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### **BOT hotline to facilitate retail investments in government bonds in the secondary market**

Mrs. Tasna Rajatabhothi, Senior Director, Financial Markets and Reserve Management Department announced today that the Bank of Thailand has set up a hotline to facilitate the purchase of government bonds in the secondary market by retail investors. BOT staff operating the hotline will provide information on bond prices as well as other relevant information to help retail investors access the government bonds in the secondary market. This is to assist retail investors who have no access to such information.

The hotline will be opened on Thursday 1st February 2001. Initially, the hotline will facilitate retail investors in the Bangkok metropolitan area who can call the Bank of Thailand to ask for the prices of the bonds quoted by primary dealers in the secondary market. BOT staff will facilitate the contacts between the retail investors and primary dealers.

Operators of the hotline will also provide information on debt instruments, computation of yield and prices, tax treatment as well as method of payments for the bonds. **The hotline number is 280-8445 and will be opened from 10.00-13.30 hours.** This will allow for some time, about two hours, for retail investors to further get in touch with the primary dealers before the closing of bank hours each day.

Should there be enquiries after these hours, BOT staff will provide general information, but the prices quoted that morning will no longer be valid for the investors for that day. Retail investors should call back on the days they wish to purchase the bonds. **BOT staff will provide information through the telephone services only, investors should not come to the BOT, as the BOT is not selling the bonds.**

The Bank of Thailand is confident that the hotline will accommodate the needs of retail investors seeking investment opportunities in government bonds in the secondary market, and provide access to the public to information that will assist them in making choices on savings instruments. These in turn will expand the investor base which would help with the overall development of the bond market.

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[Names of the Primary Dealers](#)