



# Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board

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## Vision

Being the core planning agency responsible for strategy formulation towards balanced and sustainable development, upholding national interests, up-to-date with the latest changes and working with the highest efficiency.

## Value

Determination and devotion to develop the country with high professional integrity.

## Organizational Culture

Dedicated to an academic excellence, public accountability, social responsibility and good governance while human resources are considered the most valuable asset of the organization.





## NESDB... National Planning Agency

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1950, the administration of Prime Minister Field Marshal Plaek Pibulsongkram established the **National Economic Council (NEC)**. Its primary mission was to provide the government with opinions and recommendations on national economic issues.

In 1959, Prime Minister Field Marshal Sarit Dhanarajata restructured the Council, and gave it a new name : the **Office of the National Economic Development Board (NEDB)**. In 1961, this office launched the nation's First Economic Development Plan, the first of its kind, to serve as a central framework for Thailand national development.

In 1972, social development was officially recognized as an essential part of the National Plan. The NEDB therefore became the **National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB)**, as it is known today, under the Office of the Prime Minister.

## Related Regulations and Working Mechanism

The key responsibilities of the NESDB are mandated by the National Economic and Social Development Board Act B.E. 2521 and other acts and regulations, such as, Private Sector Participation in Public Sector's functions Act B.E. 2535, Public Debt Management Act B.E. 2548, Prime Minister Office Act B.E. 2547 concerning the Formulation of Public Administration Plan and additional correction (no.2) B.E. 2548, and the Prime Minister Act B.E. 2550 on State Enterprises Budget.



There are 2 working mechanism : the National Economic and Social Development Board and the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board.

## National Economic and Social Development Board

### Composition

The NESDB comprises 15 distinguished professionals, namely a chairman and 9 members who are highly qualified experts in the area of economic and social development. There are 5 ex officio members, including the Secretary-General of the Civil Service Commission, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the Director-General of the Fiscal Policy Office, the Governor of the Bank of Thailand and the Secretary-General of the NESDB, who also serves as a secretary.



## Duties and Responsibilities

- To provide opinions and recommendations on national economic and social development to the cabinet.
- To scrutinize the National Economic and Social Development Plan and other proposals before submitting to the cabinet for consideration.
- To provide opinions concerning the economic and social development issues to the Prime Minister as requested.
- To set up the coordination mechanism between the NESDB, concerned agencies and state enterprises regarding the planning and implementation of development programs and projects.



## Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board

### Mission

The Office of the NESDB has 3 important missions according to its role as a strategic unit, an intelligence unit and a knowledge organization, with important activities under each mission as follows ;

**Mission 1 : The Strategic Unit** is responsible for formulating development strategies at the national level and other levels, providing recommendations and suggestions to the government, putting policies and strategies of the government into practice and monitoring and evaluating the government policies. Its important tasks include :



- **Formulating five-year National Economic and Social Development Plan** and several development strategies as well as implementing them.
- **Studying, analyzing and providing recommendation concerning economic, social and environment policies** to the government, or providing information concerning such issues for the cabinet meeting.
- **Analyzing state enterprise budget** and structuring the annual state enterprise budget to facilitate appropriate and effective investment.
- **Considering and providing opinions on the joint venture between public and private sectors** before submitting the projects to the cabinet for an approval.
- **Performing as the secretariat of important national committees** such as the Cabinet Committee for Economic Policy and Joint Public and Private Consultative Committee.
- **Preparing the Report of the Country's State of Affairs** for submitting to the Prime Minister after appointed by the Royal Decree and acting as the secretariat in formulating the Public Administrative Plan for the new government.
- **Being the coordinating agency to promote the sufficiency economy and the brain bank.**
- **Acting as the secretariat and coordinating agency of sub-regional co-operation framework** such as Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) and Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT)



**Mission 2 : The Intelligence Unit** is responsible for analyzing the in-depth national and international data which are relevant to economic and social issues. It acts as a warning center for the government in the areas of strategic planning and national economic and social administration. Its important tasks include :

- **Preparing data of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** both quarterly and annually, and formulating economic forecast which takes into account the world and domestic economic conditions as well as formulating policy recommendations concerning macroeconomic management, and supporting the development of Gross Provincial Product (GPP) data.
- **Preparing the Social Condition Report**, both quarterly and monthly, in order to reflect overall social condition and the changes that have an effect on the quality of life of the people and preparing key data on social issues.
- **Developing Thailand National Account data** to be in line with international standard.



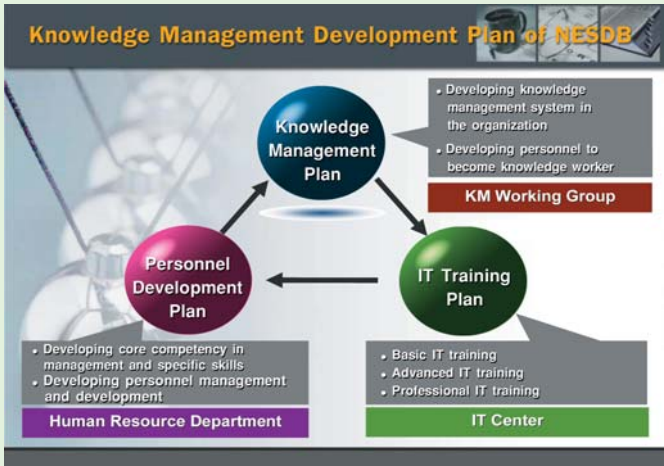




**Mission 3 : Knowledge Organization** aims at searching and developing new knowledge required for national development. The organization is well-equipped with staffs who are competent in strategic planning, analyzing, and advocating effective national development. The significant tasks are as follows ;

- **Creating a research and learning network of the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy.** It encourages the implementation of the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy in development projects in different sectors through the Research and Development Institute of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy Foundation. This institute has been set up as the main body to cooperate with other development parties to advance such projects.

- **Developing development outcome indices.** These indices include well-being index which measures outcome of development that perceives people as the center of development, economic strength index which measures the quality of economic development and economic growth, sustainable development index which measures the relationship of economic development, social development, natural resources and environment issues, last but not least, green and happiness society index which combines the key principals of the above 3 indices, and therefore used for the evaluation of the National Development Plan.



- **Formulating Knowledge Management Plan** and developing knowledge management system in the NESDB in order to increase staff efficiency and facilitate the development of knowledge base in the long term.

- **Intensively and continuously implementing human resource development** through courses related crucial and specific capacities, as well as exchanging knowledge and learning with the World Bank and international organizations. The NESDB also sends the staff to continue further study in Master's and PhD programs and training courses abroad in order to prepare the new personnel and develop knowledge base in the long term.





## Structure

The NESDB has a Secretary-General as the supreme executive. Other executive positions include the Deputy Secretaries-General, Senior Advisors in Policy and Plan and Directors. There are 600 members of staff in the NESDB. The Office of the NESDB has divided its administrative structure into 15 offices and 2 units; namely :

- **The Secretary-General Office** focuses on administration and supervision in several areas such as budget and procurement, personnel, personnel development, international affairs and public relations as well as development legislations and the secretarial work of the NESDB and other committees as assigned.

- **National Accounts Office** is responsible for compiling and analyzing National Income Accounts, Gross Regional and Provincial Product, National Balance Sheet and other related accounts such as Flow of Funds Accounts, Input-output Tables, Supply and Use Tables, and satellite accounts. In addition, the office has developed and improved National Accounts in compliance with the guidelines provided by the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993) as well as developing economic and social database system.

● **Development Evaluation and Communication Office** is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the development outcome following the strategies in the National Economic and Social Development Plan and government policies. Other missions include the development of indicators and benchmark in accordance with the international standard, and the disclosure of the economic and social development outcome to the public.



● **Competitiveness Development Office** focuses on formulating plans, guidelines, measures, policies and strategies for the development of national competitiveness in the areas such as industry, commerce, tourism, investment and services. In addition, it develops supporting factors of science, technology, research, and innovation. The office also has a role to coordinate among relevant partners and stakeholders for effective problem solving, planning and implementation of policies and development strategies, and to develop body of knowledge, database system, indicators and benchmark concerning national economic competitiveness. Furthermore, the Office is responsible for the formulation of international economic strategies and their implementation under the economic cooperation framework within the sub-regional area and the neighboring countries.

● **Social Database and Indicator Development Office** is responsible for setting and adjusting database system and social and community index, formulating quarter and annual social reports, reporting the monitoring results and evaluation of social projects according to the

National Economic and Social Development Plan and Public Administrative Plan to the public, following-up on the outcome of the social action plan practiced by concerned agencies in order to recommend the guidelines that will improve the efficiency and the effectiveness of the operation.

- **Regional Economic and Social Development Office**

covers 4 regions; namely, Northern Region Economic and Social Development



Office, Central Region Economic and Social Development Office, Northeastern Region Economic and Social Development Office and Southern Region Economic and Social Development Office. These Offices are responsible for formulating regional development strategies and putting them into practice, preparing database system and analytical report on regional economic and social conditions as well as following up on the implementation of key policies and providing the evaluation of regional development in compliance with the National Development Plan.

- **Public Policy Strategy Office** is responsible for analyzing the situation and environment in order to design development strategies that adhere to the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and formulating development guidelines on economic, social and community issues using the approach of balance, stability and sustainability. It also develops database and indicators used for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of public policy strategies, the philosophy of Sufficiency Economy strategy and the community development. Furthermore, it is responsible for running as a registration center of the



brain bank that forms the coordinating network of experienced and skilled experts that will help develop the country at all levels.

- **Social Development Strategy and Planning Office** is responsible for analyzing internal and external changes that affect the Thai society, formulating social development strategies that are coherent with the new social architecture and suitable for the current situation, coordinating and supporting the implementation of the social development strategy, conducting researches in social issues and social capital and making policy recommendation regarding social strategies, monitoring the progress and evaluating the performance.

- **Spatial Development Planning and Strategy Office** is responsible for formulating strategic plans for the development of significant economic areas, in accordance with the government policies, monitoring the implementation of special and specific area development plans. Moreover, the Office is responsible for synchronizing national security policy with concerned agencies, planning the development of borderland, monitoring the decentralization to the regions, as well as ensuring that the administration of provincial clusters and provinces are working in coordination.

- **Macroeconomic Strategy and Planning Office** is responsible for formulating strategic plan concerning the national macroeconomic development, analyzing, monitoring and forecasting the economic conditions. The roles of the office are also to develop knowledge and database regarding economic warning system, to analyze and conduct the fiscal policy framework as well as to coordinate with the related agencies regarding the formulation of budget and foreign loan plan.

- **Agriculture, Natural Resource and Environment Planning Office** focuses on analyzing, recommending and synchronizing policy formulation, strategies, measures, plans and projects related to the agricultural sector, natural resources and the environment for the purpose of balanced and sustainable development. The office also has a role in developing a database system and indicators as a tool to monitor the progress and the achievement of the implementation of the aforementioned policies, strategies, measures, plans and projects, so that they can be revised if needed.

- **Infrastructure Project Office** is responsible for formulating the policies and strategies on basic infrastructure development, analyzing work plan and development plan of government agencies and state enterprises, and public projects invested with the private sector on basic infrastructure, monitoring and evaluating the development and operation of basic infrastructure and providing suggestions on adjustment and solving problems of operation as well as reviewing the projects.

Furthermore, the **Public Administration Development Unit** is set up for developing the administration of government agencies to become more effective and worthwhile. In the meantime, the **Internal Audit Unit** is also set up for inspecting internal operation of the organization and supporting the operation of the NESDB.

## Foundation Established by the NESDB

- **Pattanathai Foundation**

was set up on August 20, 1997, aiming to be the center that helps supporting the planning of people and social development in an integrated approach, as well as putting the plan into practice.



Moreover, it is also responsible for conducting research, planning and supporting the integrated development of people, community and society, endorsing the formulation of the plan in every sector, and the decentralization of prosperity to the region and local areas. This office is located within the NESDB.



- **Research and Development Institute of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy Foundation** was established on May 18, 2009 which was aimed at supporting the national economic and social development in line with the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy. It also supports the conduct of research, the creation of knowledge body, the creation of domestic and international networks, the dissemination of public relations for driving and putting the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy into practice at all levels. It is the center for providing and receiving support from several sectors concerning national development corresponding to the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy. This foundation often collaborates with the non-profit organizations and aims at achieving public benefits. It is neutral and does not interfere with politics. This office is located within the NESDB.





## Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

In addition to the academic works for the national economic and social development to achieve the green and happiness society, the NESDB also emphasizes the importance of providing services to the public.



- **Suriyanuvat Museum for National Development**

presents the biography and the accomplishment of Phraya Suriyanuvat, Thailand's first economist, and the evolution of

national development plan formulation. The Museum is open to the public in the official time, free of charge.

- **Suriyanuvat e-Library** provides books, publications, on-line information from the internet, e-book and other media technology concerning economic and social development. The general public can apply to become a member.



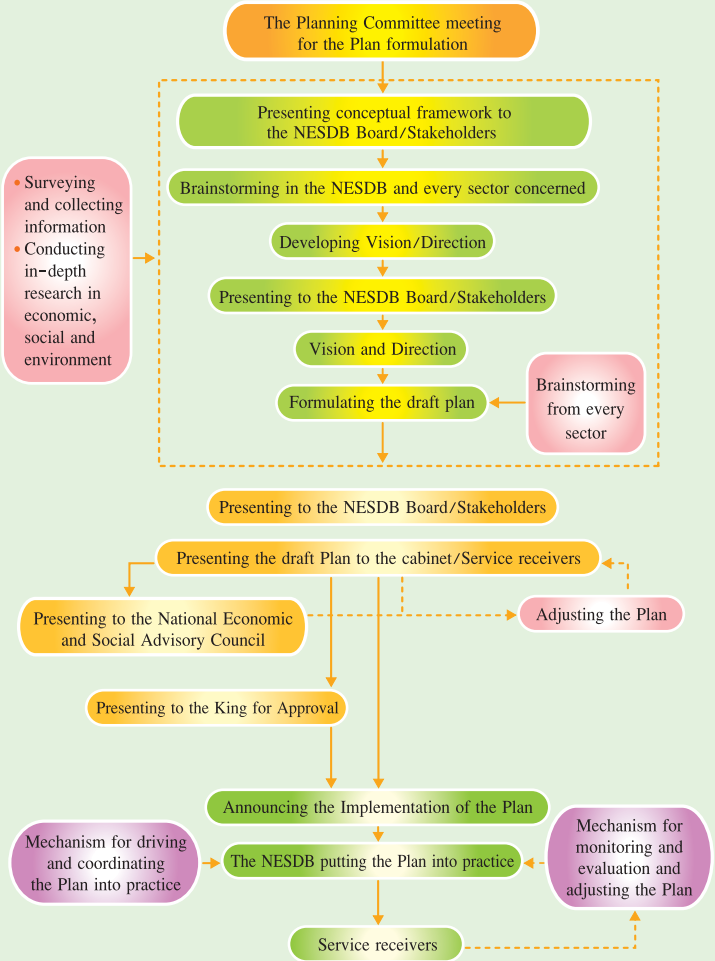
- **Information Services Center** provides data

and information about NESDB to the general public according to the Official Information Act, B.E. 2540. This center is located within the NESDB library and the sub-centers are located

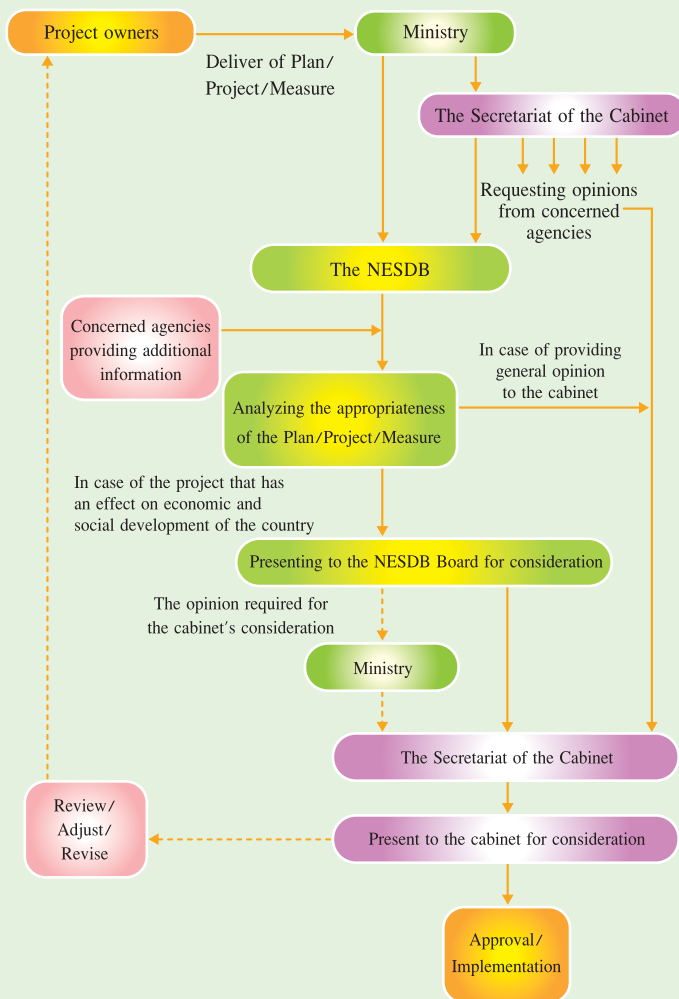


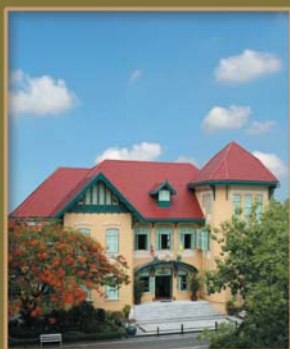
within the 4 regional offices in Nonthaburi, Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen and Songkhla.

## National Economic and Social Development Plan Formulation Process



## Project Analysis





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