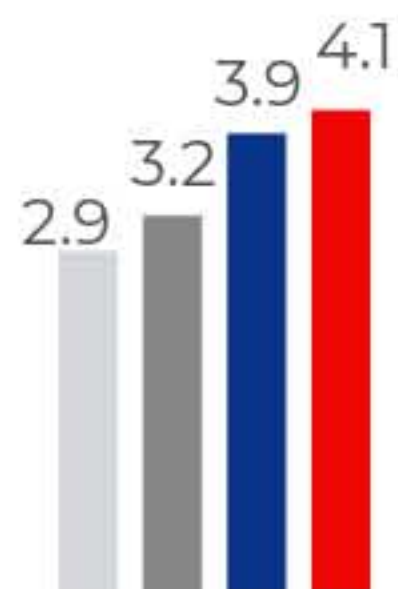


Thailand's Economic Factsheet

Economic Figures

GDP Growth

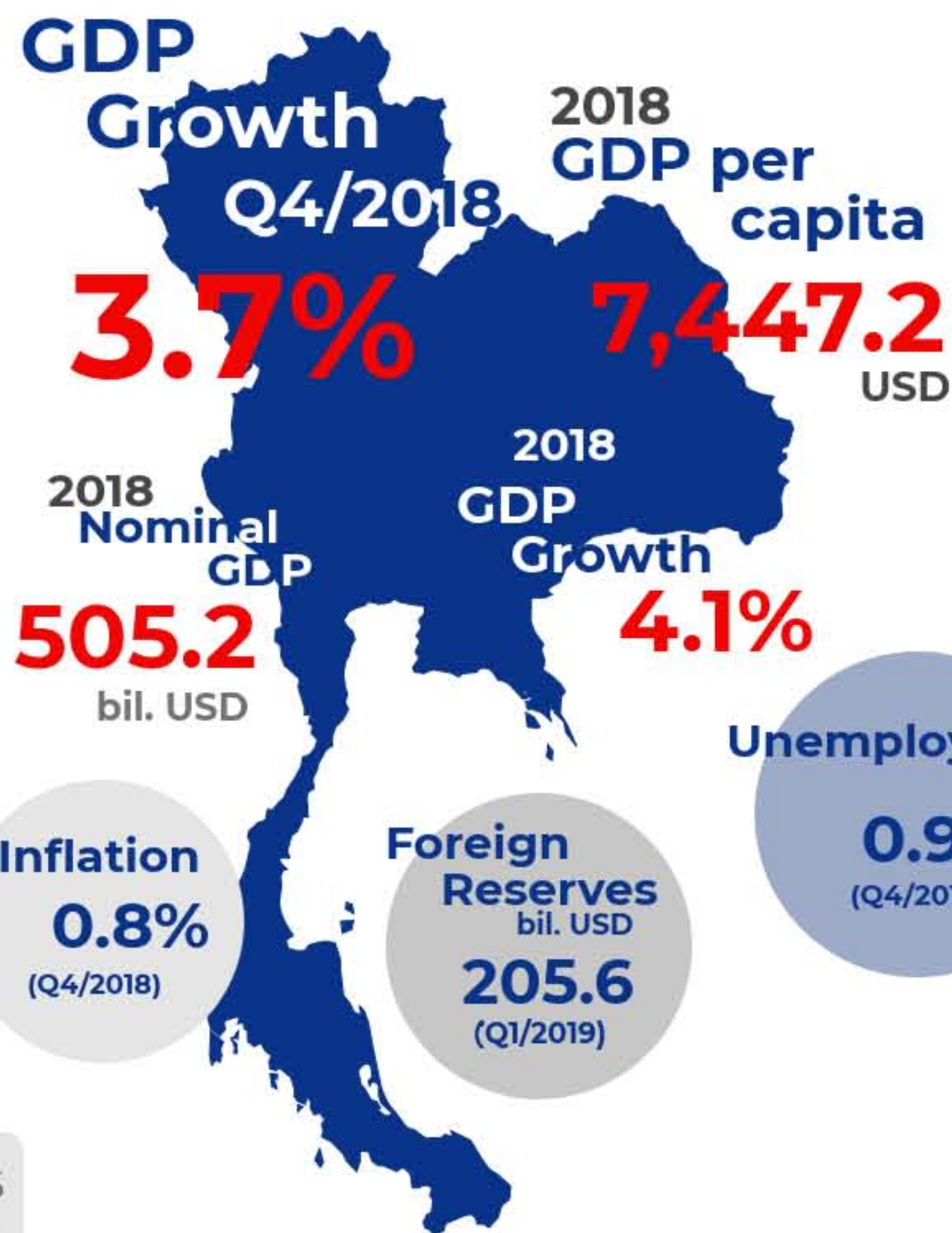


YEAR

2015 2016 2017 2018

2019 GDP Growth Forecast

NESDB	3.5 - 4.5
Bank of Thailand	4.0
Fiscal Policy Office	4.0
ADB	4.3
World Bank	3.8
IMF	3.9



Public Debt Per GDP
41.9%
(Dec 2018)

Policy Interest Rate
1.75%
(Q4/2018)

Unemployment Rate
0.9%
(Q4/2018)

Tourism

Top Tourists (Jan - Dec 2018)

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. China
10.54 mil. | 2. Malaysia
4.10 mil. | 3. South Korea
1.80 mil. | 4. Laos
1.75 mil. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|

Foreign Tourists (Jan - Dec 2018)

38.28 million

2017

35.38 million

Trade Statistics (bil. USD)



	Export Value	Import Value	Trade Balance
Q4/2018	62.54	58.13	+4.4
2018	253.4	229.81	+23.6
2017	235.3	201.1	+34.2



Exports

Top 10 Exports Destinations (Jan - Dec 2018)

- | | |
|----|-----|
| 1. | 6. |
| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

Total 253.4 bil. USD

Top 10 Exports (Jan - Dec 2018)

- Auto Parts & Accessories
- Computer, Equipment, & Parts
- Precious Stones & Accessories
- Rubber Products
- Plastic Pellets
- Refined Fuels
- Chemical Products
- Electronic Integrated Circuits
- Machinery and Parts
- Iron, Steel, & Products

Imports

Top 10 Import Origins (Jan - Dec 2018)

- | | |
|----|-----|
| 1. | 6. |
| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

Total 229.8 bil. USD

Top 10 Imports (Jan - Dec 2018)

- Crude Oil
- Machinery & Parts
- Electrical Machinery & Parts
- Chemical Products
- Jewelry
- Iron, Steel, & Products
- Electrical Integrated Circuits
- Auto Parts & Accessories
- Other Metal Ores
- Computer Equipment & Parts

INVESTMENT POLICIES

WHY

Thailand?



1. Strategic Location & Connectivity



2. Strong Economic Fundamentals



3. Business-friendly Environment



4. Excellent Infrastructure



5. Attractive Incentives

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

Exemption of CIT up to 13 years for R&D, advance technology 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

Competitiveness Enhancement Act (effective as of 14 Feb 2017)

Exemption of CIT up to 15 years

10,000 million Baht matching fund for targeted industries.

Import duty exemption.

All other privileges under old and revised IPA.

The EEC Act (entered into force on 15 May 2018)

Exemption from corporate income tax for up to 13 years and 17% personal income tax which is the lowest in ASEAN

Matching grants for investment, R&D, innovation, human resource development for targeted industries

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

International university establishment in high technology field.

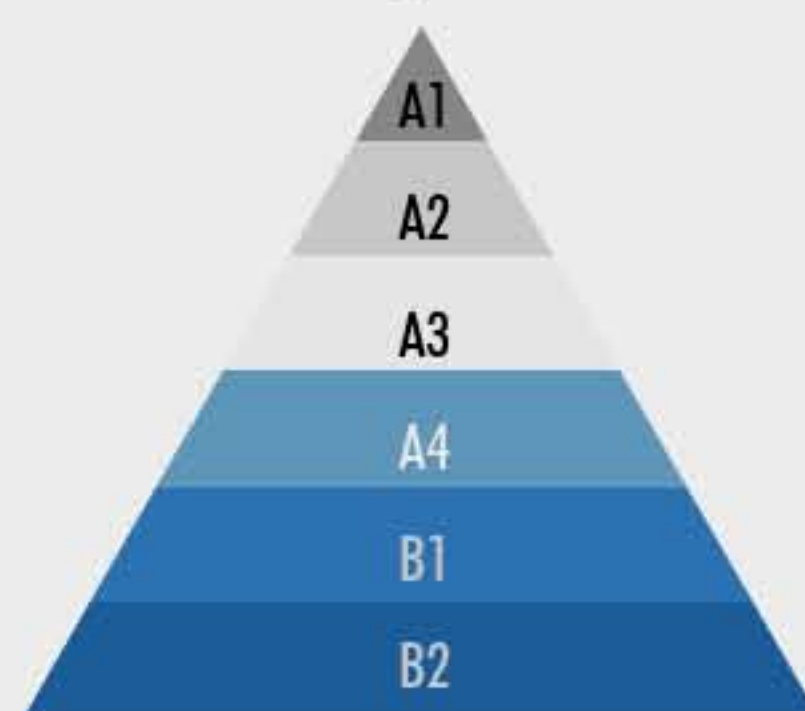
Incentives (BOI)

Merit-based

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

1. Competitiveness Enhancement
2. Decentralization
3. Industrial Area Development

Activity-based



Classified incentives based on importance of activities

Tax and Non-Tax Incentives

including...

0 - 8 years of CIT Exemption

300% tax deduction on R&D investment

Smart Visa for investors/experts/startups

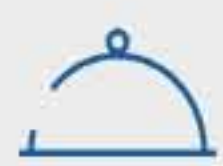
Exemption of import duties on machinery

Special Economic Zones (SEZ)

Super Clusters

+ many more

« - INCENTIVES - 8 years of CIT Exemption + 50% reduction for further 5 years »



Food Innopolis



Digital Parks



Automotive and Parts



Eco-friendly Petrochemicals and Chemicals



Medical



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

2019 Thailand Investment Year



Special Investment Measures

Objectives :
To stimulate investments in targeted industries that will drive economic transformation.

Additional Incentives

CIT reduction

50%
3 Years

Criteria

1. Total investment value (excluding land and working capital) \geq 1 Billion THB
2. Activities in categories entitled to 5 to 8 years of CIT exemption (Group A1-A3)
3. Located outside Bangkok
4. Application submitted during 19 Nov 2018 - 30 Dec 2019

Other Clusters

« - INCENTIVES - 3-8 years of CIT Exemption + 50% reduction for further 5 years »



1. Agricultural, fishery and targeted industries



2. Ceramic products



3. Textile, garment, and leather industries



4. Manufacture of furniture



5. Gems and jewelry



6. Medical equipment



7. Automotive, machinery and parts



8. Electrical appliances and electronics



9. Plastics



10. Medicine



11. Logistics



12. Industrial estates/zones

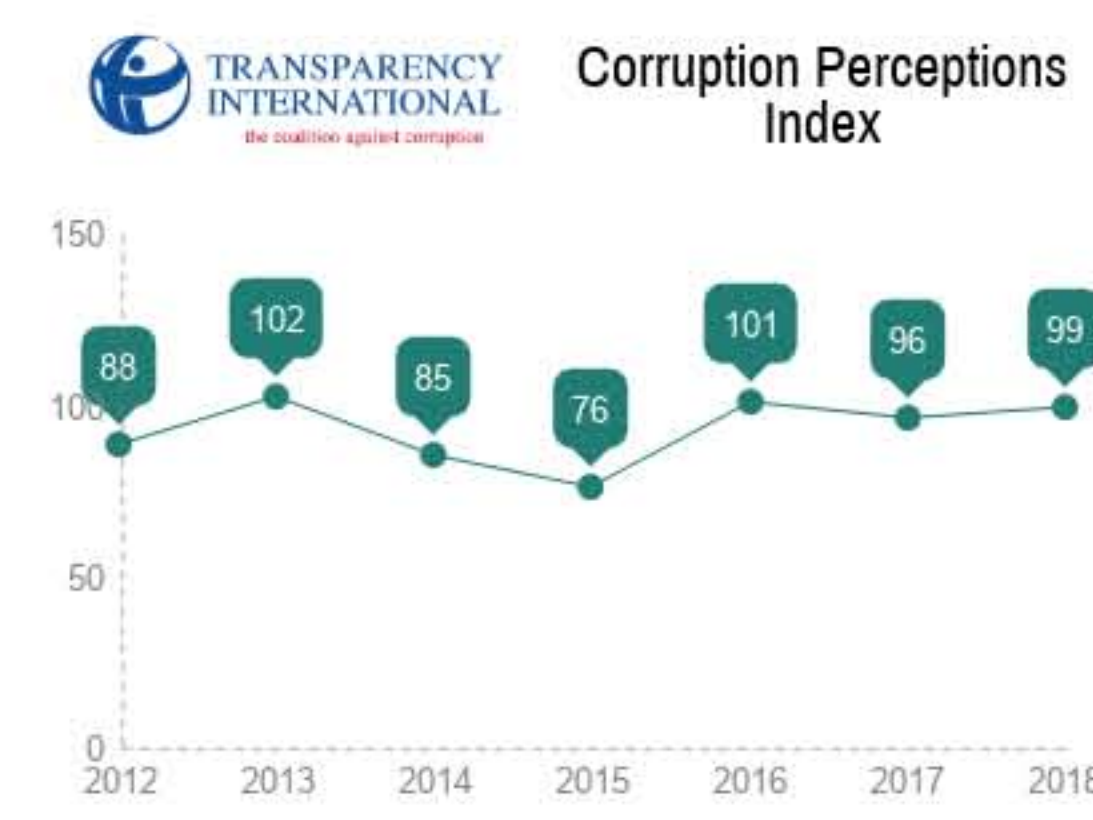
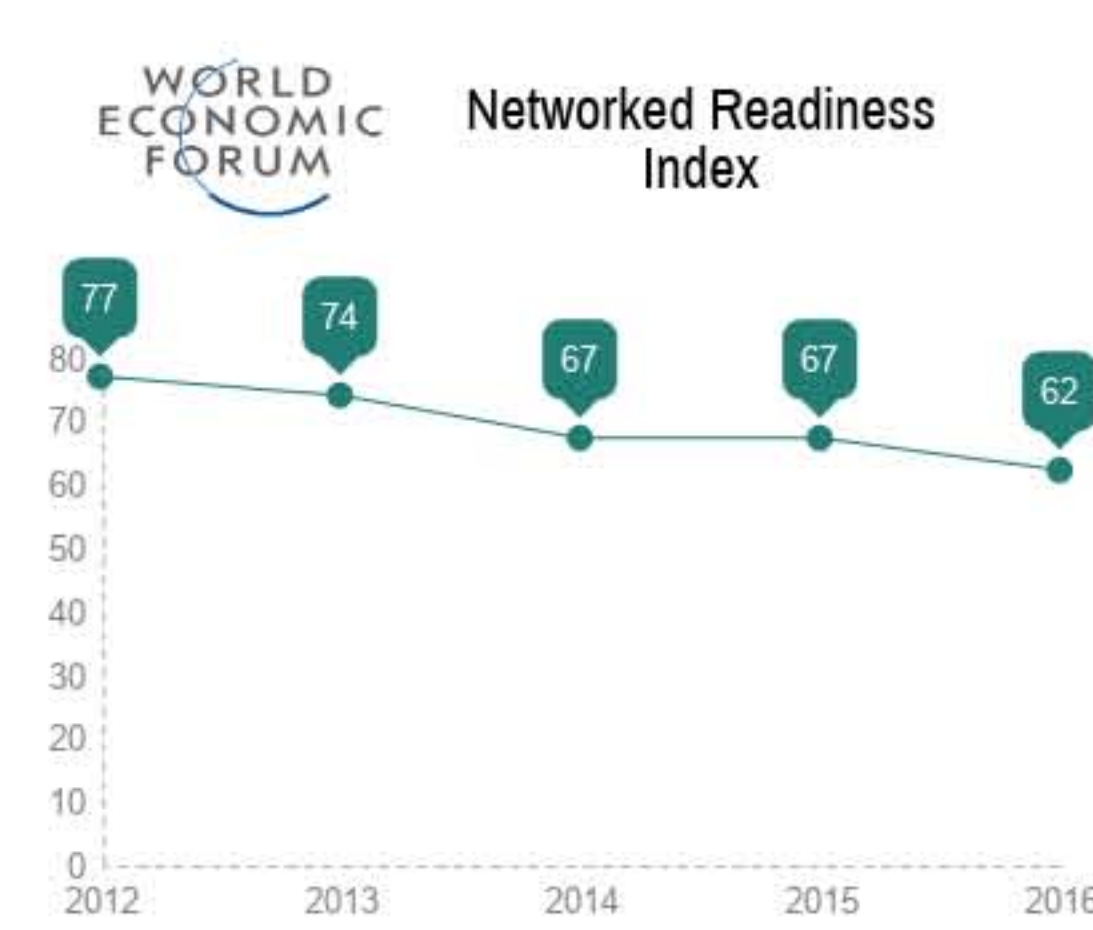
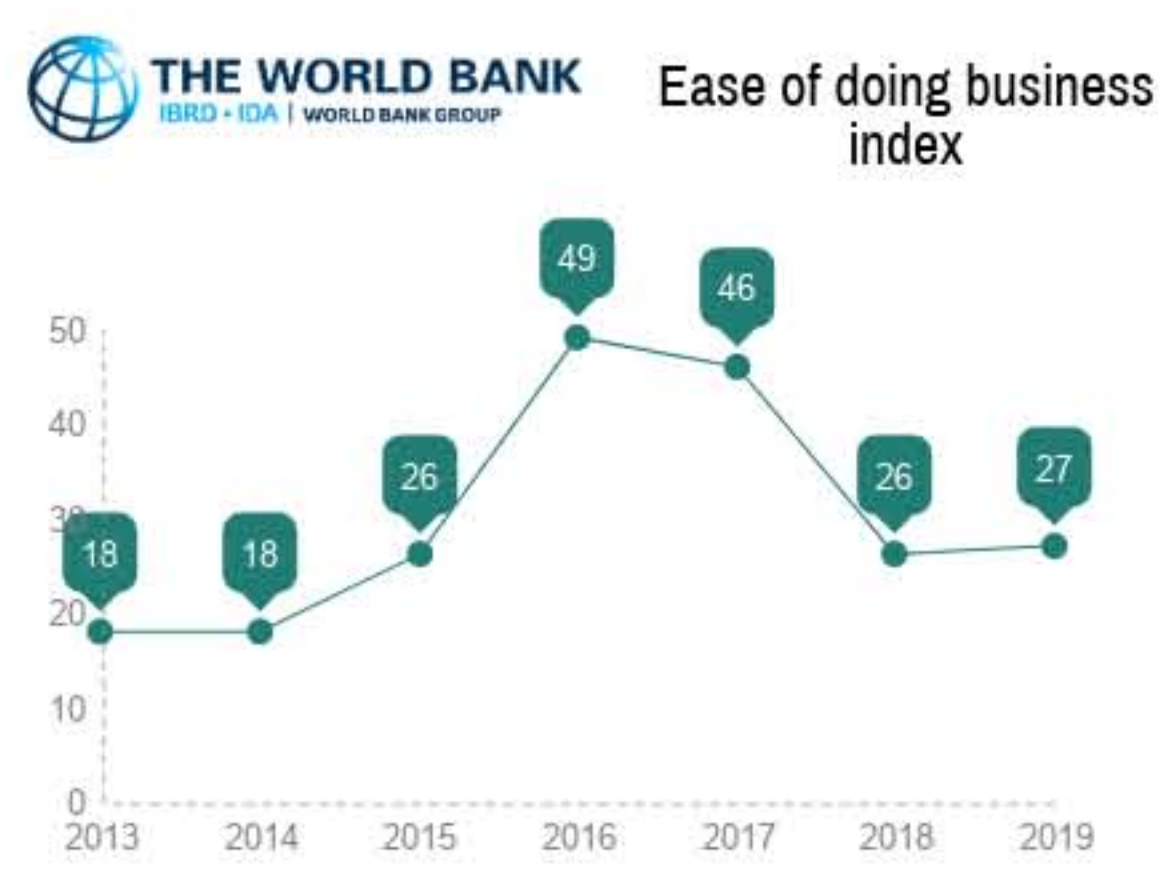
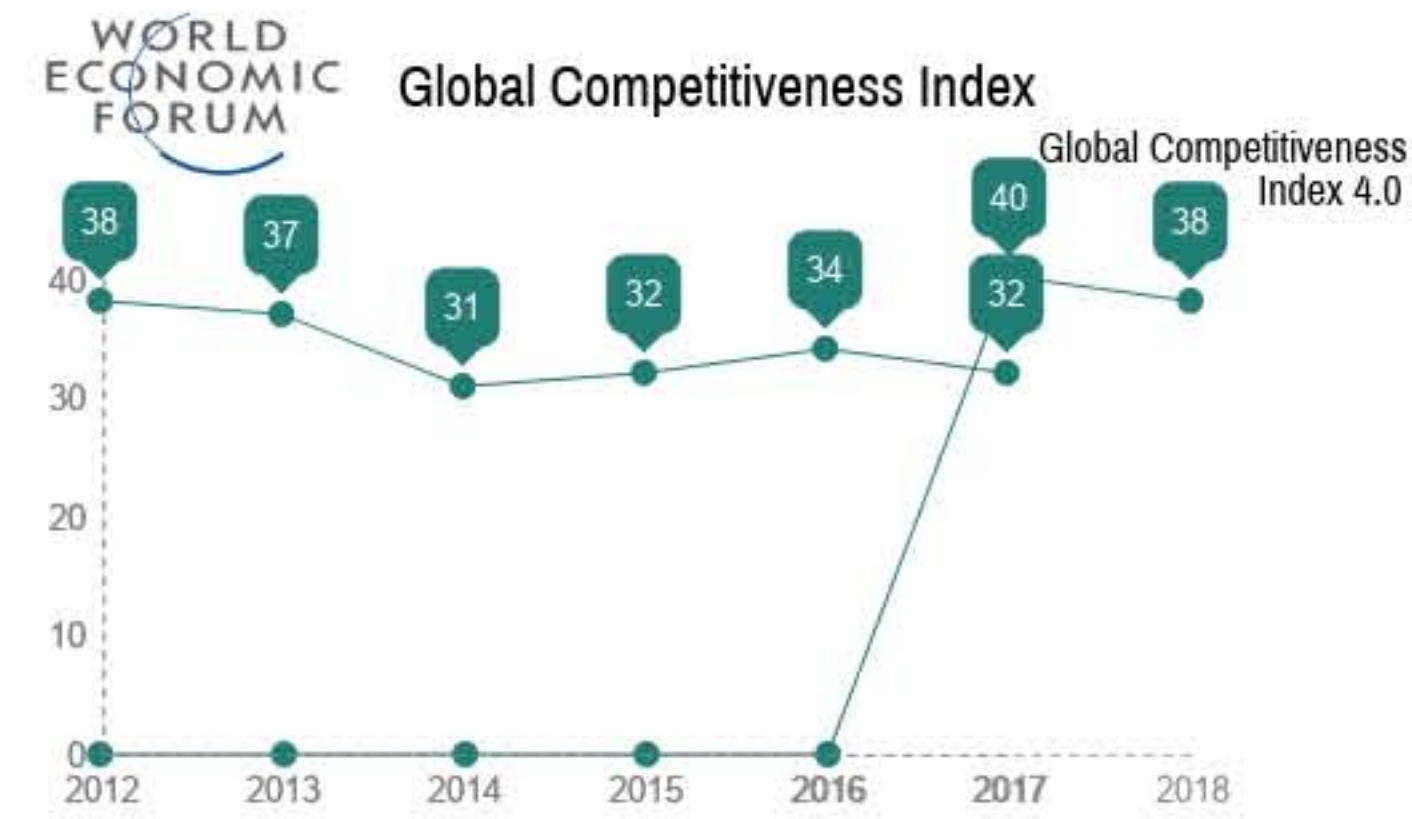
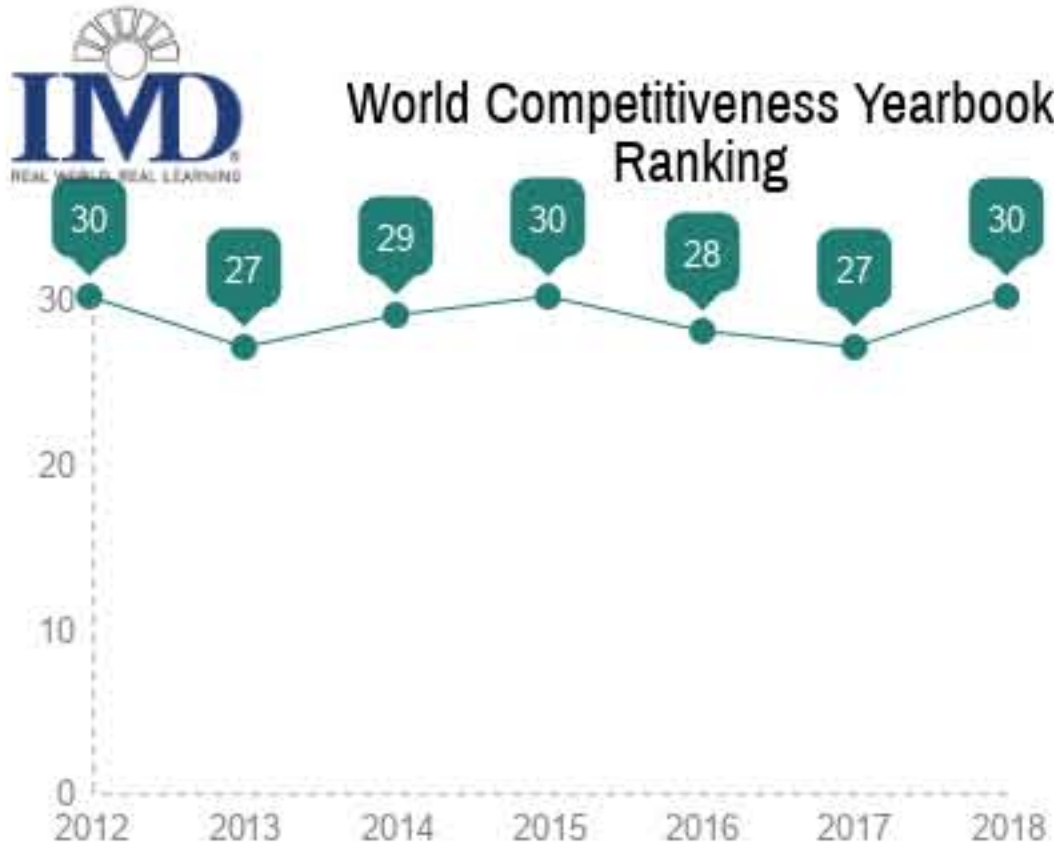
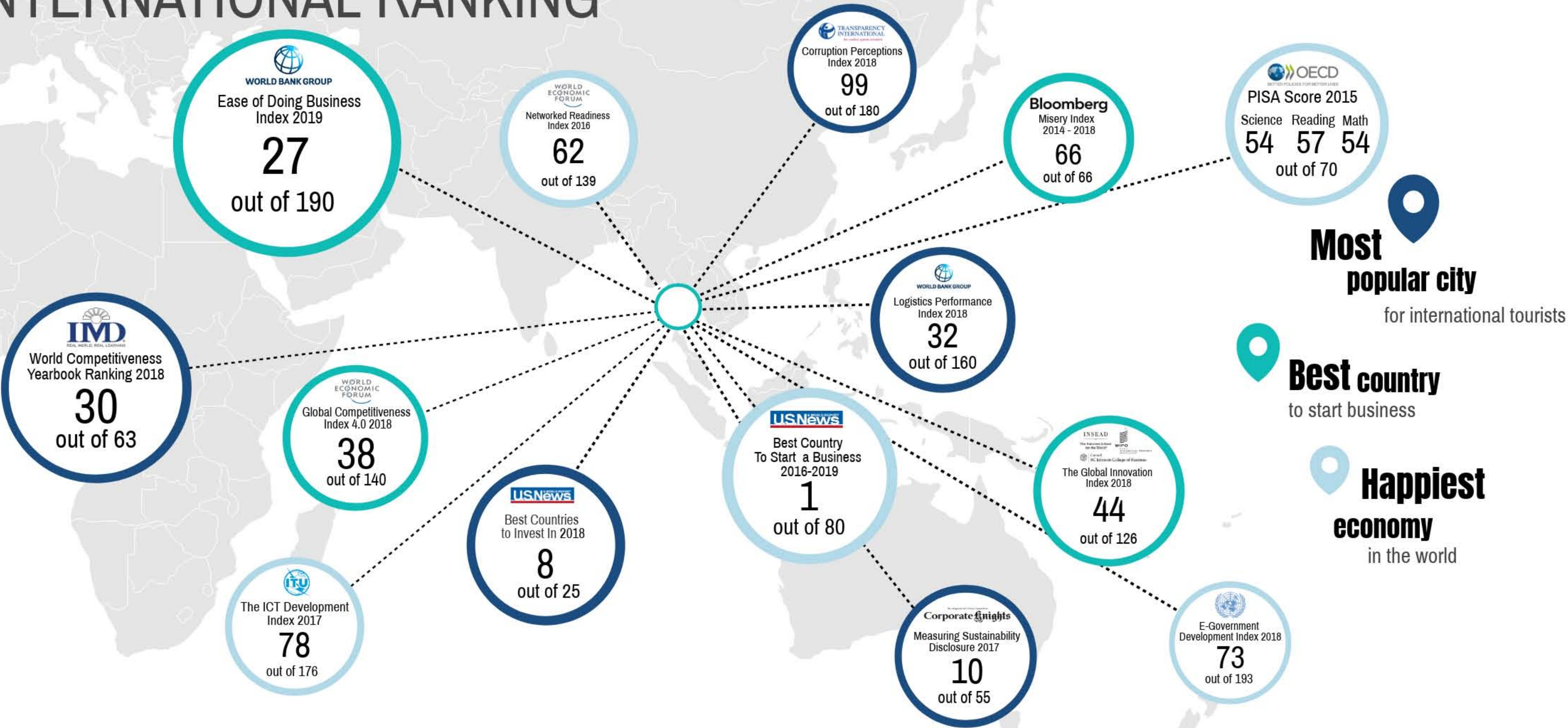


13. Tourism related industry

Targeted Industries

Each zone with different targeted activities depending on competencies

THAILAND'S INTERNATIONAL RANKING



Organisations

Indexes

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	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	27/190
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	30/63	
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		
World Economic Forum	Global Competitiveness Index 4.0										40/135	38/140	
Bloomberg	Misery Index								60/60	63/63	65/65	66/66	
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		73/193	
US News	Best Countries to Start a Business									1/60	1/80	1/80	1/80
OECD	PISA Score							Science Reading Math	54/70 57/70 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	96/180	99/180	
Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	The Global Innovation Index	44-130	60/132		48/125	57/141	57/142	48/143	55/141	52/128	51/127	44/126	
Corporate Knights	Measuring Sustainability Disclosure						40/45	27/46	17/45	13/45	10/55		
The Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D)	The ICT Development Index	80/151		89/152		91/166	81/166		74/167	79/174	78/176		
US News	Best Countries to Invest In										7/80	8/25	
World Bank Group	Logistics Performance Index			35/155		38/155		35/160		45/160		32/160	

THAILAND'S Eastern Economic Corridor

Core areas-Investment projects



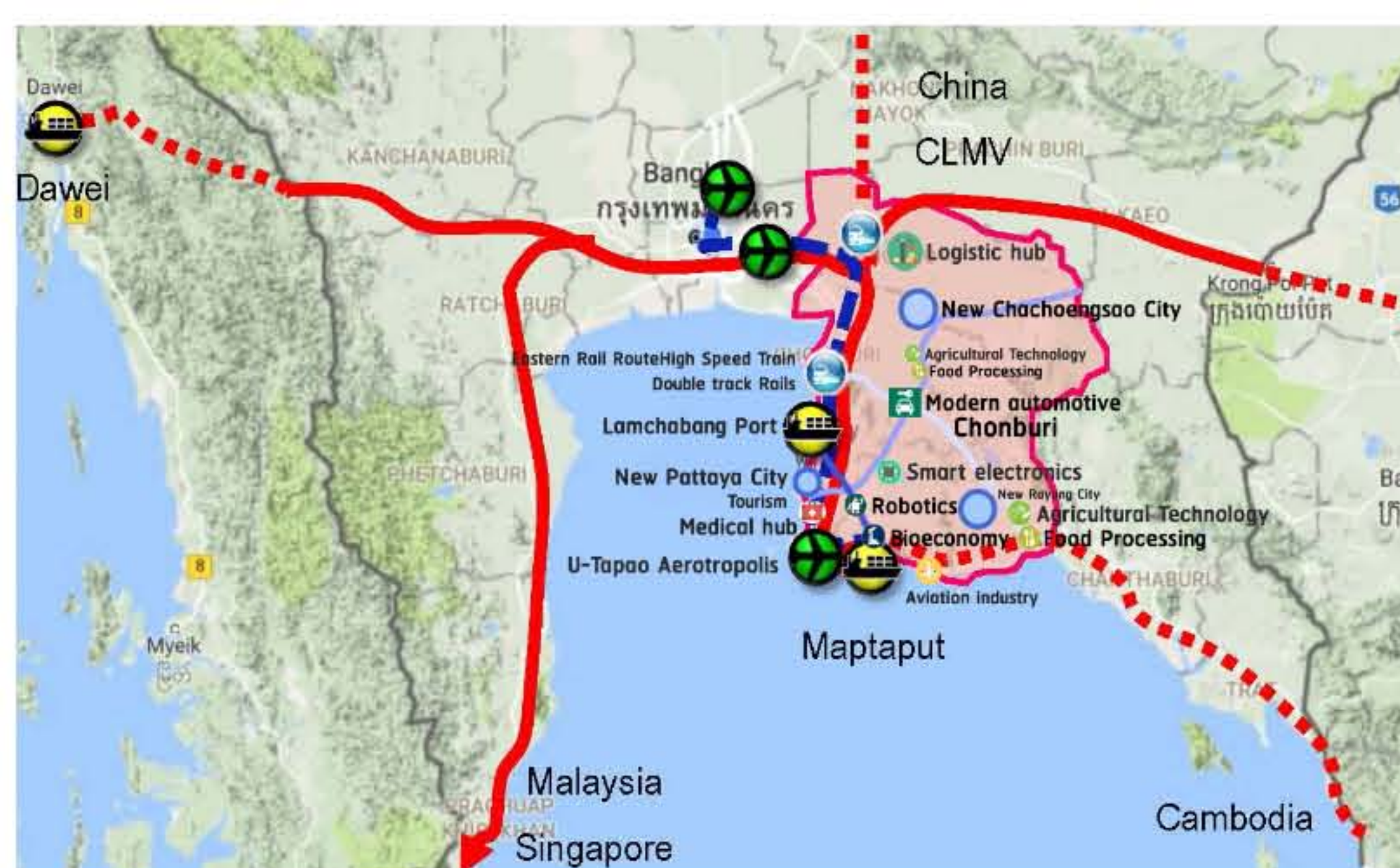
Infrastructure Projects

High speed rail connecting 3 airports
U-Tapao airport and aircraft maintenance
Laem Chabang port phase#3
Map Ta Phut port phase#3
Sattahip commercial seaport
Double-track railway
Highways and motorway



Industrial Promotion Zones

Chachoengsao ; 1 estate
- TFD 2
Chonburi ; 12 estates
- Yamato Industries
- Amata city 1-2
- Pinthong 1-5
- Hemaraj Chonburi 1-2
- Hemaraj eastern sea board 2-3
Rayong ; 8 estates
- Smart Park
- Hemaraj eastern sea board 1,4
- Hemaraj west (Map Ta Phut)
- Eastern sea board (Rayong)
- Hemaraj Rayong 36
- Amata city
- CP Rayong



EEC Act

(Entered into force on 15 May 2018)

- Permanent Administration**
 - Policy Committee (28 persons) chaired by PM, includes 14 Ministers, Budget Bureau, NESDB, BOI, Board of Trade, FTI, TBA, and external experts
 - Secretary-General and EEC Office
- Clear Working Process**
 - One-stop Service (OSS), EIA, PPP, Urban planning, and etc.
 - Special Economic Promotional Zone
 - Incentives (tax, visa / work permit and etc.)
- EEC Inclusivity**
 - Integrated Plan, Budget and Fund for local development

Strategic Location

- Thailand's flagship special economic zone, located in Chachengsao, Chonburi and Rayong,
- Excellent infrastructure linkage (200 kms from Bangkok through motorway, Laem Chabang commercial port, Map Ta Phut industrial port, U-Tapao international airport)
- Incentives for investment in targeted industries
- Connect Indian Ocean with Pacific Ocean, CLMV, South China via multi-modal linkages and Free Trade Areas (FTAs)

12 Targeted Industries

First S-Curve

- Next - Generation Automotive
- Smart Electronics
- Affluent, Medical and Wellness Tourism
- Agriculture and Biotechnology
- Food for the Future

New S-Curve

- Robotics
- Aviation and Logistics
- Biofuels and Biochemicals
- Medical Hub
- Digital
- *New National Defense
- *New Human Resources Development and Education

Investment Incentives

- Maximum incentives for qualified investment projects
- Exemption of corporate income tax for up to 13 years
- Exemption of import duties on machinery/raw or essential materials imported for use in production for export/R&D
- Matching Grants for investment/R&D/innovation/human resources development in targeted industries.
- Permission to own land for BOI promoted projects
- Rights to lease land for 50 years renewable upon approval for a further 49 years
- 17% personal income tax rate, the lowest rate in ASEAN for foreign executives working for regional headquarters or international trading companies
- One-stop service center to facilitate foreign investors provide useful information, and issue permits for trading, export and import, all in one location.
- Strategic Target Center (STC) to attract investors, experts and scientists from around the world.

Special Promotion Zones

Eastern Economic Corridor of Innovation (EECi)

- Biopolis (for biotech research)
- Aripolis (for automation, robotic research)
- Space Innopolis (for aircraft, aerospace research)

Digital Park Thailand (EECd)

- Data Center/Bigdata Analytic
- IoT Institute
- Satellite Station
- Submarine Cable Station
- 5G testbed
- Startup incubation/ acceleration metro
- Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA)

EEC Aerotropolis (EEC-A)

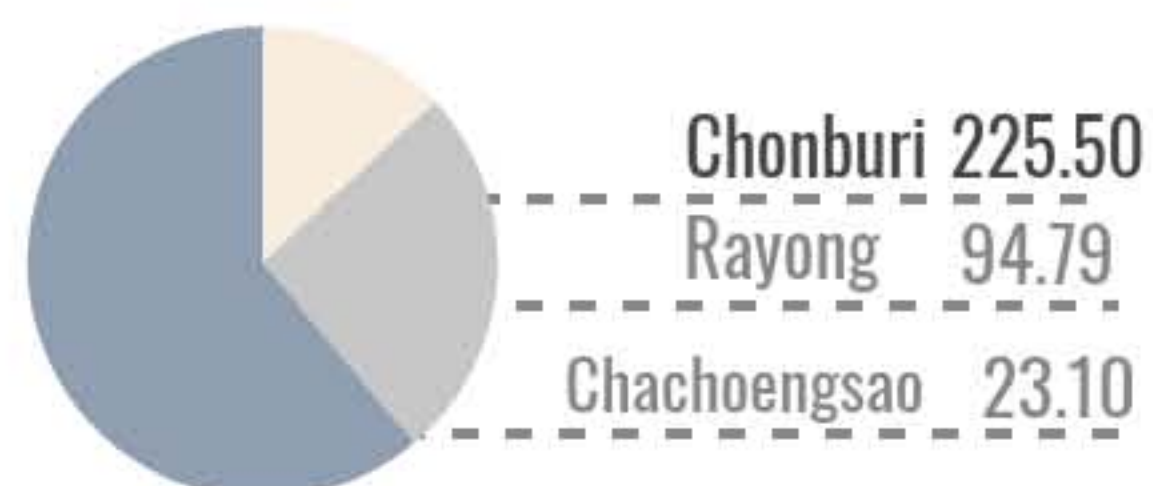
- MRO Center
- Duty Free Zone
- Training Center
- Upgraded U-Tapao Airport



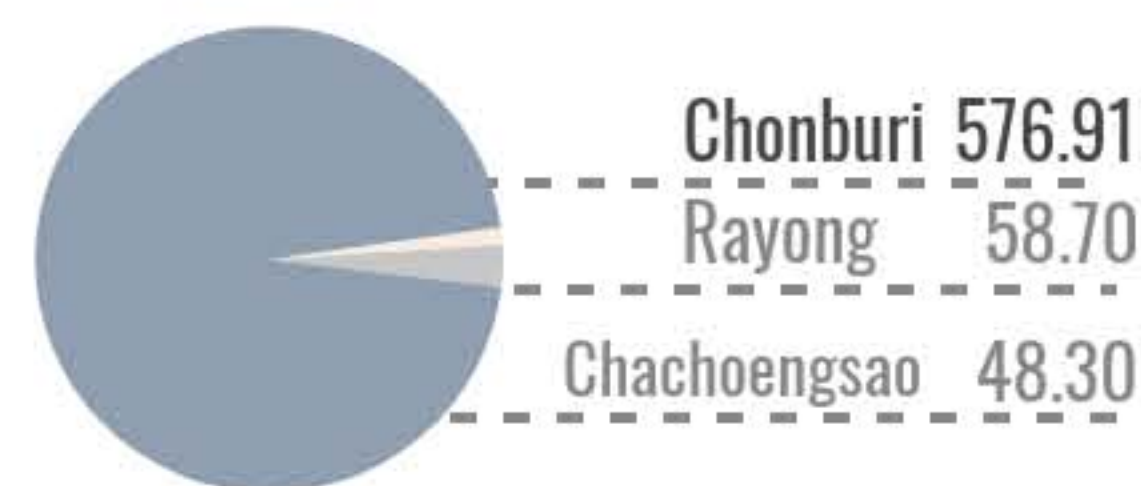
Total BOI application value in EEC



Applications approved by BOI (Jan - Dec 2018 : bil. Baht)



Applications submitted to BOI (Jan - Dec 2018 : bil. Baht)



Smart Visa

- Eligibility**
 - Foreigners working in targeted industries: (1) Talent (2) Investor (3) Executive / Venture capital (4) Startup
 - * including spouse and children of Applicants
 - * Open for Application from 15 January 2018
- Incentives**
 - Work permit / Re-entry permit not required
 - Period of stay: 1 - 4 years
 - Spouse and children granted the same rights as Applicants



Smart City

7 key components



- Extra incentives for Smart City System Development**
 - 8 years CIT exemption (with cap) on income from smart services
 - Import duty exemption on machinery
 - Other incentives under the BOI announcement 2/2014



Foreign Higher Educational Institutes in EEC

regulatory incentive for institutes/universities that meet the following criteria

- Certified by the QS World University Rankings by Subject / the Times Higher Education Subject Ranking
- Establish campus in EEC in collaboration with Thailand's higher educational institute
- Offer the same academic standards in EEC campus as in main campus
- Offer Vocational educational training or cooperative education programs such as:
 - WiL : Work Integrated Learning
 - DVT : Dual Vocational Training
 - CoE : Co-operative Education
 - EEC : Special vocational education project in EEC (Sattahip Model)



Foreign investors in EEC*



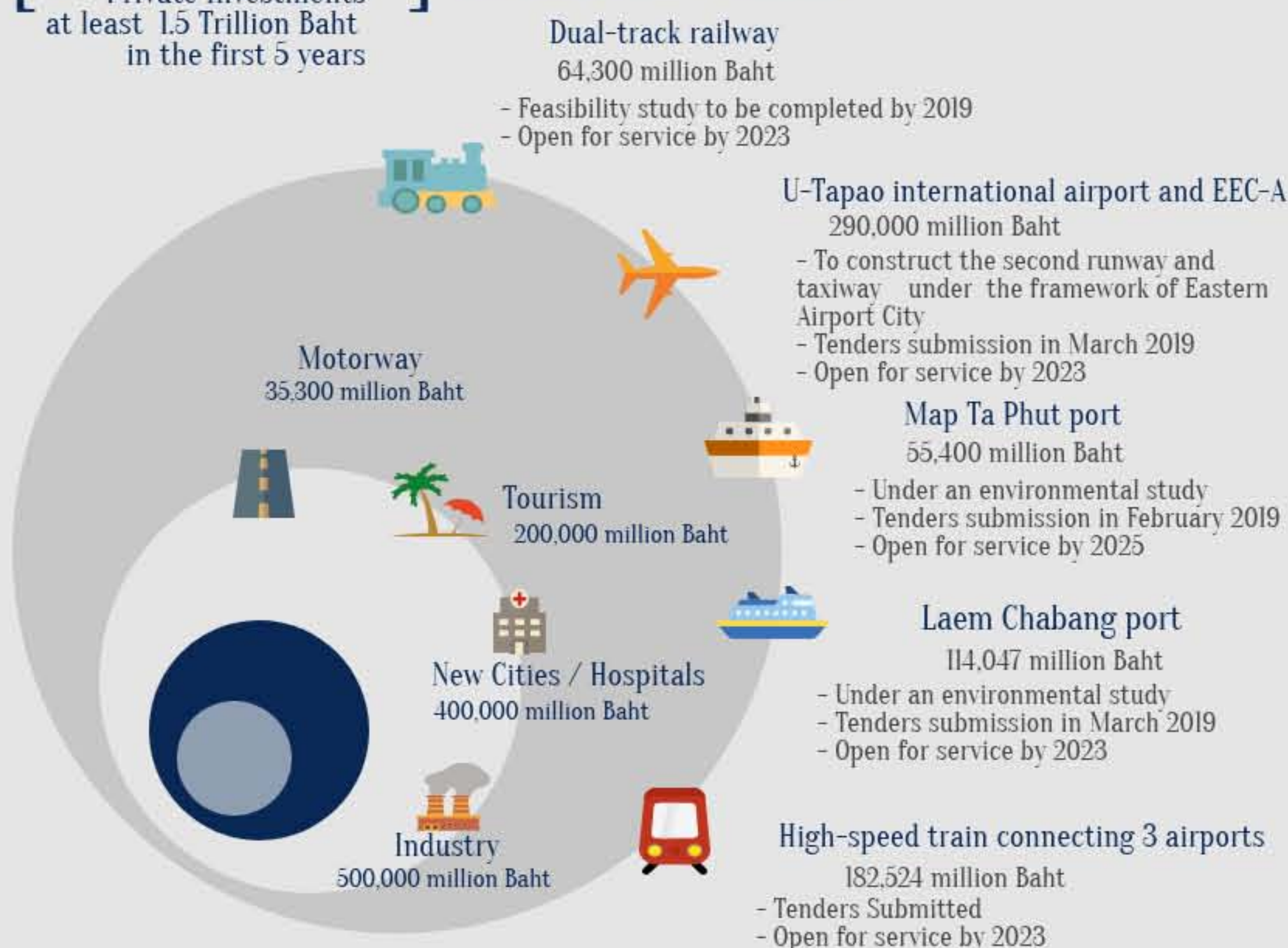
* Partial listing comprising of global companies that have expressed interests or already undertaken investment in EEC



Targets

Combined Public and Private Investments at least 1.5 Trillion Baht in the first 5 years

Priorities Projects (bil. Baht)



Invitation to tender (tentative)



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