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### **The fifth Luangta Mahabua's donation**

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) recently announced that it received the fifth donation from Luangta Mahabua at the Government House, on 26 September 2001, at 9.30 a.m.. The donation were 145 bars of gold weighted 1,812.5 kg., and cash of 400,000 US dollars.

In this occasion, Dr.Thaksin Shinawatra, the Prime Minister presided over the ceremony. He received the donation from Luangta Mahabua and handed it to the BOT Governor to fulfil the donators' wish. The donation has been deposited in the BOT's Note Issuance Group's account.

Since 1998, the BOT has received the donation from Luangta Mahabua for 4 times as follows :

**First time** : 6 July 1998, at the BOT

(M.R.Chatu Mongol Sonakul, the BOT Governor, received the donation)

US dollars                      1,278,000

**Second time** : 4 May 1999, at the BOT

(M.R.Chatu Mongol Sonakul, the BOT Governor, received the donation)

US dollars                      3,000,000

83 bars of gold                1,037.78 kg.

**Third time** : 21 April 2000, at Sanam Luang

(Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra, the Prime Minister, received the donation on behalf of the Government and handed it to the BOT)

US dollars                      1,000,000

82 bars of gold                1,025 kg.

**Fourth time** : 2 July 2001, at SangDham park

(M.R.Pridiyathorn Devakula, the BOT Governor, received the donation)

US dollars                      300,000

55 bars of gold                687.5 kg.

All the donated gold and cash above had been deposited in the national reserves on 28 June 2001 and 27 July 2001 to fulfil all Luangta Mahabua followers and donators' wish.

Therefore, including the fifth donation, the total amount of donated gold and cash deposited in the national reserves are 365 bars of gold, weighted 4,562.78 kg., and cash of the amount 5,978,000 US dollars.

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