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### **Financial Assistance to Priority Economic Sectors in Q2 2001**

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) recently announced that the financial assistance to priority economic sectors during the second quarter (Q2) of year 2001 amounted to B48,658.18 million.

Mr. Oubaur Kruthanooch, the BOT deputy spokesperson, disclosed that during the second quarter of 2001 the BOT had provided financial assistance to priority economic sectors through financial institutions totaled B27,365.4 million. Together with additional loans provided by other financial institutions of 40 – 60 percent or B21,292.78 million, the outstanding amount of credit extension to the economic system totaled B48,658.18 million.

In this quarter, the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) received the largest amount of financial assistance from the BOT, totaled B13,810.6 million followed by agricultural products trading credits and animal husbandry totaled 1,436.92 million. Combined with additional loans from financial institutions, loans to the above mentioned business totaled B23,017.63 million and B2,456.82 million, respectively.

Moreover, the SMEs received BOT financial assistances in Q2 2001 through IFCT totaled B3,000 million, out of the BOT lending facility of B16,200 million provided to IFCT for relending to SMEs. Together with additional loans, the SMEs received the total loans of B5,000 million through IFCT.

As for the SMEs the BOT granted credit facility since the beginning of the project to end-June 2001 totaled B23,854.3 million for 5,958 SMEs. The amounts increased by B1,263.65 million and 323 SMEs, compared to the figures at end-March 2001.

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