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Thai Enquirer News Summary

Economic News

- Prime Minister Srettha Thawisin came out to say that Sethaput Suthiwartnarueput, the Governor of the Bank of Thailand (BoT), has come out to say that the Prime Minister should not go directly to BoT but instead if there is a message, it should go through the Ministry of Finance (with the new Minister of Finance in place).
 - This statement was made by Srettha yesterday when questions were asked about the ongoing conflict between the Prime Minister and BoT.
- Prime Minister Srettha Thawisin confirmed during his visit to Roi Et province on May 6 that he has no plan to remove Sethaput Suthiwartnarueput, the Governor of the Bank of Thailand (BoT), from his position, despite conflicts between the government and the BoT

regarding the implementation of monetary policy. He emphasized that discussions with the BoT Governor would mainly focus on the work at hand.

- The conflict arose from the BoT maintaining the interest rate at 2.5% since September 2023, despite the Prime Minister's calls (2 times) for a reduction in line with falling inflation rates.
- It further escalated when Paetongtarn Shinawatra, the leader of the Pheu Thai Party, delivered a speech criticising the BoT on Friday, May 3. She argued that the law's attempt to make the BoT's independent from the government is a significant obstacle in solving the country's economic problems.
- PM Srettha stated that although monetary and fiscal policies may seem to be going in different directions, the government will try to manage these differences to solve problems for the people.
- "I don't deny that when interest rates are high, they should be reduced, but the BoT Governor says they are not high and should not be reduced. That's clear, isn't it? So, I went to find other ways to alleviate the suffering of the people by inviting representatives from the Thai Bankers' Association and four commercial banks to discuss. This has resulted in a 0.25% interest rate reduction, for which I have thanked all the banks," said Srettha.



- The government is looking to lower its debts by transferring as much as 591 billion Baht worth of debts from the Ministry of Finance back to the BoT but this news has yet to be confirmed.
 - Transferring the assets would not be easy and it would not be the 1st time such a transfer is to happen because in 2012 there was similar plan, but that plan flopped.



• Despite Phumtham Wechayachai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce coming out to support the criticism by Paetongtarn Shinawatra many people disagreed with Paetongtarn's criticism of the BoT. The Big Daeng facebook page called on the public to use the hashtag #BoTGovernor to support Sethaput.



- The Ministry of Tourism and Sports announced that Thailand welcomed a total of 12,127,447 international tourists in the first 4 months of 2024 (January 1 to April 30). This generated tourism revenue of 583.902 billion Baht for the country.
 - ◆ The top 5 source markets for tourists to Thailand during this period were:
 - China (2,351,909 arrivals)
 - Malaysia (1,569,856 arrivals)
 - Russia (767,210 arrivals)
 - South Korea (679,481 arrivals)
 - ➢ India (643,587 arrivals)

Between April 22-28, Thailand welcomed 652,241 international tourists, an increase of 13.87% from the previous week. This translates to an average of 93,178 arrivals per day. The increase is attributed to several factors, including Showa Day in Japan, Labor Day in China, and the recovery from the Songkran festival.



- It is expected that Pirapan Salirathavibhaga, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy, will propose to the Cabinet to allocate central funds to subsidize electricity costs for fragile groups consuming no more than 300 units, at a rate of 3.99 Baht per unit, down from the current rate of 4.18 Baht per unit, effective from May to August 2024, totaling 1.9 billion Baht.
 - ✤ Additionally, he will likely propose to maintain the fixed price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) at 423 Baht per 15-kilogram tank. As for diesel prices, it will await consideration based on tax measures from the Ministry of Finance.
- The average fuel consumption declined by 2.6% year-on-year to 156.7 million liters per day during Q1 of 2024. The use of fuel oil dropped by 23.1%, NGV use dropped by 16.5%, diesel use dropped by 6.9%, and benzene use slightly dropped by 0.2%. On the other hand, commercial jet fuel use increased by 19.1%, and LPG increased by 0.4%.
 - Sarawut Kaewtathip, director of the Department of Energy Business, said the point to monitor is the increase in diesel price after the government lifted the 30 Baht cap on the price, while the increase in the use of commercial jet fuel reflects tourism recovery and the introduction of visa-free measures.



- The government's policy to reduce excise taxes on diesel and benzine caused the Ministry of Finance to miss its targeted revenue collection by over 27 billion Baht in the first half of fiscal year 2024, according to Lawaron Saengsanit, permanent secretary for the Finance Ministry.
 - However, Lawaron stated that the ministry is confident revenue collection will reach the target of 2.78 trillion Baht for this year because the tax reduction measures have now ended, and new measures to support the real estate sector and improve tax collection efficiency have been implemented.
 - The Ministry of Finance is also considering additional measures to stimulate the economy in the second half of the year, in order to achieve higher GDP growth, Lawaron revealed.
- The Thai Chamber of Commerce says it will announce that it opposes the plan to increase the daily minimum wage to 400 Baht nationwide by October 1.
 - The TCC said its vice-chairman Poj Aramwattananont and Thanawat Polvichai, rector of the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, would hold a joint press conference to announce their stand against the 400-Baht minimum daily wage.
 - On May Day, Labour Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn announced that his ministry would push for a new 400-Baht daily minimum wage by October 1. Although the government cannot set daily minimum wage rates on its own as the rates are set by a tripartite committee, the government could order its

representatives on the panel to work with employees' representatives to vote for new rates.

- Poj, who is tipped to succeed Sanan Angubolkul as the TCC chairman next year, said on Monday that an across-the-board 400-Baht rate would severely affect some businesses. Several businesses were not ready to shoulder the added cost from the new daily wage rate.
- In particular, he said, provinces with many factories and few hotels would be affected as they were not prepared to pay higher wages.
- The Duck Egg Farmers Association announced another price increase for duck eggs. The new farm-gate price is 4.80 Baht per egg, up 20 satang from the previous price of 4.60 Baht. The increase will take effect on May 6, 2024.
 - This is the 2nd price increase for duck eggs in less than two months. On April 22, 2024, the price was also raised by 20 satang per egg.
 - The prices of fresh vegetables have skyrocketed almost twofold due to the impact of drought and extremely hot weather conditions. The price of chilis increased to over 500 Baht per kilogram, up from the previous price of 250 Baht per kilogram.
- Gold prices in Thailand rose on May 6 with prices adjusting upwards nine times throughout the day. The market closed with prices up 250 Baht compared to the previous day's closing price.
 - Gold bars were bought at 40,200 Baht per Baht-weight and sold at 40,300 Baht. Gold ornaments were bought at 39,476.64 Baht per Baht-weight and sold at 40,800 Baht.
 - ✤ The global gold spot price was at 2,318.00 US dollars per ounce.

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• Headline inflation increased by 0.19% in April, the first increase in 7 months, after the 30 Baht cap on diesel prices was lifted, alongside an increase in food prices, including vegetables and fruits, as reported by the Ministry of Commerce's Trade Policy and Strategy Office (TPSO).

- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.19% year-on-year to 108.16 points in April, compared to a decline of 0.47% YoY in March. For the first four months, inflation dropped 0.55% YoY. The ministry maintains its forecast that headline inflation will be around 0-1% in 2024.
- Despite the increase in April, Thailand's headline inflation remains the second lowest among the 8 ASEAN countries reporting their inflation numbers. The other 7 countries are Laos, Vietnam, Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Brunei.

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- Phi Phi Islands are facing a water crisis, prompting tourists to cancel their hotel and travel reservations.
 - Households, stores, restaurants, and hotels without their own water sources are experiencing shortages, as the five-rai water reservoir situated on a mountain that supplied water to the islands ran dry on April 23.
 - Authorities from mainland Krabi and Phuket Island are sending water to Phi Phi to alleviate the situation, but shortages persist, resulting in booking cancellations.
 - The Department of Royal Rainmaking and Agricultural Aviation has conducted rainmaking operations over Krabi, but they have not been sufficient, as the targeted amount of rain has not been achieved.



Political News

• Commerce Minister Phumtham Wechayachai declared on Monday that he will start auctioning off the 15,000 tonnes of rice in storage from next week. The rice, collected under the rice-pledging scheme 10 years ago, is being stored in 2 warehouses in the Northeast province of Surin.



- Phumtham insisted the stored rice was perfectly fine for human consumption. To prove this, he tucked into a plate of rice from the two warehouses served with stir-fried chicken with chillies and basil (kraphao kai) and an omelette.
- The jasmine rice had been bought as part of the Yingluck Shinawatra government's controversial rice-pledging scheme. Yingluck's government was ousted in a military coup in 2014. "I have proved that the rice is of good quality, so it will be auctioned off to regain funds for the state," said Phumtham, who also holds the post of deputy prime minister.
- He expects the rice at the two warehouses to go under the hammer within a week. This is believed to be the last of the rice stored under the Yingluck government's rice-pledging scheme. Rejecting rumours that the rice is unsafe for human

consumption, Phumtham said the grain has been kept in dry conditions and sprayed regularly with anti-weevil spray. The Kittichai warehouse sprayed the rice every 2 months, while Poolphol sprayed it every month.

Academics have warned that the rice may not be good or safe for human consumption, especially after it has been exposed to anti-weevil sprays for over a decade.



- Today's Cabinet meeting is the 1st one scheduled after the Royal Command appointing the new ministers. The focus will be on assigning tasks to the Deputy Prime Ministers and the Ministers attached to the Prime Minister's Office, especially the 2 new Deputy Prime Ministers: Suriya Juangroongruangkit, who is also the Minister of Transport, and Pichai Chunhavajira, who is also the Minister of Finance.
 - It is expected that Prime Minister Srettha will assign Pichai to oversee economic matters and economic committees.
 - ✤ The Ministry of Commerce has proposed the appointment of Wutthikrai Leewiraphan as the new Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce.
- The Administrative Court has accepted the petition calling for the revocation of the Election Commission (EC)'s latest rules regarding the introduction of senatorial candidates, and the first hearing is scheduled for May 15.
 - The petition was filed by individuals who declared their intent to apply as candidates for the senate.
 - Registration for the senate election is slated for May 13. The district-level election will occur on June 9, the provincial level on June 16, and the national level on June 26. Election results are anticipated to be announced on July 2.

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อำเภอ/เขต อัมพวา จังหวัด สมุทรสงคราม ๙๕๑๑๐ โทรศัพท์ -	สื่อมวลขน หรือสื่อโฆษณา เช่น นักแสดง นักร้อง นักดนตรี พิธีกร เป็นต้น ใช้ความสามารถ
ด้วยคดีนี้ ศาลมีคำสั่งรับคำพ้องของผู้พ้องคดีไว้พิจารณา ทั้งนี้ อธิบดีศาลปกครองกลาง	หรือวิชาชีพดังกล่าวเพื่อเอื้อประโยชน์ในการแนะนำด้ว นั้น ให้อธิบายให้ชัดเจนว่า กระทบต่อเสรีภาพ
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ข้อเท็จจริงตามข้อ ๖๒ แห่งระเบียบดังกล่าว โดยไม่ต้องแจ้งให้คู่กรณีทราบอีก และศาลจะกำหนด	พิพาทข้อใดไม่ขอบด้วยรัฐธรรมนูญมาตราดังกล่าว วรรคใด อย่างไร
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- Phumtham Wechayachai commented on the aftermath of the Cabinet reshuffle, which saw three members of the Pheu Thai Party removed from their ministerial positions. They are Cholnan Srikaew, Chaiya Promma, and Phuangphet Chunla-iad.
 - Although the 3 did not attend the Pheu Thai Party's meeting last Friday, Phumtham clarified that it was because they just had personal businesses to attend to. He insisted that there were no conflicts or issues between them and the party.



- Wisut Chaiyarun, Chief Government Whip and MP for the Pheu Thai Party, announced that an extraordinary parliamentary session will be held from June 5 to 7, to consider the draft Budget Act for fiscal year 2025.
 - While other matters, such as proposed amendments to the referendum law, may be considered, the focus will remain on the budget bill, Wisut added.

- The government is expected to have a meeting with the second house speaker this week to discuss the session's framework.
- The government is reviving the monthly show called "Prime Minister Meet the People" on the state-owned National Broadcasting Services of Thailand's platforms.
 - The first show for the current government is set to air on May 11, and the name will be changed from the original one. However, that name has yet to be decided, according to Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin. The show could be indoor or outdoor, depending on his location, and it will be casual. It has yet to be decided whether it will be a live program or a recorded one.
 - The show first started during Thaksin's administration and was revived during Yingluck's administration. During the Thaksin administration, the show was called "Prime Minister Thaksin Meet the People". During Yingluck's administration, the show was called "Yingluck's Government Meet the People".





<mark>General News</mark>

• Udom Taephanich, who joked about self-sufficiency on Netflix, is facing a lot of criticism.

- Pol Lt Gen Rewat Klinkesorn, a former drug buster, is among the critics. He fiercely
 responded in a live broadcast, strongly disagreeing with the critical remarks about
 the sufficiency economy philosophy of His Majesty the King Rama IX.
- ✤ He stated that one should not meddle with His Majesty's teachings. He also criticized Udom for being egotistical. He said if he were sitting at the event, he would have gone up on the stage and kicked the comedian down.



• The statement by Udom prompted a social media call to boycott Netflix and its content and a quick survey by Channel 3 showed that 172,584 people would continue to remain the subscriber of Netflix and only 3,239 people would cancel their subscription of the streaming service.

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• A well-known secondary public school in Nakhon Ratchasima is now recognising LGBTQ+ students and allowing them to wear their hair short or long according to the gender they identify with.

- On Saturday, the Boonwattana School's students' council posted an announcement on Facebook that there will be no restrictions on hairstyles for LGBTQ+ students, which won a warm welcome from students and parents alike.
- Yesterday the post had received over 11,000 likes and was shared more than 4,800 times with some 400 comments. Most comments complimented the school for its tolerant attitude towards alternative sexes. The post was part of an announcement listing uniforms for the next semester.
- Though the post was titled uniforms for LGBTQ+ students, the only difference was the hairstyles. Transgender children will still have to wear shorts, while girls identifying with the male gender will still have to wear skirts like other girls.
- Transgender students with long hair must wear their hair in a ponytail with a white bow, while "butch" girls can wear their hair short, provided the haircut is neat and tidy. Students who wish to wear their hair differently are encouraged to inform the school office of their choice.



- Bangkok has launched a pedestrian safety campaign in response to data showing an average 915 people are injured on Bangkok pavements each year, or almost 3 per day.
 - Most sidewalk injuries are caused by rogue pavement motorcyclists, according to the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration. It cited new figures from the National Statistical Office showing Bangkok accounts for over a third of the annual average 2,490 sidewalk injuries nationwide.
 - The BMA promised to respond with tighter enforcement of the law against sidewalk riding, which carries penalties of up to one month in jail and/or a maximum fine of 10,000 Baht. It also vowed sidewalk improvements for people in wheelchairs and the blind.
 - On Sunday a motorcyclist was severely injured after falling into a 50-centimeredeep drain under the emergency pavement of an underpass in Bangkok. Meanwhile on Friday a middle-aged man died after falling into an electrical utility hole that

was covered by a temporary wood cover under the Yellow Line monorail near the entrance of Lat Phrao Soi 49 in Bangkok. The hole is believed to be around 15 meters deep, and his body has been recovered.

- The Thai Meteorological Department has issued a weather warning for today, forecasting thunderstorms and heavy rain across the country, particularly in the northern and northeastern regions.
 - ✤ Thunderstorms are expected to affect 60% of the area in the northern and northeastern regions, while 40% of the area in the northern region will experience heavy rain. In Bangkok, the weather will remain hot with a 30% chance of thunderstorms.

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Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin led a team of ministers from the ruling Pheu Thai Party to visit the northeastern province of Maha Sarakham on Sunday and promised to tackle the problems of drought, debt and drugs for local residents.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40037793
- Most Thais support the government's plan to rewrite the Constitution without changing the essence of the first two chapters, according to an opinion survey whose results were announced on Sunday.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40037786

- The ruling Pheu Thai Party aims to achieve a full score by tackling the country's accumulated problems before the next general election, its leader Paetongtarn Shinawatra said on Friday.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40037752
- The ruling Pheu Thai Party announced it was putting forward candidates for Provincial Administrative Organisation (PAO) president in nine provinces next year.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40037742
- The appointment of a new foreign minister would not affect international affairs functions but tough challenges lie ahead, expert says.
 - Link- <u>https://www.khaosodenglish.com/politics/2024/05/06/the-rising-urgency-of-thai-national-security-2024/</u>
- Poll: Slim majority wants new charter to keep existing royalty sections
 - Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2787179/poll-slim-majority-</u> wants-new-charter-to-keep-existing-royalty-sections
- 'Pheu Thai Academy' to coach MPs
 - Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2787262/pheu-thai-academy-to-coach-mps</u>

Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Over the past 8 months as Prime Minister, Srettha Thavisin has held differing views from the Bank of Thailand (BOT) on various issues.
 - o Link- <u>https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/business/economy/40037802</u>
- Since taking office, Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin has set his government several challenges, among them to achieve an average economic growth rate of at least 5% per year over five years and stimulating the economy through a handout of 10,000 Baht to the people (the digital wallet project), totalling 5 trillion Baht.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/business/economy/40037800

- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin has firmly rejected any notion of amending the laws concerning the powers of the Bank of Thailand (BOT) governor.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/news/policy/40037819
- The second shipment of about 250 tonnes of cadmium slag was transported from a warehouse of the J & B Metal in Muang district of Samut Sakhon province to Tak province.
 - Link- <u>https://www.thaipbsworld.com/2nd-consignment-of-cadmium-slag-moved-from-samut-sakhon-to-tak/</u>
- The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) is awaiting an explanation from domestic airline Nok Air, following complaints from some passengers of flight delays, leaving them stuck on the aircraft without air conditioning for hours. The flights concerned were from Bangkok to Hat Yai and from Bangkok to Phuket on Saturday.
 - Link- <u>https://www.thaipbsworld.com/caat-seeks-explanation-from-nok-air-over-two-delayed-flights/</u>
- Waste plant on fire for second time
 - Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2787330/waste-plant-on-fire-for-second-time</u>
- Interest burden hovers over digital wallet
 - Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2787580/interest-burden-hovers-over-digital-wallet</u>
- Households spend most on travel, petrol, phone bills
 - Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2787234/households-spend-most-on-travel-petrol-phone-bills</u>
- 100-company Saudi business mission to visit
 - Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2786862/100-company-saudi-business-mission-to-visit</u>
- Grim outlook for Thai steelmakers

- Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2788094/grim-outlook-for-thai-steelmakers</u>
- AoT revises master plan for airport
 - Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2787964/aot-revises-master-plan-for-airport</u>
- Soft power cooperation the core of France talks
 - Link- <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2787934/soft-power-cooperation-the-core-of-france-talks</u>

Issues to be watched out for

- May 7, 2024 April 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- May 18, 2024 The date set by the Constitutional Court for Move Forward to submit its statement of defense in the dissolution case.
- May 20, 2024 NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q1/2024
- June 5, 2024 May 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- June 12, 2024 Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- July 5, 2024 June 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- August 5, 2024 July 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- August 19, 2024 NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q2/2024
- August 21, 2024 Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- September 5, 2024 August 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- October 7, 2024 September 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data

•	October 16, 2024	-	Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
•	November 5, 2024	-	October 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
•	November 18, 2024	-	NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q3/2024
•	December 6, 2024	-	November 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
•	December 18, 2024	-	Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
•	January 6, 2025 Inflation Data	-	December & Fiscal Year 2023 Consumer Confidence

• September 2025 - The deadline set by Transport Minister Suriya Juangroongruangkit that his ministry will implement a 20-Baht flat fare policy for all electric trains in the Bangkok Metropolitan Region.

For information on Opportunity Day of various companies click on the link -

https://www.set.or.th/streaming/oppdayCalendar

<mark>Key Data</mark>

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Link - https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming_ipo_set.html

<u>Global Commodities</u>

Metal -Link http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/commodities/futures/metals/

Energy -Link - <u>http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/</u>

Baltic Dry Index (BDI)-Link - http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND

<u>Global Equity Market's Movements</u>

Link - http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/asia-pacific/

Asian Equity Markets Movement

Link - http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/

Information on May 3, 2024

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
BKD	210,000	1.28	Purchase
EP	600	2.62	Purchase
EP	26,800	2.65	Purchase
KK	2,159,155	1.85	Purchase
PG	11,400	9.01	Purchase
SLM	29,914,223	1.95	Purchase
BROOK	2,066,800	0.03	Sale
TRITN	16,000,000	0.14	Purchase
TRITN	10,000,000	0.14	Purchase

XD, XE or XM or other notifications

For list of Companies that have dividend payment and AGM meeting schedules click on https://www.set.or.th/set/xcalendar.do

Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

Daily as of 3 May 2024								
Unit: M.Baht								
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net			
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%		
Local Institutions	4,599.68	12.26	3,052.88	8.14	1,546.80	-		
Proprietary Trading	2,817.46	7.51	2,858.98	7.62	-41.52	-		

Foreign Investor	18,730.98	49.93	20,229.09	53.93	-1,498.11	-	
Local Individuals	11,363.88	30.29	11,371.05	30.31	-7.17	-	
Monthly Cumulative	e between 1 May	-3 May 202	24				
					Unit: M.H	Baht	
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net		
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	
Local Institutions	9,360.54	10.83	6,833.25	7.91	2,527.29	-	
Proprietary Trading	5,997.96	6.94	6,197.57	7.17	-199.61	-	
Foreign Investors	42,995.11	49.77	46,697.77	54.05	-3,702.66	-	
WLocal Individuals	28,041.48	32.46	26,666.50	30.87	1,374.98	-	
Yearly Cumulative s	since 1 Jan -3 Mag	y 2024					
					Unit: M.H	Baht	
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net		
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	
Local Institutions	331,080.68	9.17	334,715.42	9.27	-3,634.74	-	
Proprietary Trading	245,154.29	6.79	250,305.60	6.93	-5,151.31	-	
Foreign Investors	1,909,013.50	52.87	1,978,128.71	54.79	-69,115.21		
Local Individuals	1,125,393.77	31.17	1,047,492.51	29.01	77,901.25	-	

Total Trading Value 37,541.17 Million Baht

Background Information

According to the report by the Election Commission of Thailand as of May 8, 2019, the strength of each party in the Thai Parliament following the elections on March 24, 2019.

- <u>https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/news_all.php?cid=24</u>
- List of MPs <u>https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/download/article/article_20190508184334.pdf</u>

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