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Statistics of Interbank Cheque Cleared in Bangkok and Metropolitan area as of May 2000.

In May 2000, volume of interbank cheque cleared in Bangkok and metropolitan area were 4,844,883 items with value of 1,245.48 billion baht, increased by percent 30.1 and 17.4 from previous month. The average of volume of cleared cheque was 230,709 items per day increased by 5.32 percent from last month, but the average value of cleared cheque was slightly declined by 4.93 percent. Even though securities trading in The Stock Exchange of Thailand decreased in this month, it did not affect volume of cheque, trading in Thai Bond Dealing Center (Thai BDC) was quite increased due to many institutes and private sector issued debt instruments. Investors moved investment from SET to Thai BDC because they would get more profit and low risk.

The total returned cheque in Bangkok and metropolitan area was 127,745 items with the total value of 13.04 billion baht or 2.64 percent and 1.05 percent of volume and value of cleared cheque respectively. When comparing with previous month, the ratio of volume of returned cheque was quite declined, but the ratio of value of returned cheque was slightly increased.

The number of returned cheque because of not enough fund which caused from 3 reasons as follows; "insufficient funds", "refer to drawer" and "not arranged for" in May 2000 were 73,258 items with the total value of 6.04 billion baht or 1.51 percent and 0.49 percent of volume and value of cleared cheque.

In this month, cheque that was cleared outside Bangkok and metropolitan area was 1,725,774 items and total value was 131.42 billion baht increased 31.66 percent and 19.40 percent from last month respectively. The average volume of provincial cheque was 82,180 items per day with value of 6.26 billion baht per day. When comparing the last month, volume of cleared provincial cheque was increased but value of those was slightly declined.

Since 10 March 2000, commercial banks and BOT agreed to shift the interbank payment transactions from cheque to BAHTNET, the volume and value of interbank transactions via BAHTNET were still increased. The total volume was 59,064 transactions with value of 5,279.64 billion baht. The average volume and value of interbank payment were 2,813 transactions and 251.4 billion baht per day.

Volume and value of BAHTNET transactions and cheque

Month	BAHTNET Fund transfer transaction		Cleared cheque in Bangkok and metropolitan area (ECS)		Cleared cheque in other provinces	
	Volume	value	Volume	value	volume	Value
April 2000 (17 days)	43,992	4,386,027	3,724,111	1,060,549	1,310,826	110,065
Average / day	2,588	258,002	219,065	62,385	77,107	6,474
May 2000 (21 days)	59,064	5,279,641	4,844,883	1,245,480	1,725,774	131,422
Average / day	2,813	251,411	230,709	59,309	82,180	6,258
+ / -	34.26%	20.37%	30.10%	17.44%	31.66%	19.40%

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