

## NORTHERN REGION OF THAILAND


**Table Attached to Press Release on Northern Region Economic Conditions  
in March 2007 and in the First Quarter of 2007**

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	Unit	2006		2006				2007		
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>1. Agriculture</b>										
- Major crop prices										
Major Rice 5%	Baht/Metric ton	6,413.2 (1.4)	6,318.4 (1.1)	6,900.0 -	- -	6,314.1 (-2.4)	6,226.7 (-1.5)	6,260.5 (-2.0)	6,324.0 (1.2)	6,095.6 -
Glutinous	Baht/Metric ton	8,024.8 (29.3)	6,296.0 (4.1)	7,611.3 (20.7)	8,825.3 (38.0)	9,366.7 (54.3)	10,609.9 (68.5)	10,237.0 (74.7)	10,778.0 (70.7)	10,814.7 (61.1)
Second Rice 14-15%	Baht/Metric ton	6,484.0 (0.2)	- -	6,126.8 (-3.5)	6,756.5 (3.7)	6,023.5 (-11.4)	6,210.0 -	- -	- -	6,210.0 -
Sugarcane	Baht/Metric ton	893.0 (19.8)	893.0 (19.8)	893.0 (19.8)	- -	855.2 (3.6)	913.6 (2.3)	883.0 (2.7)	902.5 (2.2)	913.6 (2.3)
Cassava	Baht/Kilogram	1.1 (-15.3)	1.3 (-1.5)	1.1 (-19.5)	1.1 (-20.9)	0.9 (-19.2)	1.0 (-17.2)	0.9 (-23.4)	1.1 (-15.9)	1.1 (-12.6)
Maize 14%	Baht/Kilogram	5.3 (8.7)	4.7 (-5.5)	5.5 (12.1)	5.5 (10.0)	5.7 (18.5)	6.9 (46.1)	6.5 (36.9)	7.0 (49.3)	7.1 (52.3)
Soybean	Baht/Kilogram	10.2 (-1.5)	10.4 (-7.7)	10.0 (-5.1)	10.4 (-0.4)	10.4 (6.0)	10.9 (4.6)	- -	- -	10.9 (4.6)
Garlic	Baht/Kilogram	36.7 (55.7)	26.7 (16.3)	29.2 (41.4)	37.6 (74.4)	53.5 (84.3)	39.4 (47.3)	54.0 (98.5)	29.8 (10.7)	34.3 (31.6)
Shallot	Baht/Kilogram	24.9 (38.9)	17.1 (95.0)	24.7 (63.7)	29.4 (32.6)	28.3 (10.4)	10.9 (-36.4)	18.1 (17.7)	8.8 (-51.4)	5.7 (-67.9)
Longan	Baht/Kilogram	9.5 (28.8)	- -	- -	9.5 (28.8)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Lychee	Baht/Kilogram	9.9 (2.5)	- -	9.9 (2.5)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
<b>2. Manufacturing</b>										
- Value of export goods passed through Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	1,951.9 (14.0)	460.3 (19.3)	499.1 (16.5)	499.8 (12.4)	492.7 (8.6)	479.7 (4.2)	142.5 (1.9)	147.6 (-2.4)	189.6 1/ (-7.5)
- Sugar production	'000 metric tons	1,593.1 (28.7)	1,315.0 (15.6)	6.0 (416.0)	0.0 (0.0)	272.2 (173.9)	1,645.7 (25.2)	582.1 (15.8)	565.0 (14.4)	498.6 (56.5)
- Zinc production	Metric tons	97,131 (-4.0)	23,248 (-4.3)	25,676 (-4.1)	24,217 (-7.3)	23,990 (0.0)	20,932 (-10.0)	7,856 (-7.1)	7,786 (-8.1)	5,290 (-16.3)
<b>3. Services</b>										
- VAT collected from hotels and restaurants	Million baht	304.6 (11.8)	89.3 (18.6)	70.7 (6.1)	61.7 (-0.8)	83.0 (21.2)	118.2 (32.3)	43.1 (50.7)	41.8 (27.1)	33.3 P/ (19.5)
- Air passenger	'000 persons	4,217.0 (4.9)	1,111.5 (3.2)	907.6 (3.7)	926.1 (0.8)	1,271.8 (10.9)	1,132.3 (1.9)	484.9 (17.5)	339.9 (-5.2)	307.5 (-9.6)
- Service business electricity usage	Million kw-h	268.0 (7.1)	62.5 (10.9)	69.4 (3.3)	68.4 (5.5)	67.6 (9.4)	39.6 2/ (2.8)	20.9 (8.6)	18.7 (-3.0)	n.a. -
- Hotel average occupancy rate	Percent	54.9	64.7	41.1	45.5	68.2	66.6	79.1	69.6	50.9
- Hotel average room rate	Baht/room-night	948.6 (3.2)	1,016.3 (2.5)	915.9 (1.5)	828.7 (3.2)	1,033.6 (5.4)	1,042.1 (2.5)	1,155.8 (4.6)	1,016.4 (0.2)	954.0 (2.7)
<b>4. Private Consumption</b>										
- VAT collected from all types of businesses	Million Baht	7,857.7 (21.6)	1,959.6 (24.7)	1,967.0 (20.2)	1,902.3 (21.6)	2,028.8 (13.2)	2,126.1 (8.5)	817.4 (11.4)	673.6 (10.5)	635.0 P/ (3.0)
- Registered motorcycle	Units	300,202 (-4.9)	80,204 (-4.0)	85,932 (5.5)	73,610 (-5.4)	60,456 (-16.8)	64,015 (-20.2)	25,488 (1.4)	17,872 (-26.6)	20,655 (-32.8)
- Registered cars	Units	68,023 (-6.6)	22,942 (2.5)	18,979 (-0.7)	15,228 (-12.4)	10,874 (-21.8)	21,380 (-6.8)	9,437 (7.0)	5,838 (-13.0)	6,105 (-17.6)
- Household electrical usage	Million kw-h	3,298.2 (3.8)	748.4 (5.4)	885.1 (-0.4)	846.2 (4.7)	818.4 (6.4)	461.3 2/ (0.3)	233.3 (-0.3)	228.0 (0.9)	n.a. -
<b>5. Private Investment</b>										
- Construction areas permitted in municipal zone	'000 Square meters	1,144.8 (-15.1)	276.6 (-22.5)	255.7 (-15.0)	322.5 (-0.4)	290.0 (-21.1)	331.9 (20.0)	109.5 (36.2)	149.3 (104.4)	73.2 (-40.6)
- Land transaction fees	Million Baht	483.6 (-6.8)	112.4 (-12.3)	111.4 (-12.1)	130.9 (-0.5)	128.9 (-2.5)	106.6 (-5.1)	33.3 (3.8)	32.6 (-12.4)	40.7 (-5.5)

Notes : The figures in parentheses represent percentage change from the same period last year (% change year-on-year)

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- BOI's approved project										
Number	Projects	56	18	13	13	12	24	10	4	10
Investment value	Million Baht	(0.0)	(20.0)	(30.0)	(0.0)	(-33.3)	(33.3)	(233.3)	(-60.0)	(100.0)
		5,943.1	1,681.5	1,739.9	1,272.8	1,248.9	3,494.3	2,608.3	557.5	328.5
		(-39.4)	(57.5)	(39.9)	(-35.8)	(-77.3)	(109.5)	(1,894.1)	(-50.9)	(-20.8)
<b>6. Foreign Trade</b>										
- Exports passed through customs houses in northern region	Million US\$	2,648.6	663.7	669.8	656.9	658.2	645.3	205.6	196.9	242.8
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(7.2)	(14.7)	(10.0)	(2.7)	(2.4)	(-2.8)	(5.3)	(-9.5)	(-3.3)
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	161.0	49.6	50.2	33.2	28.0	36.0	10.2	12.6	13.2
Border trade	Million US\$	(-17.5)	(53.4)	(-2.9)	(-53.5)	(-29.3)	(-27.3)	(4.7)	(-28.1)	(-40.7)
Myanmar	Million US\$	1,951.9	460.3	499.1	499.8	492.7	461.5	142.5	139.9	179.1
Southern China	Million US\$	(14.0)	(19.3)	(16.5)	(12.4)	(8.6)	(0.3)	(1.9)	(-2.9)	(1.6)
Laos	Million US\$	535.7	153.9	120.5	123.9	137.5	147.8	52.9	44.4	50.5
Trade Balance	Million US\$	(-4.7)	(-4.4)	(-6.2)	(0.6)	(-8.1)	(-4.0)	(15.7)	(-20.4)	(-3.6)
- Imports passed through customs houses in northern region	Million US\$	389.6	120.2	92.1	85.5	91.8	115.1	37.9	36.7	40.5
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(-7.2)	(-4.0)	(-11.5)	(-1.0)	(-11.7)	(-4.2)	(6.8)	(-16.0)	(-1.2)
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	108.2	24.5	18.5	29.5	35.7	22.8	11.0	4.8	7.0
Border trade	Million US\$	(6.3)	(-9.7)	(8.6)	(12.9)	(13.5)	(-6.9)	(35.2)	(-45.6)	(-6.8)
Myanmar	Million US\$	37.9	9.2	9.9	8.8	9.9	9.8	3.9	2.9	3.0
Southern China	Million US\$	(-6.9)	(6.8)	(35.2)	(-16.9)	(-29.7)	(7.3)	(91.4)	(-10.6)	(-22.2)
Laos	Million US\$	1,715.9	415.4	427.3	439.8	433.5	386.3	137.1	111.5	137.7
Trade Balance	Million US\$	(11.8)	(22.2)	(10.0)	(14.5)	(2.6)	(-7.0)	(8.9)	(-13.2)	(-14.5)
- Exports	Million US\$	70.1	18.2	17.8	14.4	19.8	17.8	8.6	3.6	5.5
- Imports	Million US\$	(171.6)	(258.0)	(182.8)	(140.1)	(133.9)	(-2.3)	(253.0)	(-47.5)	(-37.8)
- Trade Balance	Million US\$	1,543.6	375.1	383.8	402.2	382.6	343.0	118.0	102.0	122.9
		(7.8)	(19.1)	(5.7)	(11.1)	(-2.2)	(-8.5)	(0.4)	(-10.1)	(-14.6)
		102.2	22.2	25.7	23.2	31.2	25.6	10.4	5.9	9.3
		(31.8)	(12.3)	(35.5)	(42.7)	(37.9)	(15.2)	(75.1)	(-26.7)	(12.8)
		53.1	12.1	15.7	12.2	13.1	14.9	6.3	3.3	5.3
		(49.1)	(2.7)	(56.6)	(93.2)	(75.2)	(23.1)	(137.6)	(-31.4)	(13.2)
		28.6	4.1	4.9	8.0	11.6	4.3	2.0	1.0	1.3
		(5.3)	(7.1)	(-8.6)	(15.3)	(5.0)	(4.5)	(19.3)	(-24.7)	(18.6)
		20.5	6.0	5.1	3.0	6.5	6.4	2.1	1.6	2.7
		(38.9)	(44.5)	(41.9)	(-0.2)	(59.0)	(6.5)	(29.2)	(-16.4)	(9.5)
- Trade Balance	Million US\$	932.7	248.3	242.5	217.1	224.7	259.0	68.5	85.4	105.1
<b>7. Price Level</b>										
- Headline inflation	Percent		<i>(% Change from the same period last year)</i>							
Food	Percent	4.7	5.9	6.1	3.6	3.4	2.2	2.9	2.1	1.6
Non-food	Percent	6.0	5.9	6.8	4.2	7.2	5.4	7.2	5.6	3.4
- Core inflation (exclude raw food and energy)	Percent	3.9	5.9	5.6	3.2	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.5
	Percent	1.9	2.3	2.5	1.7	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
<b>8. Banking</b>										
- Commercial banks' deposits	Billion Baht	328.7	320.9	327.5	334.0	328.7	n.a.	330.3	342.5	n.a.
- Commercial banks' credits	Billion Baht	(5.2)	(6.1)	(7.5)	(8.1)	(5.2)	-	5.2	7.3	-
- Credits/Deposits	Percent	274.5	255.4	258.6	264.5	274.5	n.a.	273.4	272.9	n.a.
	Percent	(9.7)	(13.5)	(13.8)	(12.0)	(9.7)	-	9.2	8.4	-
	Percent	83.5	79.6	79.0	79.2	83.5	n.a.	82.8	79.7	n.a.

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