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Announcement on the resumption of normal banking operations

Subsequent to the announcement of a bank holiday today, the Bank of Thailand would like to announce the followings.

1. Commercial banks will be opened for business as usual from 21st September 2006 onward and will be able to do normal banking businesses as usual.
2. While banks in Thailand have been closed for business today, the Bank of Thailand has been closely monitoring the movements of Thai Baht. The baht weakened overnight but has now stabilized to a satisfactory level.
3. Currently, major international financial markets, starting from those in Europe, are opening for business. Therefore to facilitate the Thai Baht transactions in the international financial markets, the Bank of Thailand is permitting both local and foreign financial institutions to resume trading of Thai baht effective immediately, with all payments and settlements beginning from 21st September 2006 onward.
4. The Bank of Thailand will be operating as normal from 21st September 2006.

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