

## Thailand National Economic and Social Development Plan, World events, Thai political economy and Thai rural development process

| <i>National Economic and Social Development plan</i>                                                                                     | <i>World events</i>                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Thai economy and politics</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>Thai rural development</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>1 (2504-09) 1961-66</b><br>Infrastructure development                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cold-War</li> <li>● development with dependency on loan and financial aid from foreign countries</li> </ul>                                         | Development of Infrastructure and Import-substitution industry                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Road, Dam, Electricity</li> <li>● expansion of crop areas, loss of natural resources,</li> <li>● “Community Development Department (2505)”</li> <li>● Office of Rural Development Acceleration (2509)</li> </ul>                                                                               |
| <b>2 (2510-14) 1967-71</b><br>Social and Human Resource development                                                                      | Cold-War                                                                                                                                                                                     | Development of Human Resource, Infrastructure and Import-substitution industry                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Low crop price,</li> <li>● “National Security Command” and formation of other strategic military office</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>3 (2515-19) 1972-76</b>                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First Oil Crisis (1973-74),</li> <li>● US defeated in Vietnam war (1975)</li> </ul>                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Import-substitution industry</li> <li>● start export-promotion development,</li> <li>● Democracy- internal conflict (1976)</li> <li>● Business/Money Politics</li> <li>Kukrit Pramoj (1975-76)</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● transfer money distributive policy (2518)</li> <li>● Bank of Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives, Agricultural Land Reform Office</li> <li>● Expansion of market for chicken export</li> <li>● Agro-business and contract farming</li> </ul>                                             |
| <b>4 (2520-24) 1977 – 81</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Security</li> <li>● initiate “New” development</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Second Oil Crisis ( 1979-80)</li> <li>● Acceleration of development in The Middle East</li> <li>● UN set up 200 miles territorial waters</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Internal conflict (until 2523)</li> <li>● US withdrew its army</li> <li>● Stagnation of import- substitution industry</li> <li>● lack of foreign currency, government have to borrow from abroad.</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crop land expansion slow down</li> <li>● Change structure of agriculture to fruits and vegetables, domestication of animals and fishes,</li> <li>● Job creation project in rural area</li> <li>● Rural people emigrate to work in the middle east</li> </ul>                                   |
| <b>5 (2525-29) 1982-86</b><br>Economic Restructuring, create balance and cooperation between public and private sectors                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continual Low crop price (1981-85),</li> <li>● Communist Regime Collapse</li> <li>● Plaza Accord (1985)</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students return from the forest, Semi-democracy</li> <li>● First Economic crisis and devaluation of Baht (1984)</li> <li>● Eastern Sea Board</li> <li>● joint public-private committee reduce export regulation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “Tambon” development plan, <a href="#">Tambon council</a>, Rural Development Plan ( not implemented due to insufficient government budget )</li> <li>● Focus change to industrial development,</li> <li>● <b>Low crop price</b></li> <li>● Initiation of Green Isaan project (2529)</li> </ul> |

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| <b>6 (2530-34 ) 1987-91</b><br>Adapt the plan towards infrastructure development and Competitiveness                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Privatization and liberalization</li> <li>• World economy recover and expand</li> <li>• Financial reform</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High rate of growth</li> <li>• way towards the Fifth tiger of Asia</li> <li>• Export from industrial sector higher than agricultural sector (1987)</li> <li>• change battle field to trade field</li> </ul>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional development stream</li> <li>• shrimp market expanding, Shrimp farming, mangrove forest were destroyed and depleted</li> </ul>                               |
| <b>7 (2535-39)1992-1996</b><br>Human Resource and Environment development, Stable economy                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globalisation</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• WTO (1995)</li> </ul>                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Bloody May” (1992) The End? Of military dictatorship</li> <li>• New trends of decentralization-political reform and civil participation</li> <li>• Bubble Economy</li> <li>• Bangkok International Banking Facility (BIBF)</li> </ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in Natural Resource and environment preservation</li> <li>• Speculation- trading of agricultural land</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>The result of former seven plans : Good Economy , Social problem, Unsustainable development ( NESDB 1997 )</b>                                      |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>8 (2540-44)1997-2001</b><br>New paradigm in development, Human Resource Development , Sustainable development, development with civil participation | Globalisation                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Economic crisis, floating of baht in 2 July 1997</li> <li>• 1997 People’s constitution</li> <li>• independent organization such as National Economic and Social Advisory Council (NESAC)</li> <li>• Negative growth rate</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Investment Fund (SIF) project</li> <li>• Miyasawa plan</li> <li>• development of local community</li> <li>• Negative growth in agricultural sector</li> </ul> |
| <b>9 (2545-2549)2002-06</b><br>Human Resource Development, Participation                                                                               | Globalisation                                                                                                                                                | Economic Recovery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Development of grass-root economy                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>10 (2550-2554) 2007-11</b>                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |