



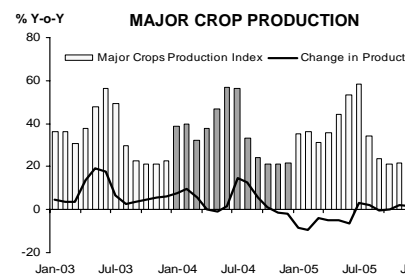
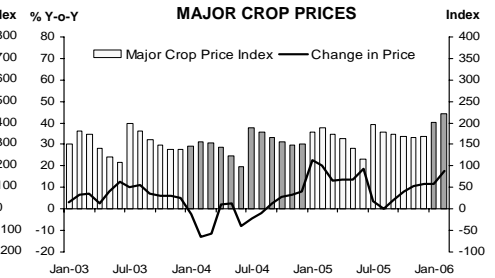
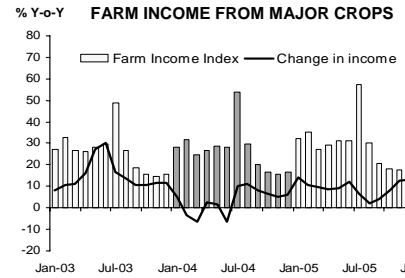
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FARM INCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS



CHANGE IN FARMCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS, MAJOR CROP PRODUCTION AND MAJOR CROP PRICES

△ % (Y-O-Y)	2004	2005	2005		2006	
			H1	Q3	Jan	Feb
Farm Income	3.8%	10.1%	10.2%	3.9%	6.8%	12.3%
Production	1.8%	-1.0%	-6.0%	1.2%	-4.8%	-5.2%
Price	2.0%	11.1%	16.2%	2.7%	11.6%	17.5%

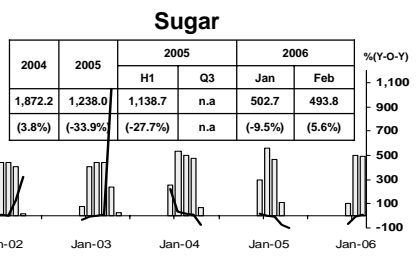
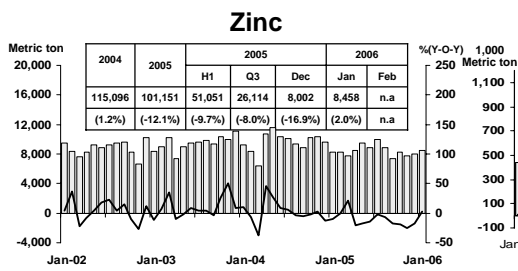
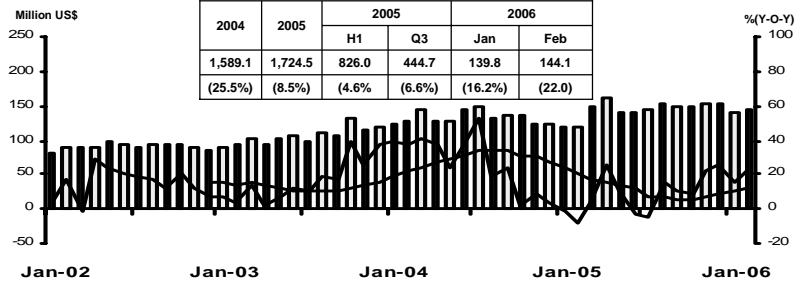
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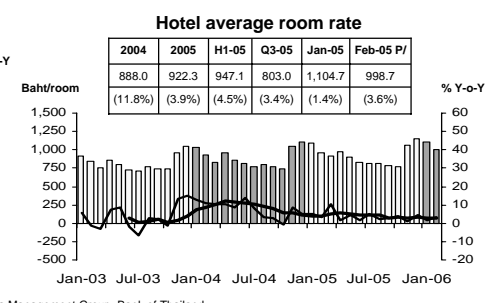
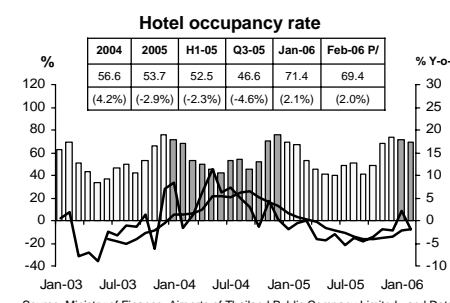
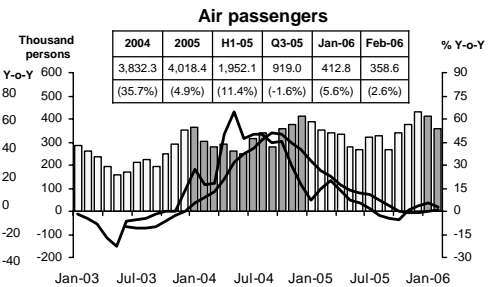
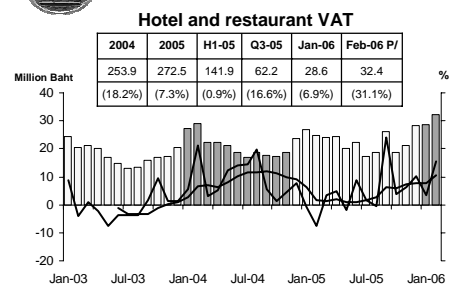
Export value by Lumphun Customs House



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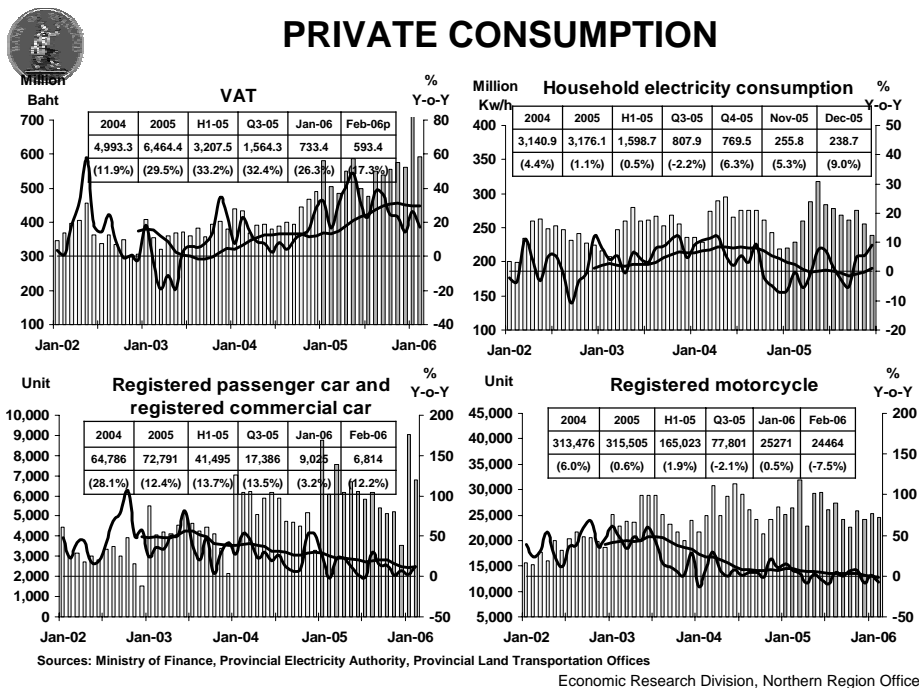


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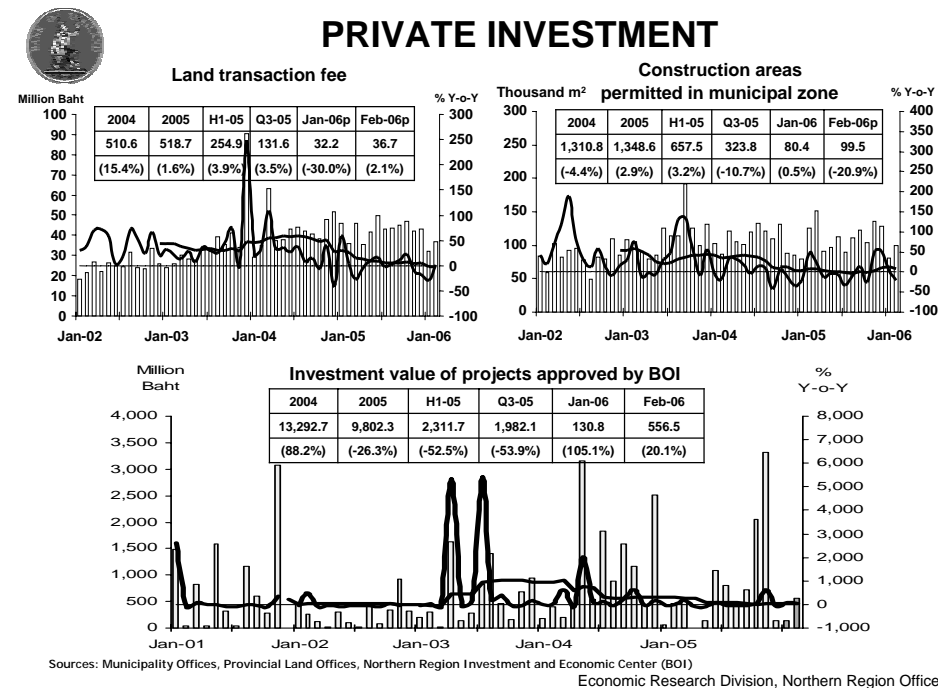


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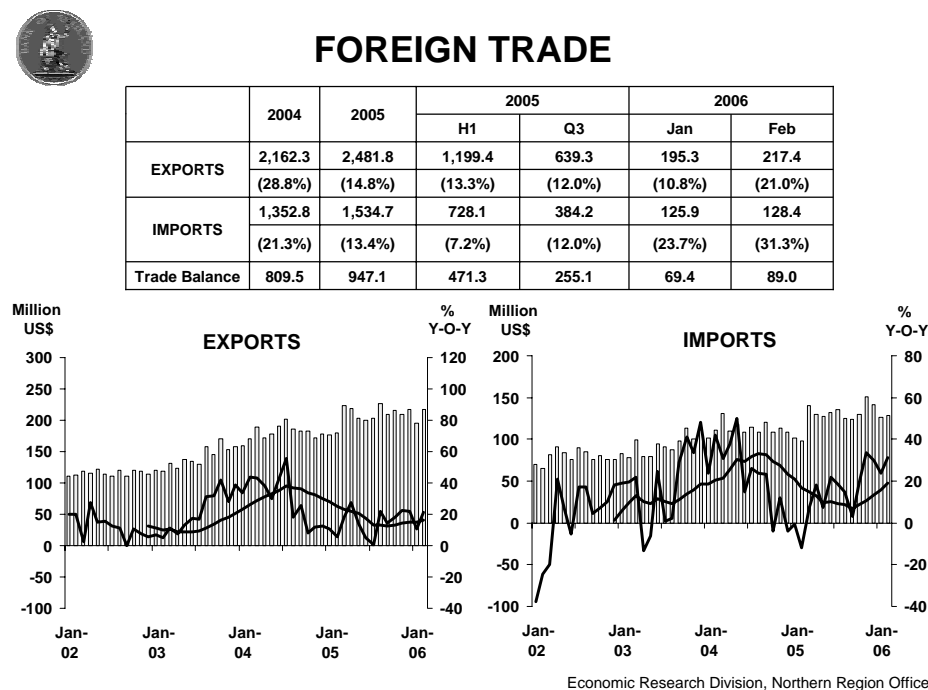
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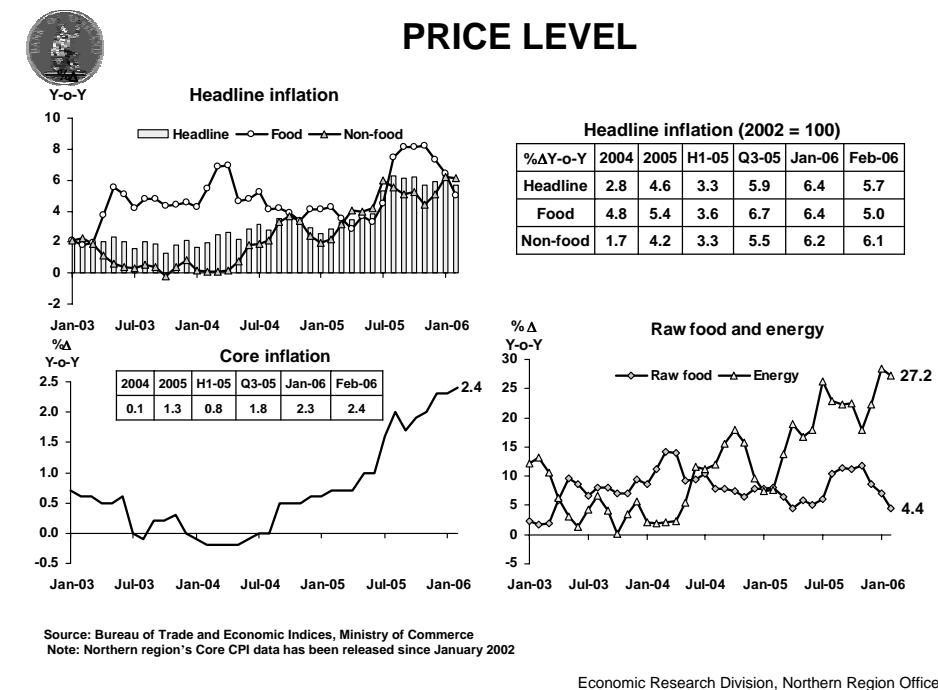
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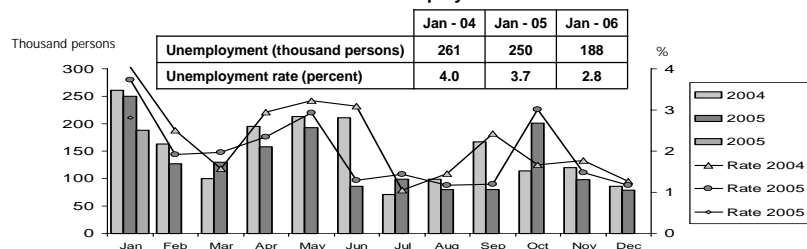




LABOR FORCE SURVEY

	% of Total Labor Force (as of Jan 2006)	2004 (Δ %)	H1-05 (Δ %)	Q3-05 (Δ %)	Dec-05 (Δ %)	Jan-06 (Δ %)
Labor Force (1,000 Persons)	100.0	6,787	6,638	6,660	6,705	6,677
Employed persons	96.7	3.6	-1.6	-2.3	-0.7	1.4
• Agriculture	46.4	-3.8	-6.9	-0.2	0.5	6.2
• Non-agriculture	50.3	13.0	4.1	-4.4	-2.1	-2.7
- Wholesale & retail trade	13.8	26.2	-7.5	-5.6	-4.2	0.0
- Manufacturing	11.9	16.6	-14.7	-15.3	-14.5	11.6
- Construction	5.8	4.5	34.1	-9.3	8.2	-18.1
- Hotel & restaurants Services	5.4	-2.5	83.4	28.5	9.0	0.5
- Others	13.3	8.8	4.2	-1.1	2.0	-9.4
Unemployed persons	2.8	-6.5	-59.3	-52.1	-7.7	-24.9
Seasonally inactive persons	0.5	-4.0	156.9	91.7	-81.9	-52.2

Unemployment

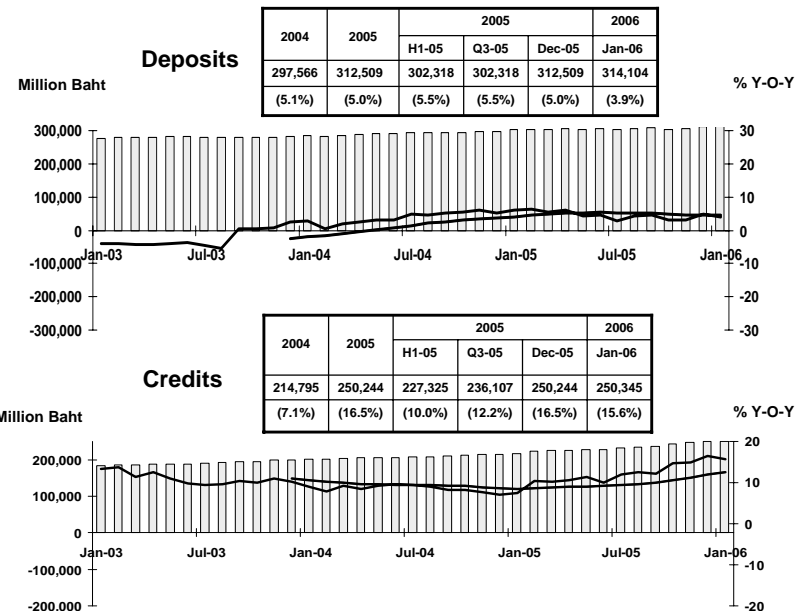


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DEPOSITS AND CREDITS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS



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