



# EEC Opportunities for Prosperity

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# 1959

Shannon Free Zone in Ireland  
The First Modern Economic Zone

## From Ireland to Thailand's EEC

# 2017





# EEC At a glance

**THE EASTERN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (EEC)** lies at the heart of Thailand's 4.0 development strategy, aimed at restructuring and revitalizing the Thai economy.

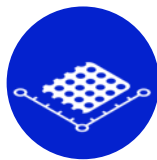
## COMPLETE STRATEGIC LOCATION

*"Creating an Inclusive Environment"*

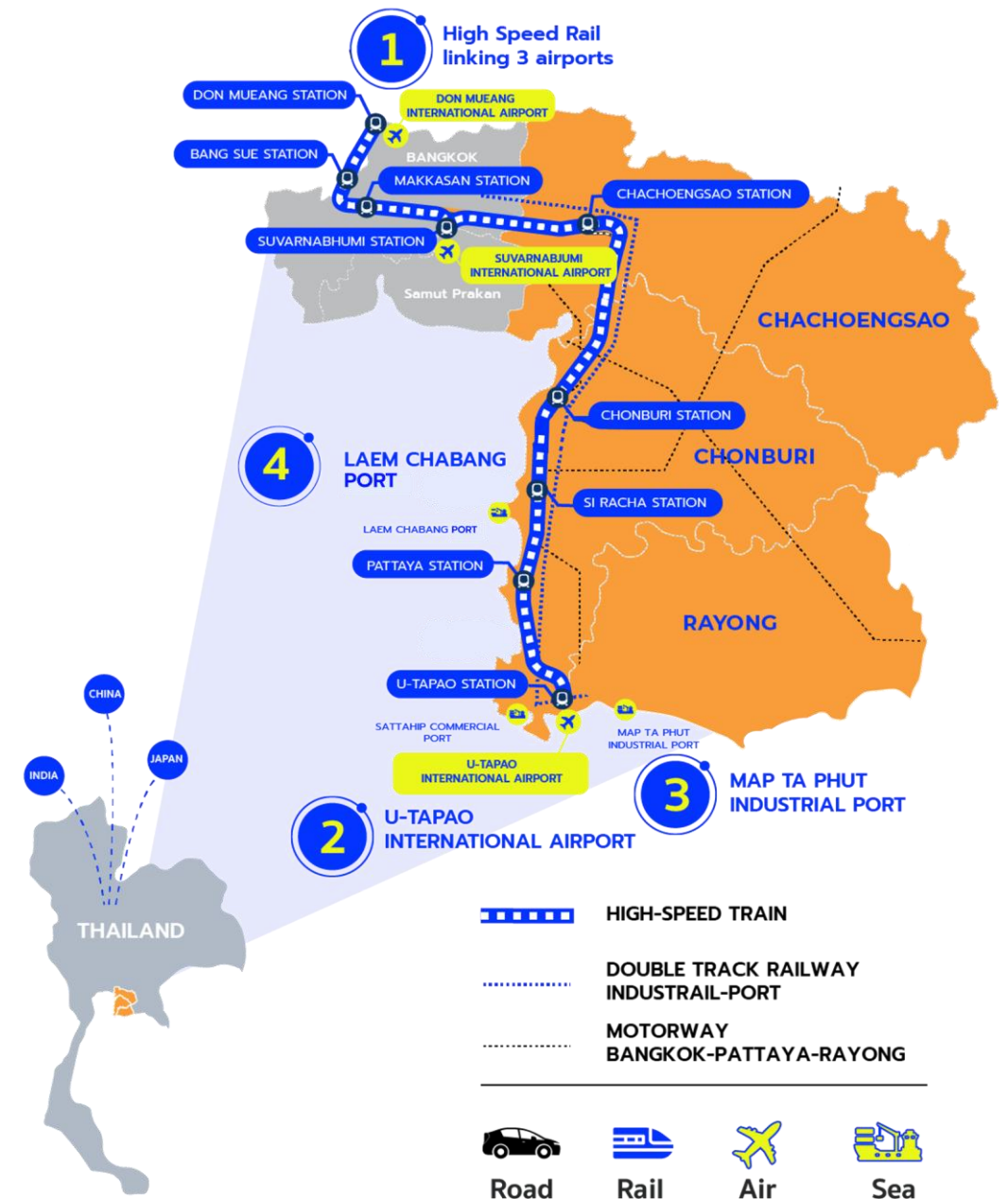
- In 2017, the Royal Thai Government **initiated the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC)** to be an area-based development initiative aiming to revitalise the well-known Eastern Seaboard of Thailand.
- Covering the development of the 3 Eastern provinces: Rayong, Chonburi, and Chachoengsao.
- Having the objective of
  1. Developing modern and environmentally friendly economic activities
  2. Providing comprehensive government services
  3. Creating efficient infrastructure and public utilities
  4. Determining the appropriate use of land
  5. Developing cities to be modern and suitable for living and doing business



**Location: Rayong, Chonburi,  
and Chachoengsao**



**Area : 13 Million Hectares  
(8.3 Million Rai)**



# Facilitating New Market Access through Free Trade Agreements

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Largest Economy**  
**in ASEAN**

**66** Million  
Population

**530** Billion USD  
GDP

**17** *FTA with  
24 Partners*



**RCEP** *Regional Comprehensive  
Economic Partnership*

**31.6%** *Of Global GDP*      **2.3** *Billion Population*

**IPEF** Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity

**34.9%** *Of Global GDP*   **2.6** *Billion Population*

# Why Invest in the EEC?

## LAND

**Special Economic  
Promotional Zone  
(46+)**

## LABOUR FORCE

**Demand Driven  
Human Capital  
Management**

## LOGISTICS INFRASTRUCTURE & UTILITIES

### **National Gateway**

- 3 international airports (DMK/BKK/UTP)
- Main container port (LCB)
- Main industrial port (MTP)

### **Area Accessibility**

#### >Road

- Burapha Withi expressway
- Intercity motorway
- Highway network from national to local

#### >Railway

- Passenger/freight

### **Utilities**

- Water
- Electricity
- Telecom

## LAW & REGULATION

**Eastern Special  
Development Zone  
Act B.E. 2561 (2018)**

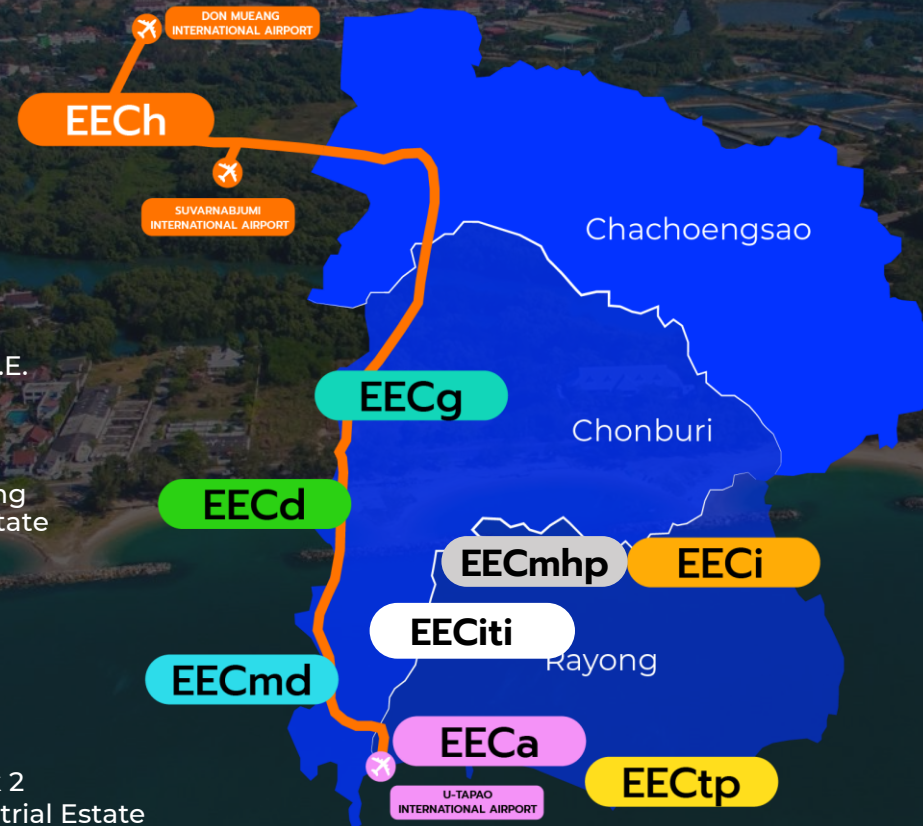


# EEC Promotional Zones

## Industrial Estates

1. WHA Rayong Industrial Estate
2. Eastern Seaboard I.E. (Rayong)
3. WHA Eastern Industrial Estate (Map Ta Phut)
4. WHA Eastern Seaboard I.E.1
5. WHA Chonburi I.E.1
6. WHA Chonburi I.E.2
7. WHA Eastern Seaboard I.E.2
8. WHA Eastern Seaboard I.E.3
9. WHA Eastern Seaboard I.E.4
10. CPGC I.E. (Rayong)
11. Amata City Chonburi I.E.
12. Amata City Chonburi I.E. (2<sup>nd</sup> Project)
13. Amata City Chonburi I.E.2
14. Amata City Rayong I.E.
15. Pinthong Industrial Estate
16. Pinthong Industrial Estate (Laem Chabang)
17. Pinthong Industrial Estate (3<sup>rd</sup>Project)
18. Pinthong Industrial Estate (4<sup>th</sup>Project)
19. Pinthong Industrial Estate (5<sup>th</sup>Project)
20. TFD I.E. (2<sup>nd</sup>Project)
21. Yamato industries I.E.
22. Smart Park I.E.
23. Asia Clean
24. Rojana Nongyai
25. Rojana Lamchabang
26. WHA Industrial Estate (Rayong)
27. EGCO Rayong Industrial Estate
28. Apex Green Industrial Estate
29. BlueTech City Industrial Estate
30. 304 Industrial Park 2
31. Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate
32. Lakchai Muang Yang I.E. (Rayong)

## Industrial Clusters for Special-Targeted Industries



## Establishments for Specific Business Operators

- Toyota  
*Next-generation automotive Banpho*
- Alibaba  
*E-commerce Bang Pakong*
- Khao Shong Coffee  
*Food for the Future Industry : (Bang Pakong) Sustainable Thai Coffee Industry*
- LifeSphere  
*LifeSphere FutureMed & Longevity Hub*
- PTT LNG  
*Map Ta Phut LNG Station 2*

# Demand-Driven Approach for Human Capital & Skills Development to Provide Workforces that Meet Industry Demands (EEC Model)

## EEC Model type **A**

- ✓ Address long-term needs
- ✓ Integration of learning with work (Work-Integrated Learning: WiL)
- ✓ Students in the education system



## EEC Model type **B**

- ✓ Upskill & Reskill for Industry 4.0
- ✓ Module Short Courses
- ✓ Collaboratively develop training curricula (Industry + Educational Institutions)
- ✓ Subsidy in Cost-sharing for training (Industry 50% + EEC 50%)

A large background image showing two industrial workers, a woman in a yellow hard hat and a man in a white hard hat, both wearing orange safety vests. They are looking down at something in the man's hands. The background is a blurred industrial setting.

**EEC Model**  
A Demand-Driven approach to  
Human Capital & Skills Development

*“Developing talent to meet  
industrial needs”*

A circular inset image on the right side of the main image showing a group of five workers (three men and two women) wearing hard hats and safety vests, standing together and smiling.



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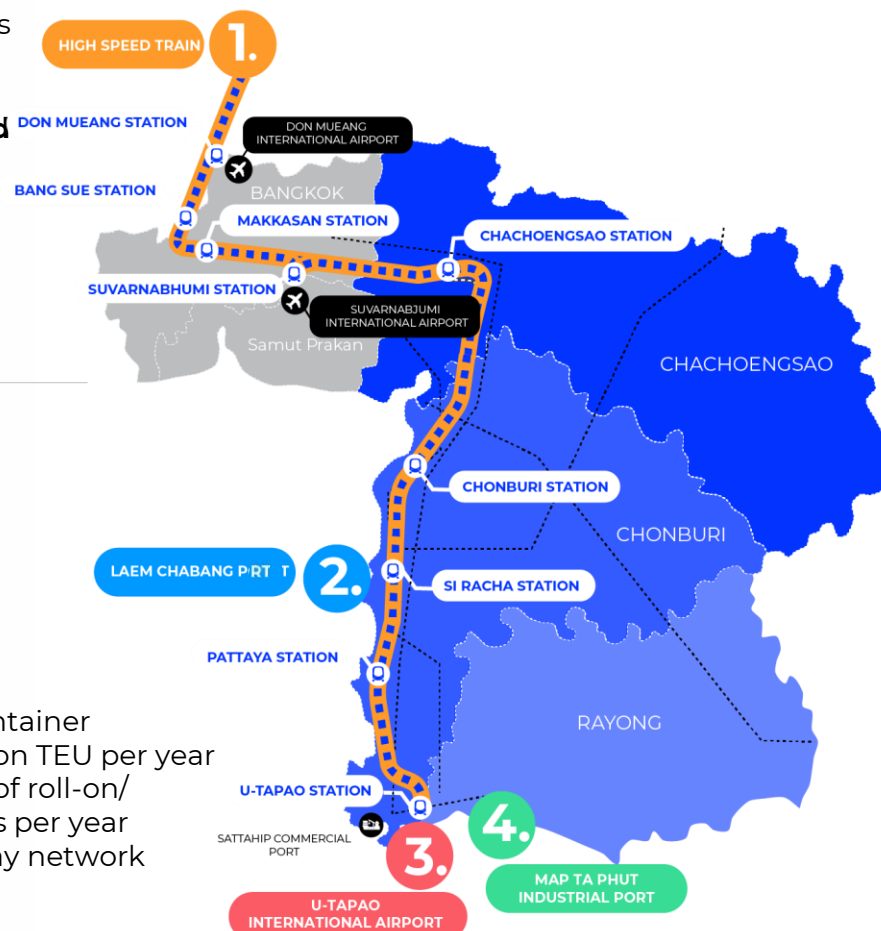
## HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Start Operation: 2030

- **Connectivity**  
5 Provinces, 3 Airports with 9 stations
- **Distance:** 220 km
- **Train Maximum Speed**  
250 km/hour
- **Travel Time**  
Within 60 minutes

## EEC's

## Key PPP Infrastructure Projects



2.

## LAEM CHABANG DEEP SEAPORT PHASE 3

Start Operation: 2027

- **Capacity:** Increase container throughput to 18 million TEU per year
- Increase the capacity of roll-on/roll-off to 3 million cars per year
- Connected with railway network
- Green Port

## U-TAPAO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Start Operation: 2029

- **Capacity:** 60 million passengers per year
- **Facilities:** Passenger Terminal, Ground Transportation Center, Cargo, Terminal, MRO, Free Trade Zone
- Airport City

3.



4.

## MAP TA PHUT INDUSTRIAL PORT PHASE 3

Start Operation: 2028

- **Overall Port's Capacity:**  
31 million tons per year (After Development)
- **Liquid Natural Gas Capacity:**  
11 million tons per year increase
- Future Projects
  - Liquid Cargo
  - Warehouse, Power Plant & Related Business



PPP financing scheme: 64% Private 36% Public

\*As of June 2025

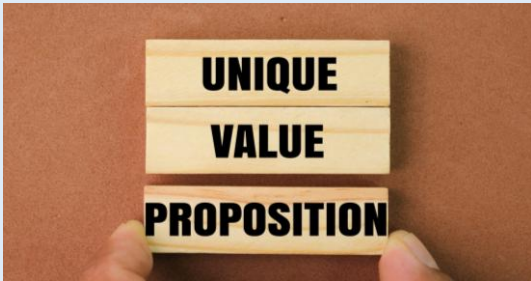


# EECO

## Investment promotion mechanism



**T**argeted investment {  
*Industries (5 Clusters)*  
*Area (EEC promotional zones)*



**T**ailor-made incentives



**T**otal solutions for starting operations

# 5 Clusters of Special-Targeted Industries

## Medical & Health

MEDICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE  
HEALTHCARE



INTELLIGENT ELECTRONICS  
AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS  
DEFENSE

## Digital

## Next- Generation Automotive

NEXT-GENERATION AUTOMOTIVE



GREEN AND CIRCULAR  
BIOFUEL AND BIOCHEMICAL  
ADVANCED AGRICULTURE  
AND BIOTECHNOLOGY  
FOOD FOR THE FUTURE

## BCG

## Services

HIGH-VALUE AND MEDICAL TOURISM  
AEROSPACE & LOGISTICS  
EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT

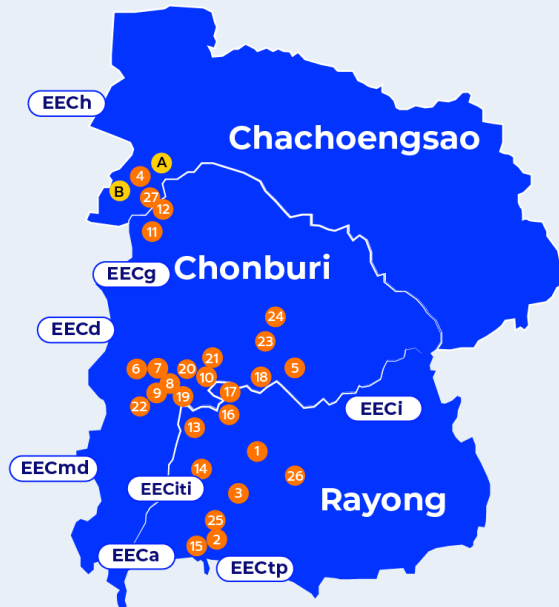




# EEC INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

## Condition

Operation in one of  
the EEC Promotional Zones  
(46 as of 1 Jan 2024)



Promoted 5 business clusters

- Medical & Health
- Digital
- Next-generation automotive
- BCG
- Services

## Tax & Duties



Exemption of CIT (Corporate Income Tax) => Up to 15 years

Reduction of CIT (Corporate Income Tax) => Up to 50% for 10 years



Exemption/Reduction of duties



Benefits similar to  
free zone, bonded warehouse,  
or free trade zone operators

## Business Operation



EEC Visa + EEC Work permit

Waiver of professional  
license  
e.g. medical services,  
engineer

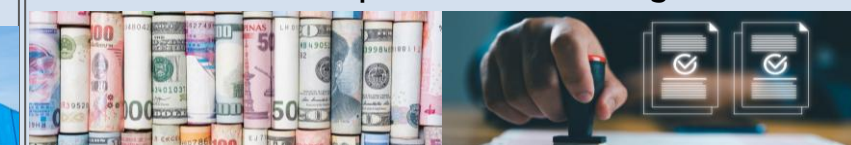


Owning land for  
business operation

Long-term lease of land  
or real estate  
50 years + 49 years



Owning condominium for  
business operation and residing



Conducting financial  
transaction in foreign currency

- Exemption from the laws governing exchange control
- Right to use foreign currency for the payment of goods or services

Licensing & Permit  
under 14 Acts of Parliament  
from the EECO

# EEC's approach to promoting the education industry

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EEC Targeted industry:  
Education sector



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Demand-driven  
EEC Model



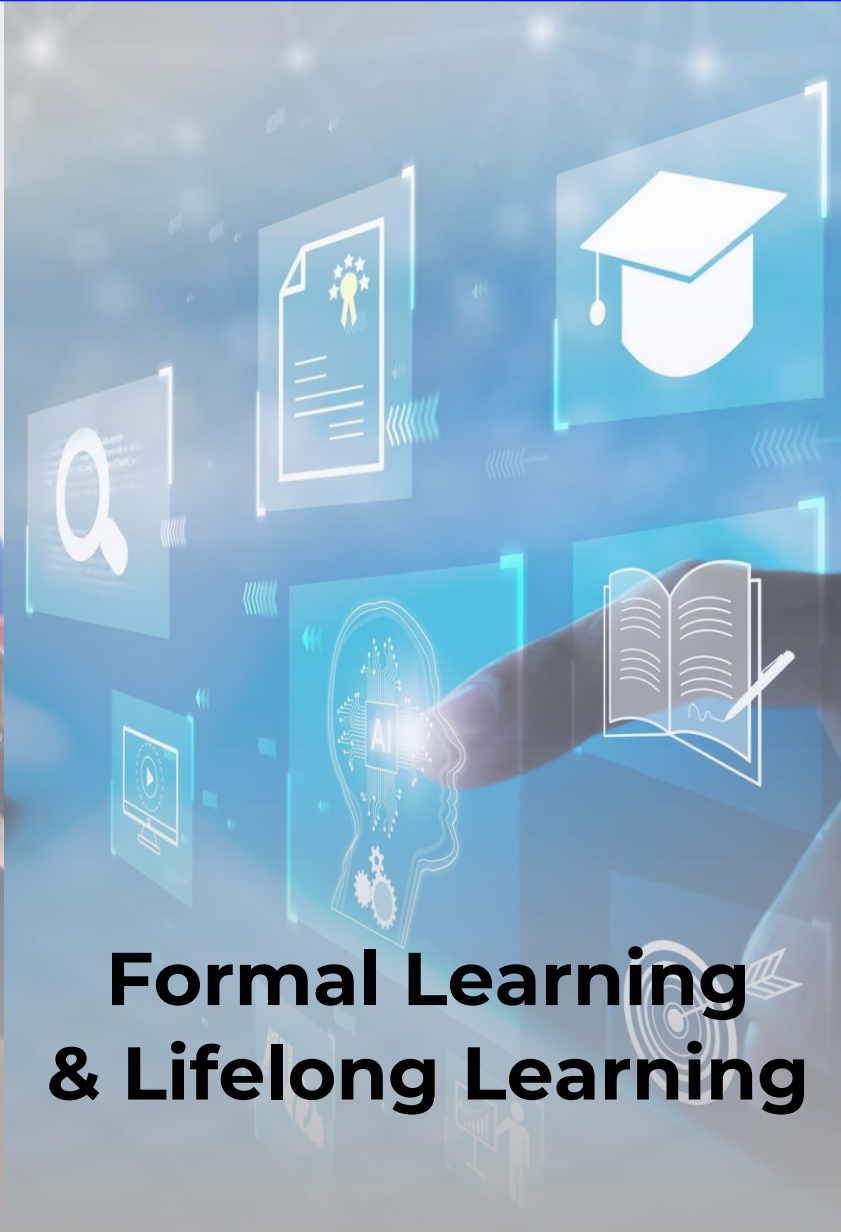


*To become an **ultimate destination** for high-quality personnel and investors in target industries.*

# EEC : Education Industry Opportunities



**Top academic  
institutions**



**Formal Learning  
& Lifelong Learning**



**Learning Hub**



## 2 Demand-Driven Approach for Human Capital & Skills Development to Provide Workforces that Meet Industry Demands (EEC Model)



### EEC Model type **A**

Long term courses – Vocational/University levels

Work-integrated learning [WiL] – a combination of academic and work-related activities

Collaborative educational services between education institutions and investors



### EEC Model type **B** 370 courses\*

Module Short Courses

Re-skill/Up-skill to keep pace with the change of new technology

- 1 Collaboration on curriculum design**
  - Designed by investors
  - Accredited by EECO
  - Trained by the approved education institution
- 2 Contribution 50 : 50**
  - EECO contributes 50% of the cost
  - 250% expense deduction for CIT
- 3 Hiring guarantee**  
[6 months at minimum]



Private Sector

Education Institution

EEC: course accreditation & training coordination

### Cooperation of EEC Model



#### E-commerce

Alibaba

China

#### ICT + 5G

Huawei ASEAN Academy (Thailand)  
EEC Branch

China

Industry 4.0  
(5G and Digital)

Healthcare

Switzerland

#### 4.0 Ecosystem

Mitsubishi Electric

Japan

#### 5G + Network

CISCO + MAVENIR

United States

#### HRD

Germany

\* As of 26 August 2025

# EEC Education Network



**8** Universities

**32** Vocational Institutions

**13** International Schools



## High Value & Medical Tourism

- Thammasart University Pattaya Campus
- Burapa University
- Panyapiwat Institute of Management



## Automation & Robotics

- MARA : Manufacturing Automation and Robotics Academy
- Burapa University
- Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology (TNI), Rayong Campus



## Digital

- King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB), Rayong Campus
- Kasetsart University Sriracha Campus
- Thammasat University Pattaya Campus



## Intelligent Electronics

- Kasetsart University Sriracha Campus
- Thammasat University Pattaya Campus
- Burapa University
- King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB), Rayong Campus
- Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology (TNI), Rayong Campus



## Medical & Healthcare

- Burapha University
- Thammasat University Pattaya Campus



## Marintime

- Kasetsart University Sriracha Campus



## Next-Generation Automotive

- Burapa University
- King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB), Rayong Campus
- Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology (TNI), Rayong Campus



## Highspeed Rail

- Rajamangala University of Technology Tawan-ok



## Logistics

- Panyapiwat Institute of Management
- King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB), Rayong Campus



## Aviation & Logistics

- Rajamangala University of Technology Tawan-ok
- Panyapiwat Institute of Management
- King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB), Rayong Campus



# Collaboration: EECO x University College Dublin



The Secretary-General of the Eastern Economic Corridor Office of Thailand (EECO) Meets with University College Dublin (UCD) Executives to Explore Collaboration Opportunities

16<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Dublin, Ireland



UCD-EURAXESS-EECO-Embassy of Ireland Networking Reception



MOU Signing Ceremony: EECO x UCD

17 June, 2025

- To develop active academic / research partnerships with local universities / industry in the EEC region aiming at advancing education, innovation and workforce capabilities to meet the demands of high-value industries in EEC, thereby enhancing national competitiveness



# Investment Highlights :



## EEC Automation Park

EEC +  MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC

**Location:** Chonburi

**Targeted industry:** Automation & Robotic & Digital

## Training Courses

**ICT + 5G**

Huawei ASEAN Academy  
(China)

**Industry 4.0**

**(5G digital)**

**4.0 Ecosystem**

ABB (Switzerland)

*Upcoming\**

Mitsubishi Electric  
(Japan)

**5G + Network**

CISCO + MAVENIR

**E-Commerce**

(USA)  
Alibaba.com  
(China)

## University

### VISTEC

**Location:** Rayong  
Graduate School and Post-Doc level  
Pure Science, R&D

## R&D Innovation Hub

### EECi

**Location:** WangChan, Rayong  
**Targeted Area:**  
Technology/Testing/Reskill&Upskill/  
R&D Space



## International School



**No. of Student:** Approx. 900

**Location:** Chonburi

**Education system:** British Curriculum



**No. of Student:** Approx. 300

**Location:** Chonburi

**Education system:** American Curriculum



**No. of Student:** Approx. 400

**Location:** Rayong

**Education system:** British Curriculum



**No. of Student:** Approx. 480

**Location:** Rayong


**Education system:** British Curriculum





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