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### **The Operation of Bangkok International Banking Facilities (BIBF)**

Bank of Thailand (BOT) announced that the BIBF lending continued to decline.

At the end of March 2001, the outstanding loan was B414.8 billion, decreased by B95.2 billion or 18.7 percent compared to the same period last year. The main reason was the repayment of matured debt. The decrease of the Thai commercial banks' BIBF outstanding loan was B31.4 billion or 30.3 percent, compared to the previous year, accounting for the largest part of the reduction.

The Out-In and Out-Out outstanding loan stood at B371.2 billion and B43.6 billion, declined by B81.5 billion and B13.7 billion or 18 percent and 23.9 percent from March 2000, respectively.

At the end of March 2001, the business sector having the largest outstanding loan with the BIBF was the Manufacturing sector with the total loan of B215.5 billion, or 51.9 percent of the total BIBF outstanding. This was followed by Public Utilities and Finance and Banking sectors having outstanding loans of B62.2 billion and B51.4 billion, respectively, contributed to 15 and 12.4 percent of the total BIBF outstanding loan.

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