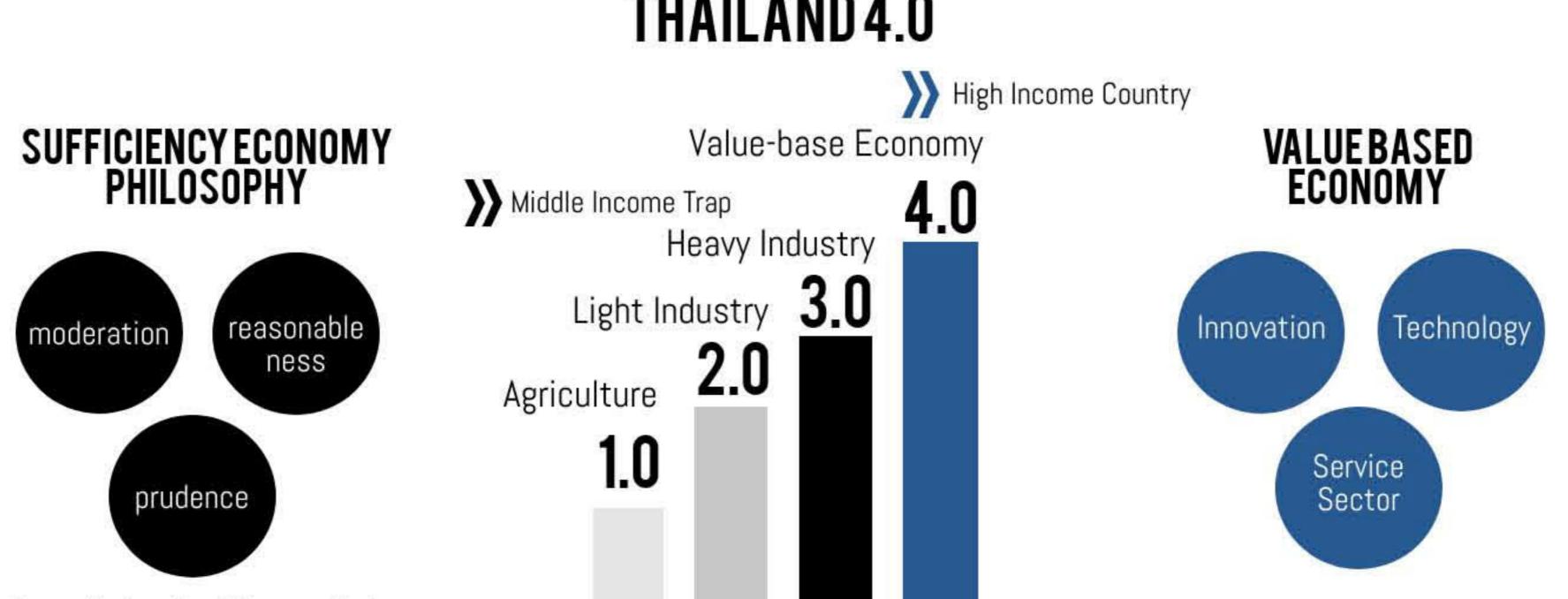
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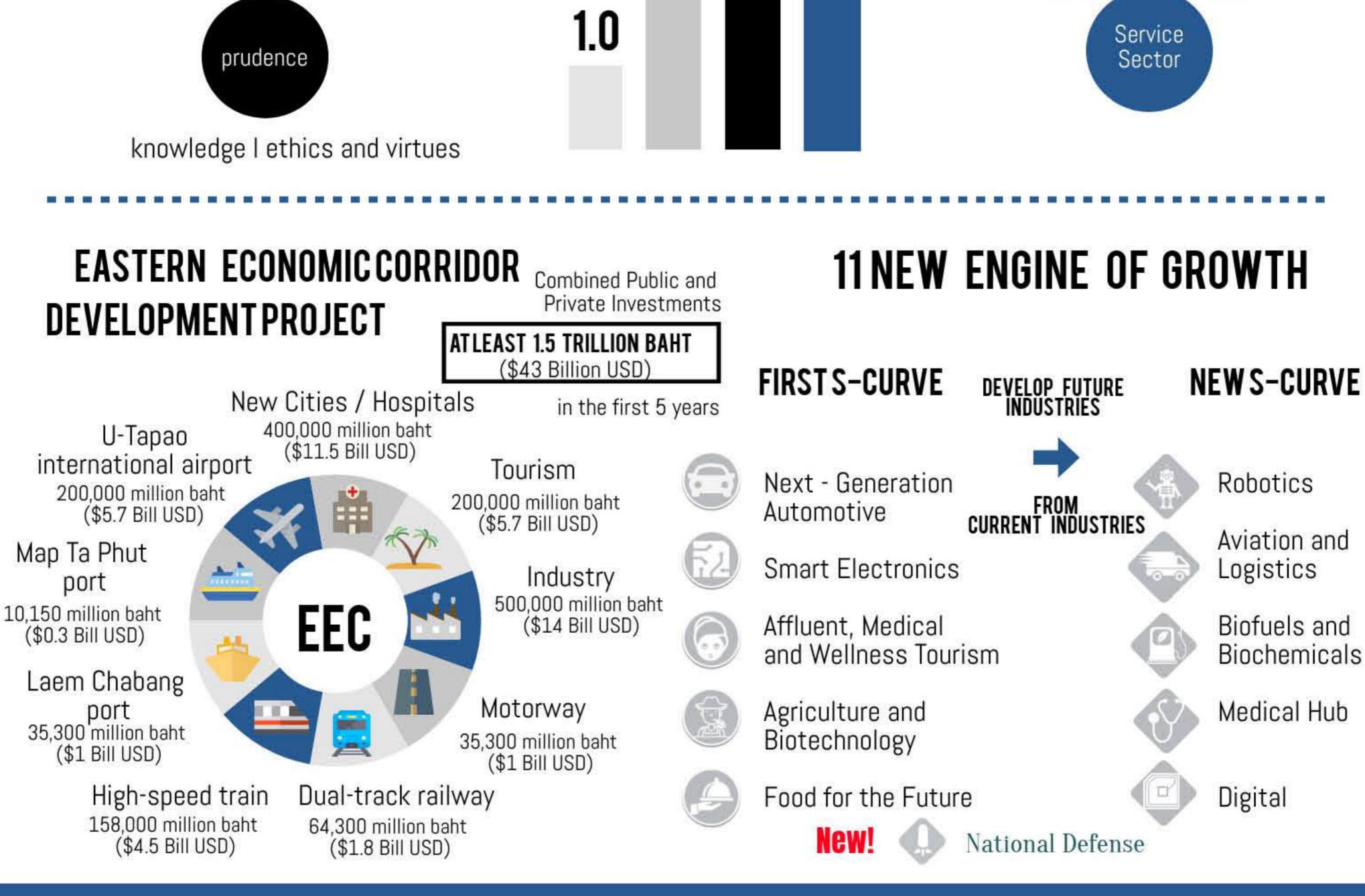
1. Crude Oil 2. Machinery & Parts 3. Electrical Machinery & Parts 4. Chemical Products 5. Iron, Steel, & Products 6. Jewelry 7. Auto Parts & Accessaries 8. Electrical Integrated Circuits 9. Other Metal Ores

10. Computer, Equipment & Parts

# ECONOMIC POLICIES







# INVESTMENT POLICIES

# Thailand?



Strong Economic **Fundamentals** 



Business-friendly Environment





**Excellent Infrastructure** Attractive Incentives

# Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Exemption of CIT up to 13 years for R&D, advance techonology and innovation

50% reduction of CIT up to 10 years

Investment Tax Allowance

Special packages for targeted core technology

100-300 % tax deduction for R&D expenses and technology and workforce development

Total

Value

# Competitiveness Enhancement Act (effective as of 14 Feb 2017)

Revised Investment Promotion Act (effective as of 25 Jan 2017)

Exemption of CIT up to 15 years

10,000 million Baht matching fund for targeted industries. Import duty exemption.

0 - 8 years

of CIT

Exemption

All other privileges under old and revised IPA.

## (Draft) EEC Act (approved by the National Legislative Assembly in Feb 2018)

Expected total investment of 1.5 Trillion Baht (\$43 bn USD) in first 5 years.

Cover investment in Chachoengsao, Chonburi, and Rayong.

Smart Visa Issuance for Talents, Foreign Investors, Foreign Executives and Startups.

International university establishment in high technology field.

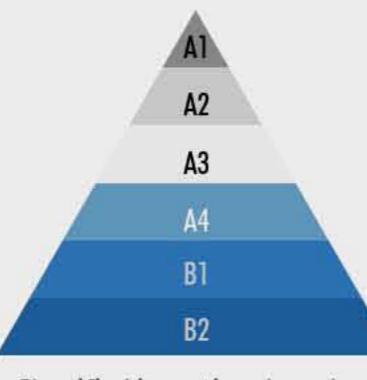
# Incentives

## Merit-based

Grant additional incentives to encourage investment that benefit the country or overall industry

- Competitiveness Enhancement
- 2. Decentralization
- Industrial Area Development

## Activity-based



Classified incentives based on importance of activities

# Tax and Non-Tax

300% tax

deduction

on R&D

including... Incentives

> investment Smart Visa for investors/ experts/startups

Exemption of import duties on machinery

# Special Economic Zones (SEZ)

# Super Clusters

+ many more

Other

Clusters

- INCENTIVES -

3-8 years of CIT

Exemption

+50% reduction for

further 5 years



for further 5 years



Food Innopolis



Eco-friendly Petrochemicals and Chemicals



Digital Parks



Medical

Automotive and Parts



Electrical Appliances, Electronics and Telecommunication Equipment

# SEZ's border

provinces Chiang Rai

Tak

Kanchanaburi

Nong Khai Nakhon Panhom Mukdahan

Sa Keow Trat

Song Khla Narathiwat

# The Royal Coast /Thailand Riviera

4 provinces: Chumphon, Ranong, Prachuap Khiri Khan and Phetchaburi

# Tourism



Nature Culture History Sport

Community

Focus on sustainable and eco-friendly tourism as well as attract high-end tourists to the area by rail and car

Vision: World's Leading Health Tourism Destination

# Measures

Development of Hua Hin Airport

**Golf Tourism** 

Community based

Infrastructure development (land, rail, air and water)

# largeted

Each zone with different targeted activities depending on competencies Industries

1. Agricultural, fishery and targeted industries



2. Ceramic products



3. Textile, garment,

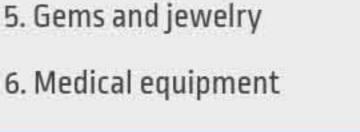


and leather industries



4. Manufacture of furniture







12. Industrial estates/zones

7. Automotive, machinery,

8. Electrical appliances

and electronics

and parts

9. Plastics

10. Medicine

11. Logistics

13 Tourism related industry



### Thailand Investment Factsheet 😑



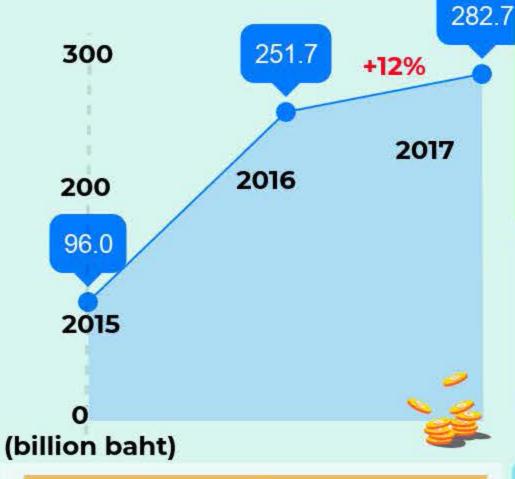
### Jan.- Dec. 2017



818 **Projects** 

**Value** 282.7 billion baht

### Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Jan.-Dec. (2015-2017)



Most Applications

**Application** 



Total investment value 641.98 billion baht [

460 applications (47%) are in the 10 target industries, The projects value is 171.8 billion baht in total.



**Highest value** 

**Biofuels and Biochemicals**  billion baht

billion baht

128.2



**Digital** 

1,227

149

**Projects** 

**Approved Projects** 

**Digital** 



**Projects** 



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**Highest value** 

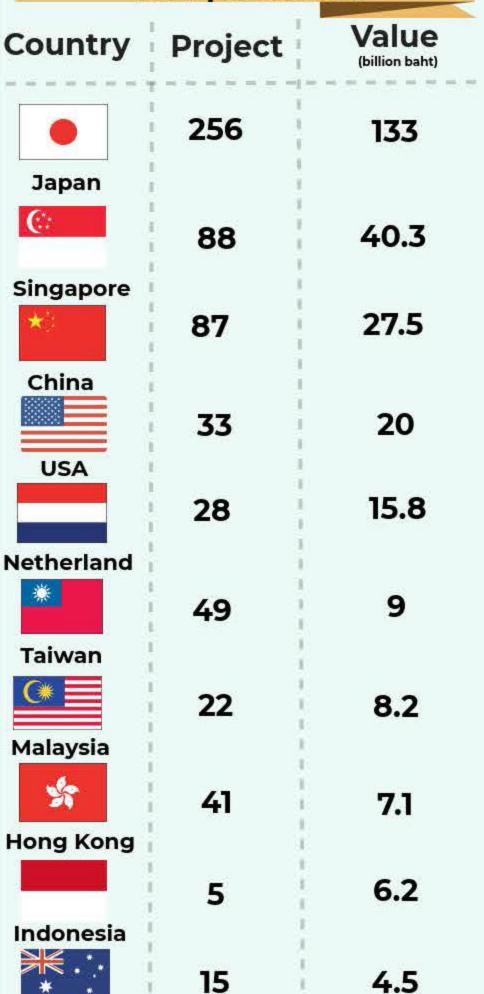


52.8

**Autoparts &** Accessories

# billion baht

### Top 10 countries to apply for a promotion



Australia

## **Top Industries for Foreign Investors**



Agriculture and Biotechnology

600



and Steel

**Most Approvals** 





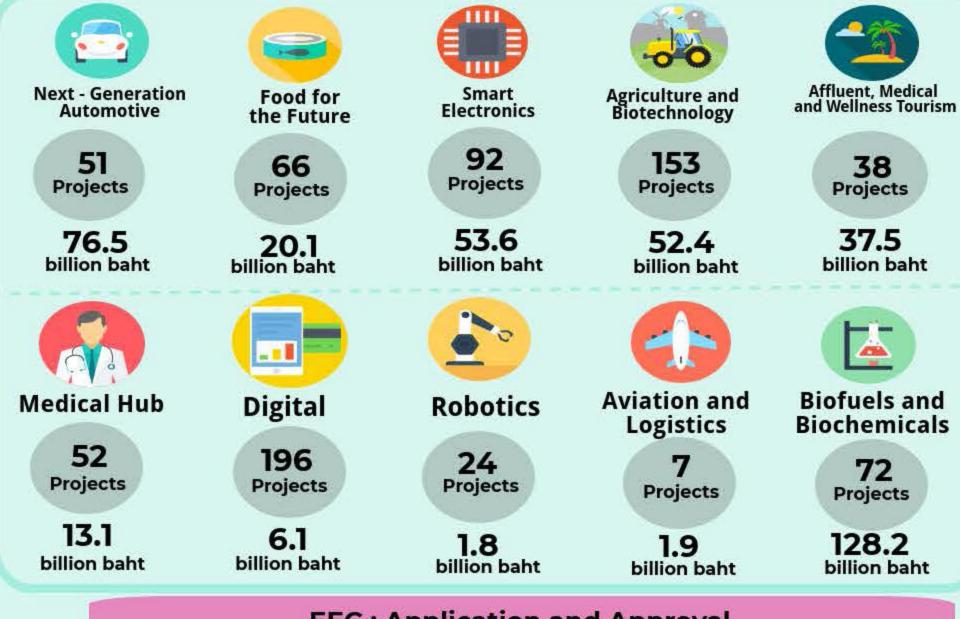
Machine







### **Project Applications in the 10 Target Industries**



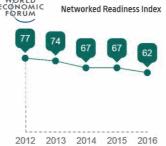
### **EEC: Application and Approval**

value **Application Approved** value 310 296 billion baht 259 projects 388 projects billion baht

### THAILAND'S INTERNATIONAL RANKING











| Organisation  | Indexes                                | 2008      | 2009      | 2010     | 2011        | 2012     | 2013       | 2014                       | 2015                    | 2016       | 2017       | 2018        |
|---|--|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|   |  | 2008-2008 | 2009-2010 | 2010-201 | 1 2011-2011 | 2012-201 | 3 2013-201 | 2014-201                   | 5 2015-201              | 6 2016-201 | 7 2017-201 | 8 2018-2019 |
| World Bank Group  | Ease of doing business index           | 15/178    | 13/181    | 12/183   | 19/183      | 17/183   | 18/185     | 18/189                     | 26/189                  | 49/189     | 46/190     | 26/190      |
| IMD World Competitiveness Center  | World Competitiveness Yearbook Ranking | 27/55     | 26/57     | 26/58    | 27/59       | 30/59    | 27/60      | 29/60                      | 30/61                   | 28/61      | 27/63      |             |
| World Economic Forum  | Global Competitiveness Index           | 34/134    | 36/133    | 38/139   | 39/142      | 38/144   | 37/148     | 31/144                     | 32/140                  | 34/138     | 32/137     |             |
| Bloomberg   | Misery Index                           |           |           |          |             |          |            |                            | 60/60                   | 63/63      | 65/65      |             |
| World Economic Forum  | Networked Readiness Index              | 47/134    | 47/133    | 59/138   |             | 77/142   | 74/144     | 67/148                     | 67/143                  | 62/139     |            |             |
| United Nations  | E-Government Development Index         | 64/183    |           | 76/184   |             | 92/191   |            | 102/193                    |                         | 77/193     |            |             |
| US News   | Best Countries to Start a business     |           |           |          |             |          |            |                            |                         | 1/60       | 1/80       | 1/80        |
| OECD  | PISA Score                             |           |           |          |             |          |            | Science<br>Reading<br>Math | 54/70<br>57/70<br>54/70 |            |            |             |
| Transparency International  | Corruption Perceptions Index           | 80/180    | 84/180    | 78/178   | 80/182      | 88/174   | 102/175    | 85/174                     | 76/167                  | 101/176    |            |             |
| Cornell University, INSEAD and the Worl<br>Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO |  | 44-130    | 60/132    |          | 48/125      | 57/141   | 57/142     | 48/143                     | 55/141                  | 52/128     | 51/127     |             |
| Corporate Knights   | Measuring Sustainability Disclosure    |           |           |          |             |          | 40/45      | 27/46                      | 17/45                   | 13/45      | 10/55      |             |