

Thai Government Organizational Directory

1. Office of the Prime Minister

Besides the ministers responsible for each ministry, there is a number of deputy prime ministers taking charge of various responsibilities undertaken by the Office of the Prime Minister which in itself ranks as a ministry. The Prime Minister's Office is largely concerned with formulating the national policy. One of its primary subdivisions, the Budget Bureau, prepares the nation's annual budget. The National Economic and Social Development Board lays out longer term development planning. The Office of the Council of State provides expert assistance in drafting laws and gives ruling on questions concerning administrative law. It remains quite distinct from the Justice Ministry, which administers laws after they are promulgated. Several other organizations, such as Office of the Civil Service Commission and the Public Relations Department also fall under the responsibility of the Prime Minister's Office.

- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *The Public Relations Department*
- ◆ *Office of the Consumer Protection Board*

Offices Directly accountable to the Minister

- ◆ *The Secretariat of the Prime Minister*
- ◆ *The Secretariat of the Cabinet*
- ◆ *The Bureau of the Budget*
- ◆ *Office of National Security Council*
- ◆ *Office of the Council State*
- ◆ *Office of the Civil Service Commission*
- ◆ *Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board*

2. Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives

The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is responsible for the activities on research and development of agriculture, forestry, water resource and irrigation system development, agricultural extension and farmer development, cooperative promotion and development, including production process of agricultural commodities.

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of The Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Royal Irrigation Department*
- ◆ *Department of Cooperative Auditing*
- ◆ *Department of Fisheries*
- ◆ *Department of Livestock Development*
- ◆ *Royal Forest Department*
- ◆ *Department of Land Development*
- ◆ *Department of Agriculture*
- ◆ *Department of Agricultural Extension*
- ◆ *Cooperative Promotion Department*
- ◆ *Office of Agricultural Land Reform*
- ◆ *Office of Agricultural Economics*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *Forest Industry Organization*
- ◆ *Rubber Estate Organization*
- ◆ *Fish Marketing Organization*
- ◆ *Dairy Farming Promotion Organization*
- ◆ *Office of the Rubber Replanting Aid Fund*
- ◆ *Thai Plywood Company Limited*

- ◆ *Marketing Organization for Farmers*

3. Ministry of Commerce

1. *To deal with the Minister s' official and political matters.*
2. *To supervise and follow the Government's policies assigned.*
3. *To inspect, monitor, and perform duties in accordance with the Minister's policies.*
4. *To coordinate with various departments and organizations both within and outside the Ministry.*

- ◆ *Office of the Secretary to the Ministry*
- ◆ *Department of Foreign Trade*
- ◆ *Department of Commercial Registration*
- ◆ *Department of Business Economics*
- ◆ *Department of Intellectual Property*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Commerce*
- ◆ *Department of Internal Trade*
- ◆ *Department of Export Promotion*
- ◆ *Department of Insurance*
- ◆ *Public Warehouse Organization*

4. Ministry of Culture

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *The Religious Affairs Department*
- ◆ *The Fine Arts Department*
- ◆ *Office of the National Culture Commission*
- ◆ *Office of the Contemporary Arts*

Autonomous Public Companies

- ◆ *Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Center (Public Organization)*

5. Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Defence has the legal authority and obligation to protect the Kingdom's integrity from both internal and external threats. This shall be achieved by the mobilization and retention of the armed forces so that they are capable of defeating enemies in combats and wars; upholding the monarchy institution; suppressing rebels and social unrests; facilitating the Kingdom's development; and safeguarding the Kingdom's other interests as stipulated and operating certain industries as well as energy sources upon which its legal obligation to defend the Kingdom's depends.

The decision to use armed forces in carrying out the aforementioned missions shall be under the authority of Ministry of Defence-except that of suppressing rebels and social unrests which shall also be approve by the Cabinet's resolution.

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Royal Adie-de-Camp Department*
- ◆ *Supreme Command Headquarters*
 - *Royal Thai Army*
 - *Royal Thai Navy*
 - *Royal Thai Air Force*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *The Battery Organization*
- ◆ *The Tanning Organization*

6. Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education is responsible for the management of most levels and types of education in the country: from pre-primary to secondary and some post-secondary education for instance, teacher education, technical and vocational education. In addition, it also supervises private schools at all levels except the universities.

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Office of Non-formal Education*
- ◆ *Department of Physical Education*
- ◆ *Department of Curriculum and Instruction Development*
- ◆ *Department of General Education*
- ◆ *Department of Vocational Education*
- ◆ *Rajamangala Institute of Technology Office of the President*
- ◆ *Office of the National Primary Education Commission*
- ◆ *Office of the Private Education Commission*
- ◆ *Office of the Teacher Civil Service Commission*
- ◆ *Office of the National Culture Commission*
- ◆ *The Office of Rajabhat Institutes Council*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *The Teachers Council of Thailand*
- ◆ *Kurusapa Business Organization*

7. Ministry of Energy

The Ministry of Energy is charged with energy procurement, development and management, including other tasks stipulated in relevant legislation as authority and duties of the Ministry or its departments.

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency (DEDP)*
- ◆ *Department of Energy Business (DOEB)*
- ◆ *Department of Mineral Fuels (DMF)*
- ◆ *Energy Policy and Planning Office (EPPO)*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT)*

Autonomous Public Companies

- ◆ *PTT Public Company Limited (PTT)*
- ◆ *Bangchak Petroleum Public Company Limited (BCP)*

8. Ministry of Finance

Role and responsibilities of the Finance Ministry have been developed over time along with a series of the nation's development schemes. As current defined in the Public Administration Act, the Ministry is empowered to oversee various matters concerning public finance, taxation, treasury, Government property, operations of Government monopolies, revenue-generating enterprises which can be legally operated only by the Government and not under the purview of other Government bodies, as well as other organizations to which the Government has contractual

obligations. It is also vested with the power to provide loan guarantees for the Government, agencies, financial institutions, and state enterprises

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *The Fiscal Policy Office*
- ◆ *The Treasury Department*
- ◆ *The Comptroller-General's Department*
- ◆ *The Customs Department*
- ◆ *The Excise Department*
- ◆ *The Revenue Department*
- ◆ *Public Debt Management Office*
- ◆ *Office of the State Enterprise and Government Securities*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *Krung Thai Bank Public Company Limited*
- ◆ *The Government Savings Bank*
- ◆ *The Government Housing Bank*
- ◆ *The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives*
- ◆ *The Export-Import Bank Of Thailand*
- ◆ *Thailand Tobacco Monopoly*
- ◆ *Government Lottery Bureau*
- ◆ *Playing Cards Factory*
- ◆ *Liquor Distillery Organization*
- ◆ *The Syndicate of Thai Hotels and Tourist Enterprises*
- ◆ *The Bangchak Petroleum Public Company Limited*

9. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the authority to conduct foreign affairs and other affairs as designated by law as the Ministry of Foreign or its agencies

- ◆ *Office of the Minister -*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary -*
- ◆ *Department of Consular Affairs*
- ◆ *Department of Protocol*
- ◆ *Department of European Affairs*
- ◆ *Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation*
- ◆ *Department of International Economic Affairs*
- ◆ *Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs*
- ◆ *Department of Information*
- ◆ *Department of International Organizations*
- ◆ *Department of American and South Pacific Affairs*
- ◆ *Department of ASEAN Affairs*
- ◆ *Department of East Asian Affairs*
- ◆ *Department of South Asian Middle East and African Affairs*

10. Ministry of Industry

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Department of Industrial Works*
- ◆ *Department of Industrial Promotion*
- ◆ *Department of Basic Industries and Mines*
- ◆ *Office of Sugarcane and Sugar Commission*
- ◆ *Office of Industrial Economic*

- ◆ *Thai Industrial Standards Institute*

Directly Accountable to the Minister

- ◆ *Office of the Board of Investment*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *The Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand*
- ◆ *Narayana Phand Company Ltd.*
- ◆ *Petroleum Authority of Thailand*

11. Ministry of Information and Communications Technology

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *The Meteorological Department*
- ◆ *National Statistical Office*
- ◆ *The Post and Telegraph Department*

State Enterprise

- ◆ *The Communication Authority of Thailand*

Autonomous Public Companies

- ◆ *TOT Corporation Public Company limited*

12. Ministry of Interior

The Ministry of Interior has authorities and responsibilities concerned with “remedies for the sufferings and nourishment for the needy” as follows:

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Department of Provincial Administration*
- ◆ *Department of Lands*
- ◆ *Department of Community Development*
- ◆ *Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation*
- ◆ *Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning*
- ◆ *Department of Local Administration*

13. Ministry of Justice

The Ministry of Justice is the main mechanism in dealing with the justice process. The Mission of the Ministry of Justice are:

- *To develop the law and the administrative process with transparency*
- *To protect the rights and liberties of the people*
- *To assist and provide the knowledge of law to the people*
- *To protect, prevent, correct and rehabilitate drug-addicts*
- *To enforce in civil cases and criminal cases*
- *To rehabilitate the offenders*

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Office of the Attorney General*
- ◆ *Anti-Money Laundering Office*
- ◆ *Office of Narcotics Control Board*
- ◆ *Internal Auditing Unit*
- ◆ *Administration Development Unit*
- ◆ *Office of General Inspection Committee for the Ministry of Justice*
- ◆ *Office of Justice Affairs*
- ◆ *Legal Execution Department*

- ◆ *Special Investigation Department*
- ◆ *Forensic Science Institution*
- ◆ *Rights and Liberties Protection Department*
- ◆ *Probation Department*
- ◆ *Observation and Protection Department*
- ◆ *Correction Department*

14. Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

According to the Ministerial Regulation on the Division of Organizations, the structures of division are as follows:

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Department of Employment*
- ◆ *Department of Skill Development*
- ◆ *Department of Labour Protection and Welfare*
- ◆ *Office of Social Security*

15. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

The Natural Resources and Environment Ministerial Regulation on Government Reorganization B.E. 2545 provides power and duty for ministerial subordinates as follows:

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning*
- ◆ *Pollution Control Department*
- ◆ *Department of Mineral Resources*
- ◆ *Department of Marine and Coastal Resources*
- ◆ *Department of Water Resources*
- ◆ *Department of Underground Water Resources*
- ◆ *Department of Environmental Quality Promotion*
- ◆ *Department of National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation*
- ◆ *The Botanical Garden Organization*
- ◆ *Zoological Park Organization, under the Royal Patronage of H.M. The King*
- ◆ *Wastewater Management Authority*

16. Ministry of Public Health

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Department of Medical Services*
- ◆ *Department of Communicable Disease Control*
- ◆ *Department of Traditional and Alternative Medicine Development*
- ◆ *Department of Medical Sciences*
- ◆ *Department of Mental Health*
- ◆ *Department of Health*
- ◆ *The Food and Drug Administration*

State Enterprise

- ◆ *The Government Pharmaceutical Organization*

17. Ministry of Science Technology and Environment

To lay out policy and plan to develop and promote science and technology

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Department of Science Service*
- ◆ *Office of Atom for Peace*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *Thailand Institute of Science and Technology Research*
- ◆ *National Science Museum*

Public Organization

- ◆ *Geo-Informatic and Space Technology Development Agency*

Public Agencies

- ◆ *National Science and Technology Development Agency*
- ◆ *National Institute of Metrology*
- ◆ *National Synchrotron Research Center*

18. Ministry of Social Development and Human Security

The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security performs duties under a vision “To be a nation-level organization and mechanism that facilitate and link all partners involved to ensure that all Thai people are provided with security, adequate, fair and to create peasant and sustainable Communities”

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Office of Women’s Affairs and Family Development*
- ◆ *Office of Children, Youth, the Disadvantaged, Persons with Disabilities and Older Persons*
- ◆ *Department of Social Development and Welfare*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *National Housing Authority*
- ◆ *Public Pawnshop Office*

Public Organization

- ◆ *Community Organization Development Institute*

19. Ministry of Tourism and Sports

Article 14 The Ministry of Tourism and Sports has the authorization in promoting and developing tourism industry, sports, education in the fields of sport and recreation, and other state missions in conformity with the laws and principles within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, or the governmental organizations under the Ministry of Tourism and Sports.

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Office of Tourism Development*
- ◆ *Office of Sports and Recreation Development*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *Sports Authority of Thailand*
- ◆ *Tourism Authority of Thailand*

Public Organization

- ◆ *Convention and Exhibition Bureau (CEB)*

20. Ministry of Transport

The Ministry of Transport is responsible for transport planning and regulation including transport infrastructure development.

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *The Department of Land Transport*
- ◆ *The Department of Marine*
- ◆ *The Department of Land Transport*
- ◆ *The Department of Air Transport*
- ◆ *The Department of Highways*
- ◆ *The Department of Rural Road*
- ◆ *Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning*

State Enterprises

- ◆ *State Railway of Thailand*
- ◆ *Port Authority of Thailand*
- ◆ *The Transport Company Limited*
- ◆ *The Bangkok Mass Transit Authority*
- ◆ *Express Transportation Organization of Thailand*
- ◆ *Thai Airways International Public Company Limited*
- ◆ *Airports of Thailand Public Company Limited*
- ◆ *Aeronautical Radio of Thailand*
- ◆ *Thai Maritime Navigation Company Limited*
- ◆ *Civil Aviation Training Centre*
- ◆ *Expressway and Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand*
- ◆ *Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand*
- ◆ *New Bangkok International Airport Company Limited*

21. Ministry of University Affairs

The Major role of the Ministry of University Affairs is to supervise and coordinate Thailand's public and private institution of higher education with the exception of some specialized professional training which falls under the jurisdiction of other ministries. The Ministry is also responsible for formulating educational policy within the framework of the national education development plan. Other tasks include standardization of curricula, personnel management and recommending areas for budget allocations.

- ◆ *Office of the Minister*
- ◆ *Office of the Permanent Secretary*
- ◆ *Bureau of Private Higher Education*
- ◆ *Bureau of Policy and Planning*
- ◆ *Bureau of Higher Education Standards*
- ◆ *Bureau of Administrative System Development*
- ◆ *Bureau of Central Testing*
- ◆ *Division of General Administration*
- ◆ *Division of Educational Services*
- ◆ *Division of International Cooperation*

Agencies under supervision of the Ministry

- ◆ Chulabhorn Research Institute
- ◆ National Computer Software Training Center
- ◆ Office of Information Technology Administration for Education

Public and Private Universities and Institutions

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Note: The Ministry of Education, the Ministry of University Affairs and the National Education Commission are in the process of integrating and transforming into 'The Ministry of Education' and expected to implement under the full structure of the New Ministry within the year 2003

Independent Public Agencies

- ◆ Bureau of the Royal Household
- ◆ The Office of His Majesty's Principal Private Secretary
- ◆ Bureau of the Crown Property
- ◆ Office of the Royal Development Projects Board
- ◆ The Royal Institute

- ◆ The Secretariat of the Senate
- ◆ Office of the Ombudsman
- ◆ The Secretariat of the House of Representatives
- ◆ Office of the Election Commission of Thailand
- ◆ Office of the Auditor General of Thailand
- ◆ Bangkok Metropolitan Administration City Hall
- ◆ Royal Thai Police

- ◆ Office of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand
- ◆ Office of the National Education Commission
- ◆ The Thailand Research Fund
- ◆ National Research Council of Thailand

- ◆ Bank of Thailand
- ◆ The Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission

- ◆ The Administrative Court
- ◆ The Constitutional Court
- ◆ The Supreme Court
- ◆ Office of the Judiciary
- ◆ Judicial Offices of Region 1
- ◆ The Court of Appeal
- ◆ The Court of Appeal Region 1
- ◆ The Court of Appeal Region 2
- ◆ The Court of Appeal Region 3
- ◆ The Civil Court Office of the Judiciary
- ◆ The Criminal Court
- ◆ Thonburi Civil Court
- ◆ Thonburi Criminal Court
- ◆ Bangkok South Civil Court
- ◆ The Criminal Court of Southern Bangkok
- ◆ Central Labour Court
- ◆ The Central Tax Court
- ◆ Central Juvenile and Family Court