# As of 12 July 2013

# **Thailand's Economic Fact Sheet**

| Economic Projections                        | 2011   | 2012  | 2013 <sup>F</sup> |
|---|--------|-------|-------------------|
| GDP (billion US\$)                          | 345.6  | 366   | 417               |
| Real GDP growth (%)                         | 0.1    | 6.5   | 4.2 – 5.2         |
| GDP per capita (US\$)                       | 5113.0 | 5390  | 6093              |
| Exports (billion US\$)                      | 219.1  | 226.2 | 243.2             |
| Export growth (%)                           | 14.3   | 3.2   | 7.6               |
| Import (billion US\$)                       | 202.1  | 217.8 | 234.3             |
| Import growth (%)                           | 24.9   | 7.8   | 7.6               |
| Trade balance (billion US\$)                | 17.0   | 8.3   | 8.9               |
| Current account balance (billion US\$)      | 5.9    | 2.7   | 3.7               |
| Current account balance to GDP (%)          | 1.7    | 0.8   | 0.9               |
| Inflation – CPI (%)                         | 3.8    | 3.0   | 2.3 – 3.3         |
| Number of Foreign Tourists (million people) | 19.2   | 22.3  | 24.7              |
| Growth in Number of Foreign Tourists (%)    | 20.7   | 16.1  | 10.8              |

ource: NESDB (May 2013) / Bank of Thailand (April 2013)

| GDP Growth Forecasts | 2013 <sup>F</sup> | Time of forecast |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Bank of Thailand     | 5.1%              | April 2013       |
| Fiscal Policy Office | 5.3%              | March 2013       |
| IMF                  | 4.75%             | June 2013        |
| World Bank           | 5.3%              | April 2013       |
| ADB                  | 4.9%              | April 2013       |
| SCB                  | 5.1%              | May 2013         |
| Kasikorn Bank        | 4.8%              | May 2013         |

### Economic Conditions<sup>/1</sup>

| Percentage Change (y-o-y)      | Q2/12 | Q3/12 | Q4/12 | Q1/13 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Manufacturing Production Index | -1.6  | -11.0 | 44.0  | 2.9   |
| Private Consumption            | 5.3   | 6.7   | 12.4  | 4.2   |
| Private Investment             | 11.8  | 11.6  | 20.9  | 3.1   |
| Capacity Utilization (level)   | 64.3  | 66.1  | 67.0  | 66.8  |

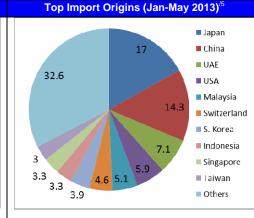
Net FDI flows<sup>p</sup> (Q1/2013): 0.749 bil. USD; Net TDI\* flows <sup>p</sup> (Q1/2013): 1.72 bil. USD Government revenue<sup>P</sup> (Q2/2013): 18.7 bil. USD, +11.5% (y-o-y) (based on Q1 Exchange Rate) Government expenditure<sup>p</sup> (Q2/2013): 19.6 bil. USD, +19.4% (y-o-y) (based on Q1 Exchange Rate) Farm Income (05/2013): 2.0% (y-o-y)

#### **Economic Stability**

Headline Inflation<sup>/2</sup> (for 05/2013): 2.27% (m-o-m) External debt/2 (end of 05/2013): 144.5 bil. USD, Public debt/2 (end of 05/2013): 43.3% of GDP Unemployment rate<sup>/2</sup> (05/2013): 0.9% Official foreign reserves<sup>/2</sup> (end of 05/2013): 175.3 bil. USD

Top Export Destinations (Jan-May 2013) China USA 11.7 Japan Malaysia 10 37.3 Hong Kong Indonesia 10 Singapore Australia 5.6 Viet Nam 4.6 4.7 5.4 🔳 India 2.3 2.9 Others

| Top 10 Exports (Jan-May 2013) | Share |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Auto. Parts & Accessories     | 10.5% |
| Computers, Equipment, & Parts | 7.7%  |
| Refined Fuels                 | 5.1%  |
| Chemical Products             | 4.2%  |
| Plastic Pellets               | 4.1%  |
| Rubber                        | 3.8%  |
| Rubber Products               | 3.8%  |
| Precious Stones & Accessories | 3.5%  |
| Iron, Steel, & Products       | 3.4%  |
| Machinery & Parts             | 3.0%  |
|                               |       |



| Top 10 Imports (Jan-May 2013)  | Share |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Crude Oil                      | 13.8% |
| Precious Stones, Jewelry, Gold | 9.2 % |
| Machinery & Parts              | 9.1 % |
| Iron, Steel, & Products        | 6.1 % |
| Electrical Machinery & Parts   | 6.0 % |
| Chemical Products              | 5.5 % |
| Auto. Parts & Accessories      | 5.1 % |
| Computer, Equipment, Parts     | 3.5 % |
| Electrical Circuit Boards      | 3.4 % |
| Other Metal Ores               | 3.4 % |

## **Tourism Statistics**

Popular Cities 2012 (Forbes): World's #3 (Bangkok) Country Brand Index '12 - '13 (FutureBrand): #26

Future Fifteen's (FutureBrand): #11

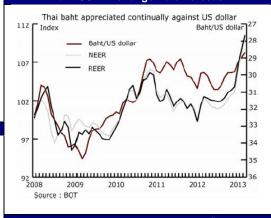
World's Best Awards (Travel & Leisure): #1

2013 Forecast: 24.7 mil. (5/2013); 22.3 mil. In 2012

Tourists (2012): #1 China (93.5% year on year),

#2 Russia (26.0% year on year), #3 Japan (22.1% year on year)

**Revenue from Tourism in 2012**<sup>*n*</sup>: 352,120 mil. baht (25.6%) Baht-USD Exchange Rate Forecast<sup>1</sup>



### External sector (for Q1/2013)

Doing Business 2013/6: World's #18; Asia's #5

- Exports: 56.2 bil. USD + 4.5% (y-o-y)
- Imports: 56.4 bil. USD + 7.1% (y-o-y)
- Foreign tourists: 6.8 mil., +18.9% (y-o-y)

Current account balance: 3.7 bil. USD

Exchange rate (avg 1Q2013): 29.80 THB/USD,

THB appreciated by 2.87% (compared to 4Q2012)

| Interest rates <sup>/2</sup> :<br>Policy interest rate: 2.50% (29/5/2013);<br>Avg. MLR (5/2013): 7.00%;<br>Avg. 12-m deposit rate (2/2013): 2.45%<br>Stock market (end of 1Q2013) <sup>/3</sup><br>SET index closed at 1,561.1 points,<br>increased by 12.2% (year-to-date)<br>Rating of Sovereign bonds :<br>S&P: BBB+ stable / Fitch: BBB+ stable /<br>Moody's: Baa1 stable<br><u>Tax Rates'<sup>4</sup></u><br>Corporate Income Tax: 23% on net profit<br>in 2012; 20% in 2013 – 2014, depending on<br>taxpayer types.<br>Withholding tax: 1 - 10% VAT: 7%<br><u>Source:</u> <sup>/1</sup> NESDB; <sup>/2</sup> Bank of Thailand;<br><sup>/3</sup> Stock Market Exchange of Thailand;<br><sup>/4</sup> Ministry of Finance; <sup>/5</sup> Ministry of<br>Commerce; <sup>/6</sup> World Bank<br><u>Note:</u> Green = increase; Red = decrease<br>from previous Fact Sheet; <sup>F</sup> = forecast; *TDI<br>= Thai Direct Investment (outward FDI)<br>Division of Economic Information<br>Department of International Economic Affairs<br>กูลวรรชน์ ซิตรัตน์ (14242) / ลลนา ศรีสอน (14240)<br>กองสนเทศเศลษฐกิจ กรมเศรษฐกิจระหว่างประเทศ |   | Financial data   |
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# Thailand's Key Economic Indicators – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013

**Real GDP Growth (1Q2013)** 5.3%

> **GDP (2012)** 366 bil. USD

**GDP per Capita (2012)** 5,390 USD

**Real GDP Growth (2013)**<sup>F</sup> 4.2 - 5.2%

> **GDP (2013)**<sup>F</sup> 417 bil. USD

GDP per Capita (2013) <sup>F</sup> 6,093 USD

**Exports** 56.2 bil. USD; +4.5% (y-o-y)

Imports 56.4 bil. USD; +7.1% (y-o-y)

Doing Business (2013) #18 in the world #5 in Asia

Current Account Balance 3.7 bil. USD

Source: NESDB Economic Outlook, May 2013; Bank of Thailand's Monthly Report, June 2013. Private Consumption + 3.3% (y-o-y)

Private Investment + 6.3% (y-o-y)

Headline Inflation + 3.1% (y-o-y)

Policy Interest Rate 2.50%

Official Foreign Reserves 178.37 bil. USD (2.9 times short-term foreign debt; 9.5 months of import value)

> Public Debt 44.2% of GDP

Unemployment Rate 0.7%

Number of Tourists 6.8 mil. + 18.9% (y-o-y)

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