

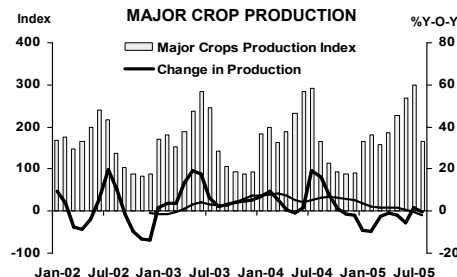
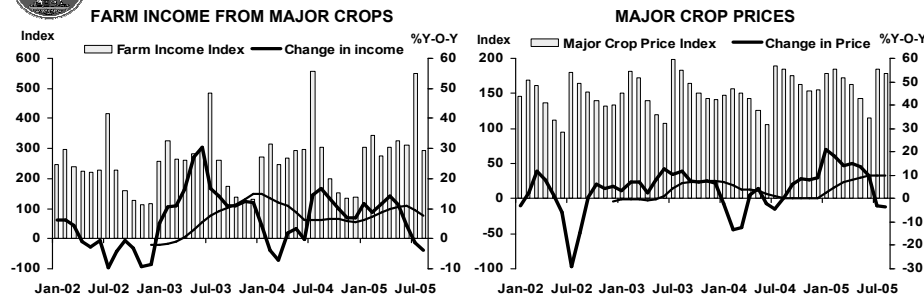


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FARM INCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS



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% (Y-O-Y)	2004	2005				
		Q1	Q2	H1	Jun	Aug
Farm Income	5.1%	10.9%	12.3%	11.4%	-1.5%	-3.9%
Production	2.2%	-6.0%	-1.9%	-4.4%	1.6%	-0.3%
Price	2.9%	16.9%	14.2%	15.8%	-3.1%	-3.6%

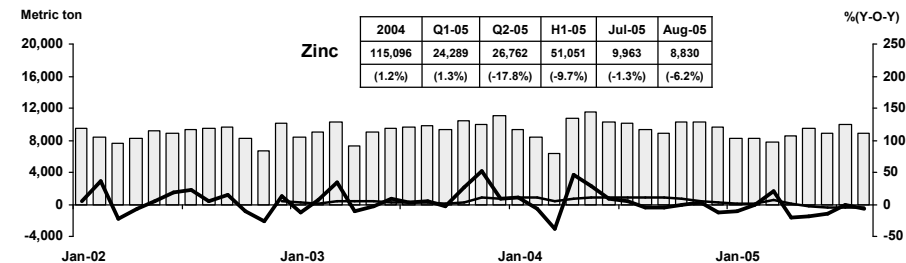
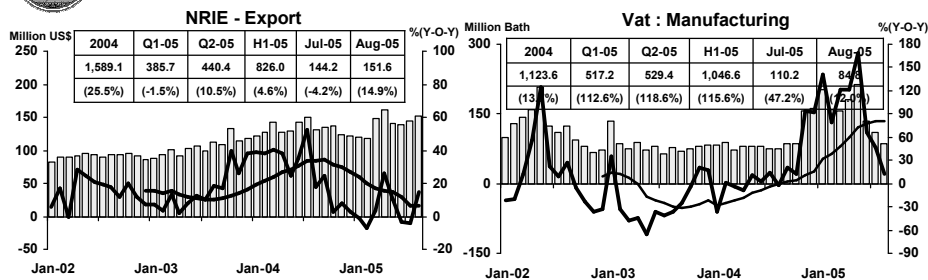
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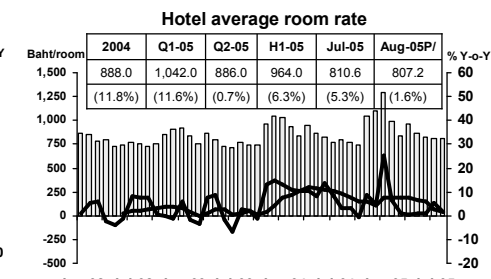
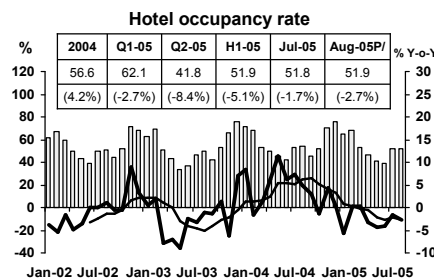
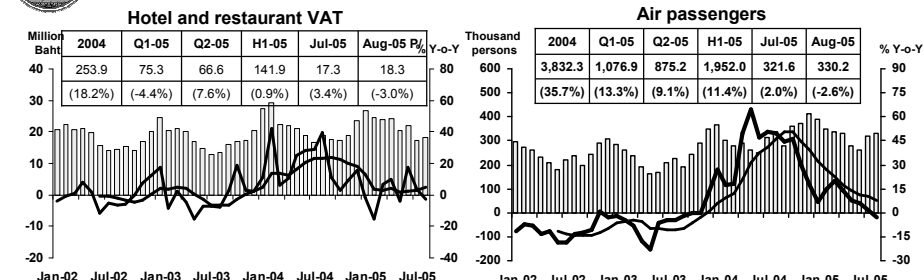
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SERVICES



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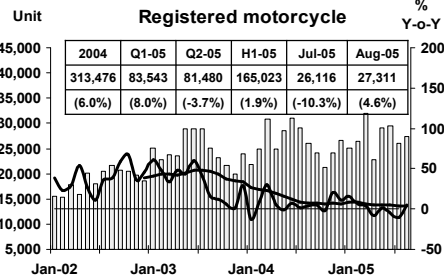
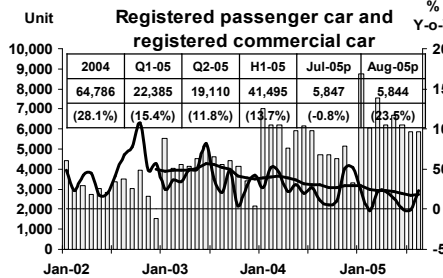
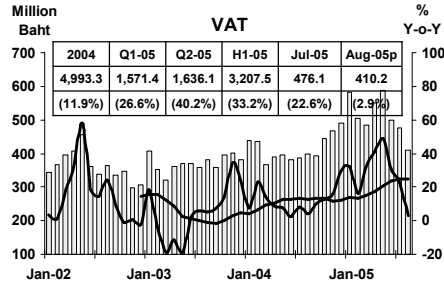
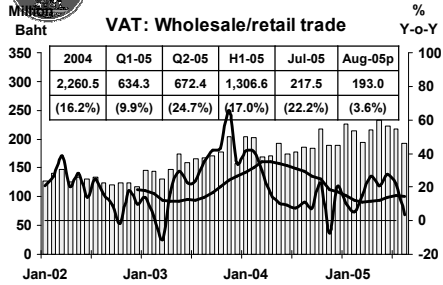
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PRIVATE CONSUMPTION

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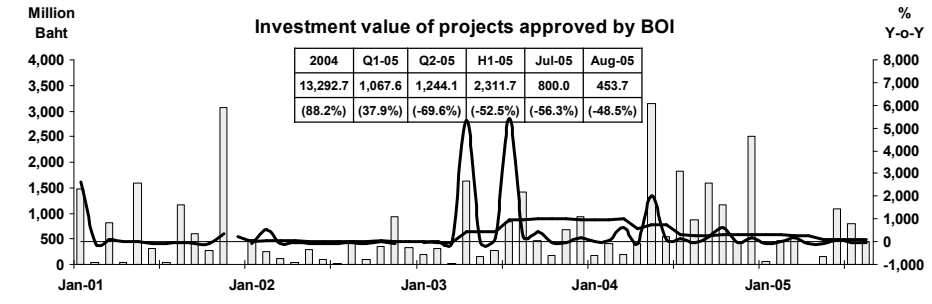
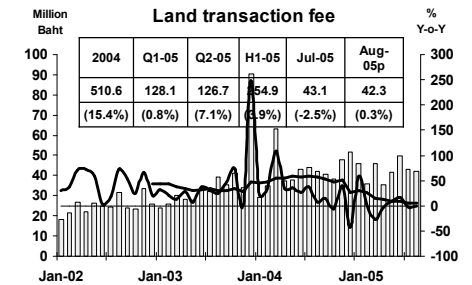
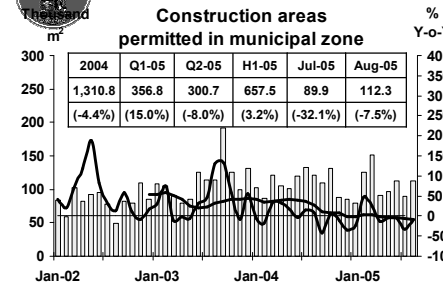
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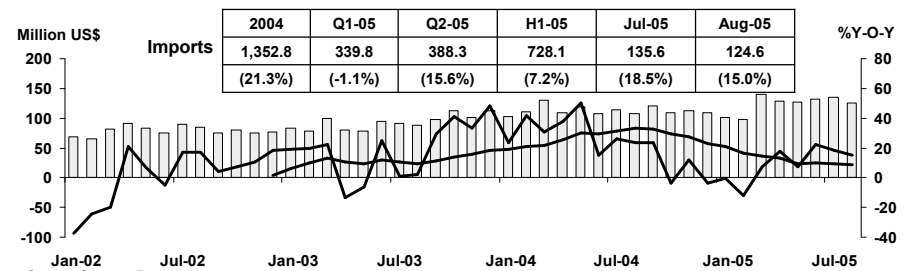
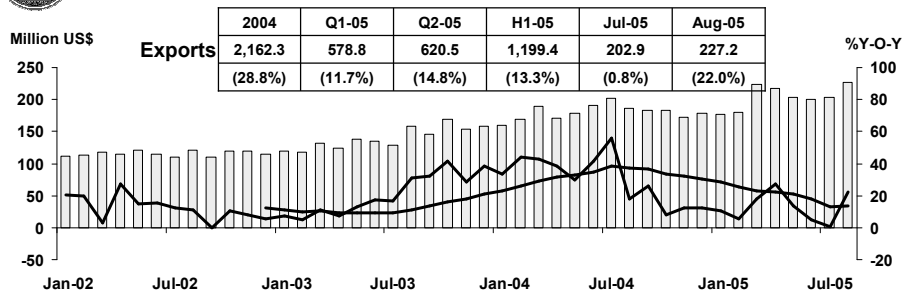
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FOREIGN TRADE

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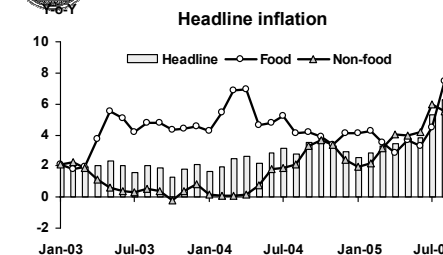
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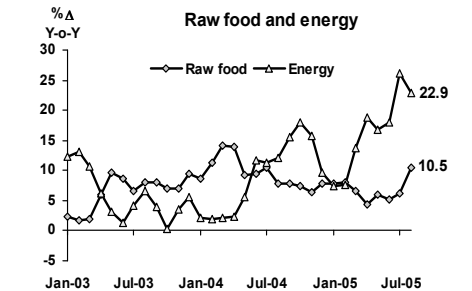
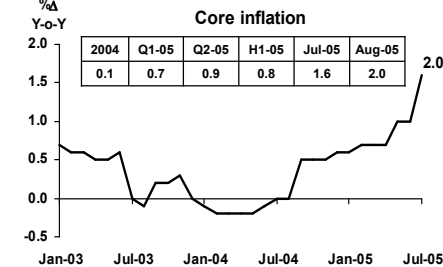
PRICE LEVEL

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Headline inflation (2002 = 100)

%Δ Y-o-Y	2004	Q1-05	Q2-05	H1-05	Jul-05	Aug-05
Headline	2.8	2.9	3.7	3.3	5.3	6.3
Food	4.8	3.9	3.2	3.6	4.5	7.5
Non-food	1.7	2.4	4.1	3.3	6.0	5.5



Sources: Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices, Ministry of Commerce
Note: Northern region's Core CPI data has been released since January 2002

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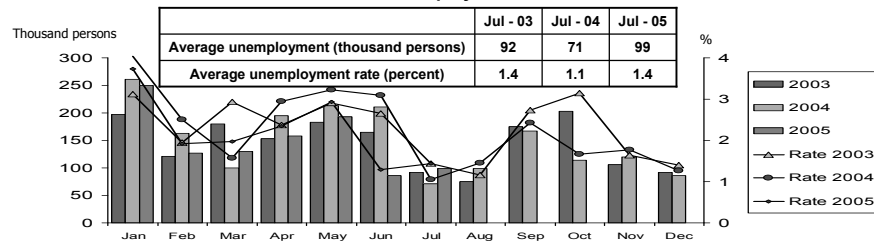


LABOR FORCE SURVEY

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	% of Total Labor Force (as of Jul 2005)	2004 (Δ %)	H1-04 (Δ %)	H2-04 (Δ %)	Q1-05 (Δ %)	Jun-05 (Δ %)	Jul-05 (Δ %)
Labor Force (1,000 Persons)	100.0	6,787	6,849	6,787	6,629	6,638	6,838
Employed persons	98.4	3.6	10.2	3.6	3.9	-1.6	0.3
• Agriculture	48.3	-3.8	11.7	-3.8	2.7	-6.9	-3.9
• Non-agriculture	50.1	13.0	8.6	13.0	4.8	4.1	4.7
- Wholesale & retail trade	14.0	26.2	27.3	26.2	4.6	-7.5	3.8
- Manufacturing	9.6	16.6	32.5	16.6	20.1	-14.7	5.4
- Construction	7.5	4.5	-20.2	4.5	-15.1	34.1	16.2
- Hotel & restaurants Services	5.9	-2.5	-27.7	-2.5	10.7	83.4	11.1
- Others	13.1	8.8	0.9	8.8	5.1	4.2	-2.8
Unemployed persons	1.4	-6.5	28.2	-6.5	30.9	-59.3	38.3
Seasonally inactive persons	0.2	-4.0	-72.0	-4.0	16.2	156.9	58.7

Unemployment



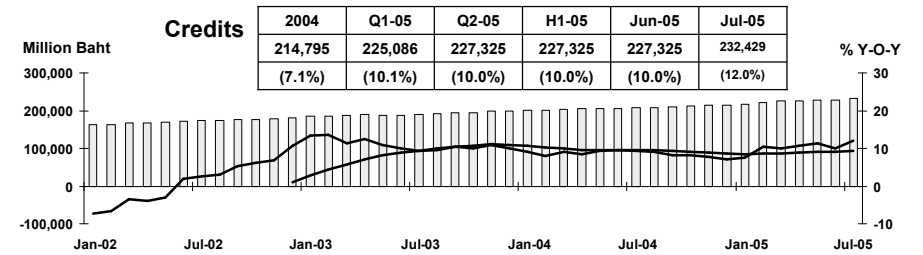
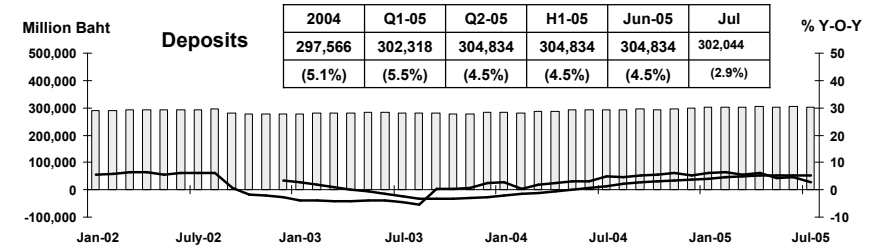
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DEPOSITS AND CREDITS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

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