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### **External Debt Position in June 2001**

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) recently reported that Thailand's external debt as of June 2001 continued to decline.

BOT announced that at end-June 2001, the total external debt outstanding was US\$ 73.2 billion, decreased by US\$ 1.6 billion when compared to that of end-May 2001. The decrease was due to the private external debt repayments, the depreciation of Japanese Yen, and the BOT's external debt repayments.

The private external debt outstanding was US\$ 42.3 billion, declined by US\$ 0.5 billion from the previous month. This was due to debt repayments of non-banking sectors, mainly from the matured long-term debt repayments in services business and petroleum exploration business as well as the redemption of matured long-term debt instruments in food and beverage industries. The debt of banking sector increased slightly to almost the same level as that in the previous month.

The public external debt outstanding was US\$ 31.0 billion, decreased by US\$ 1.1 billion from the previous month. The decrease was due to the depreciation of Japanese Yen and the BOT's external debt repayments.

As for the structure of the external debt, the ratio of long-term to short-term debts stood at 80:20, while the ratio of private to public debts remained at 58:42.

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