



The Development of ICT in Thailand

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National IT Policy Framework



National IT Committee (NITC)



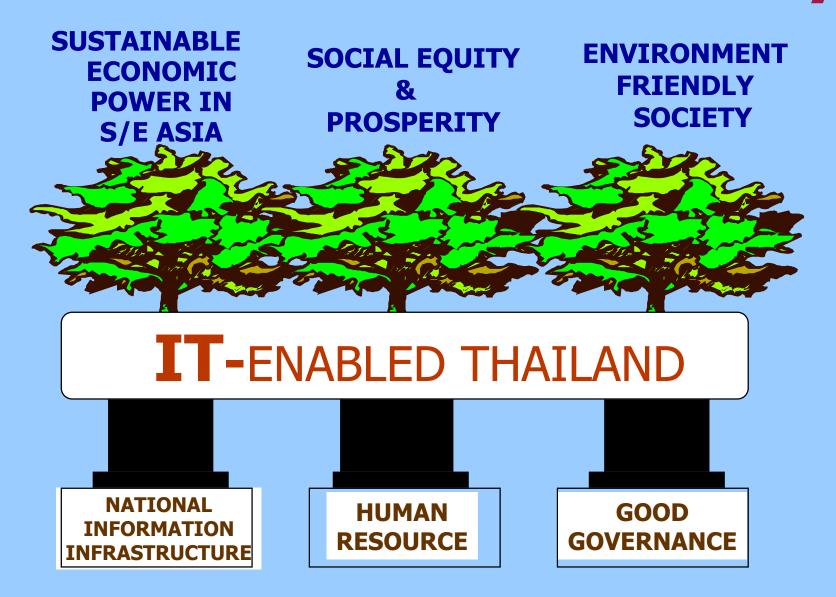
- Founded in March 1992
- Chaired by the Prime Minister
- Comprised of Ministers, Permanent
 Secretaries, High-level Officers from both
 Public and Private Sector
- NECTEC is Secretariat

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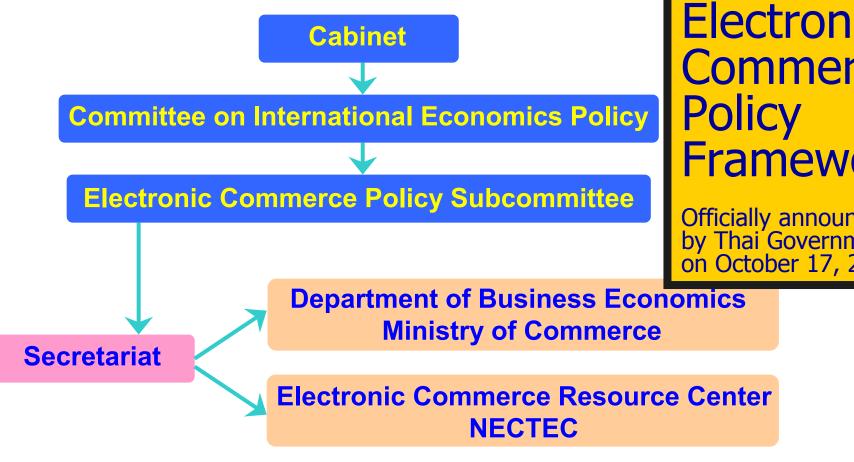
National IT Policy Framework Thailand National Policy: IT 2000, developed by National IT Committee (NITC). Endorsed by the Cabinet in 1996



IT2000 - National IT Policy



Government Actions on E-Commerce Development



Electronic Commerce Framework

Officially announced on October 17, 2000



Example of Pilot Projects

initiated by NITC to materialize the goal of each Pillar of IT 2000

- SchoolNet: a national school informatization action program
- GINet: Development of Government Information Network
- IT Laws Development: Development of legal infrastructure to support the widespread use of IT in the country





Current Status: IT Indicators

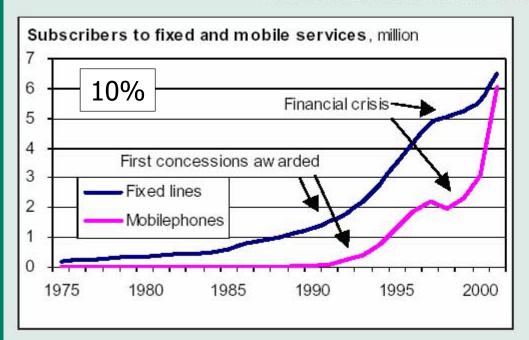


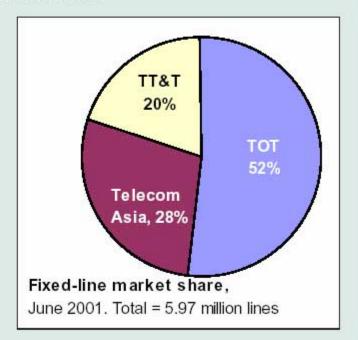
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Figure 2.1: Thailand, network development

Long-run (1975-2001) evolution in fixed and mobile networks and June 2001 market share for fixed-line network





Note: In left chart, years refer to September 30 financial year. Figures for Sept. 2001 are estimated on the basis of actual June 30 figures and growth rates.

Source: ITU World Telecommunication Indicators Database.

Source: http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/cs/thailand/index.html.



The Internet in Thailand

(October 2001)

- Started in 1991 as a Research Network funded by NECTEC
- 18 commercial providers, 4 non-commercial providers
- Est. 3.5 million users (approx. 5.6/100 population)
- total international bandwidth 570 Mbps
- Over 105,721 hosts under .th TLD
- Over 7,000 domains under .th TLD
- PC penetration 2.43/100 population

Information Society Indicators of Thailand - Internet

As of March 2002:

Internet users: (5.6 users/100) 3.5 million

Internet hosts: (4,584 hosts/10000) 0.1 million

Internet domains (.th): 7,000 domains

Internet domains (total estimate): **14,000** domains

Schools online with SchoolNet: app.4,200 schools

International bandwidth: 690 Mbps

Domestic backbone bandwidth: **1,173** Mbps

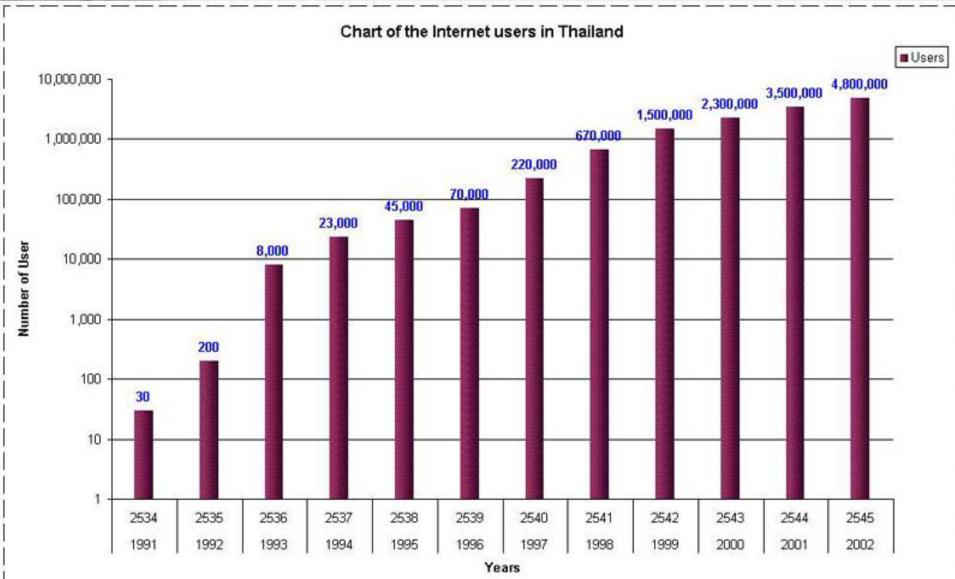
Domestic exchange traffic: **1,147** Gbytes/day

Sources: Internet Information Research Center (NECTEC), Thai ISP Club, Thai Network Information Center, SchoolNet Program Office (NECTEC).



Internet Users in Thailand







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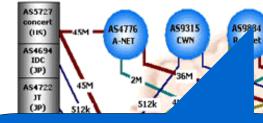
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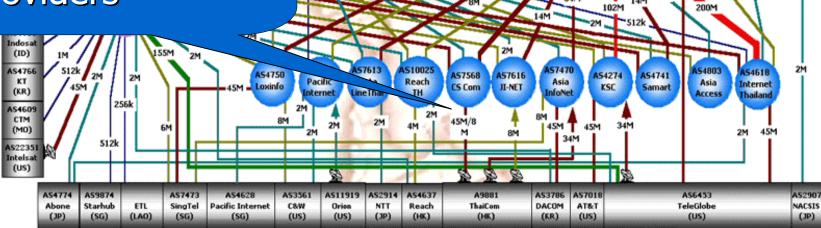
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691.256 Mbps (into Thailand) and 576.256 Mbps (out from Thailand)

1,147 Gbytes of data are circulating here every day.

18 commercial Internet Service Providers



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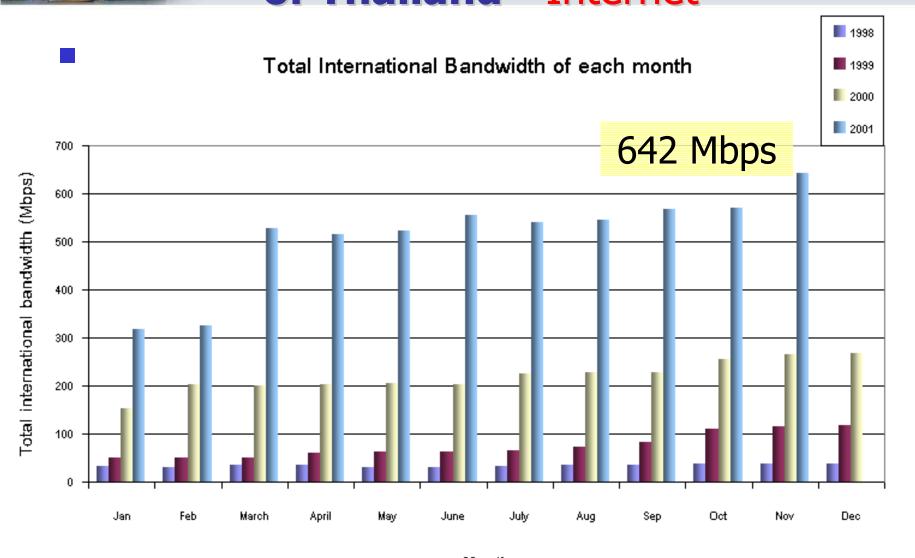
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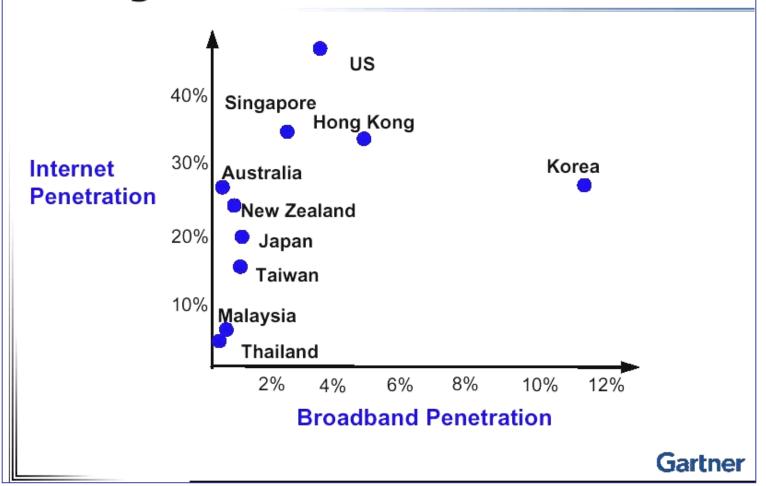






Broadband Comparison

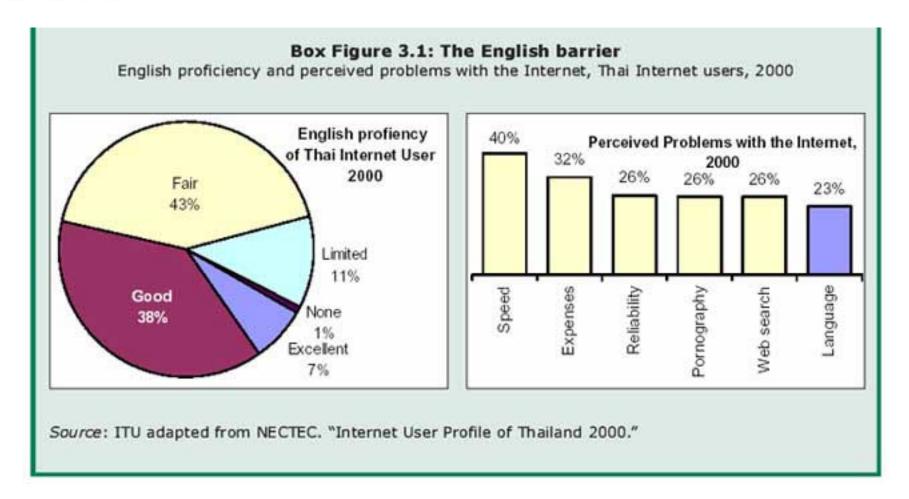
Broadband Internet 2000: Regional and world leaders





Perceived problems





Source: http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/cs/thailand/index.html.



Development Goals



- Backbone : high speed and affordable
- Last Mile: high speed, widely available, affordable
- Content: informative and educational, local wisdom
- Internet Services : reliable services, affordable price, widely coverage
- Secured Internet: for national security and secured business transaction
- Safe Internet : for children and youth
- Wealth creation : for national economy







Pilot Projects/Activities

- Development of IT Laws
- SchoolNet Thailand
- e-Government Initiative
- Pilot Telecenters
- National ICT Plan

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Development of IT Laws



- Electronic Transactions Act
- Electronic Signature Act
- National Information infrastructure Act
- Data Protection Act
- Computer Crime Act
- Electronic Funds Transfer Act



Progress to Date



Electronic Transactions Bill and Electronic Signature Bill → **Electronic Transactions Act**

- Issued: December 4, 2001
- Effective date of enactment: April 3, 2002.

National Information Infrastructure Bill

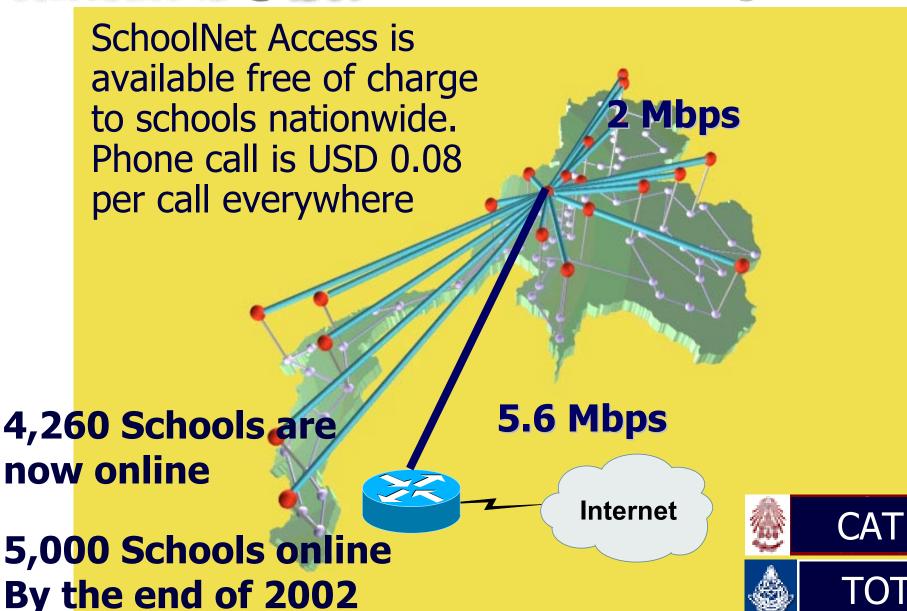
 approved by the Cabinet and was reviewed by the Council of State. Now it is awaiting to be submitted to the Parliament

Data Protection Law

 endorsed by NITC and is being submitted to the Cabinet



Narrowing the Digital Divide







Thailand e-Government Initiative



e-Government Project (A Multi-Agency Project)



- NECTEC -- Core facilitating/coordinating Agency
- Bank of Thailand -- Project Sponsor (Governor) and contributor of some project team members.
- CEOs of key related public agencies -- Co-Sponsors, and contributor of some project team members.
 - Office of the Civil Service commission
 - Bureau of Budget
 - National Economic and Social Development Board
 - Office of the Prime Minister
- Project Duration -- March 2001 March 2003



Project Scope



To coordinate, facilitate and drive for the following achievements/provisions:

- Master Plan, Action Plan, and Strategic Framework for implementing the e-Government program
- Electronic services in public agencies
- Implementation of key pilot projects



Project Scope

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- Recommendations and Practical Guidelines for reorganization and reengineering of the new services.
- Standards, Guidelines and Manuals for public agencies in implementing the e-Government program



Main tracks of e-Government Services



Four main tracks of electronic services in the public agencies:

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Track 1: Online Information Services:
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(G2G) (G2C) (G2B)

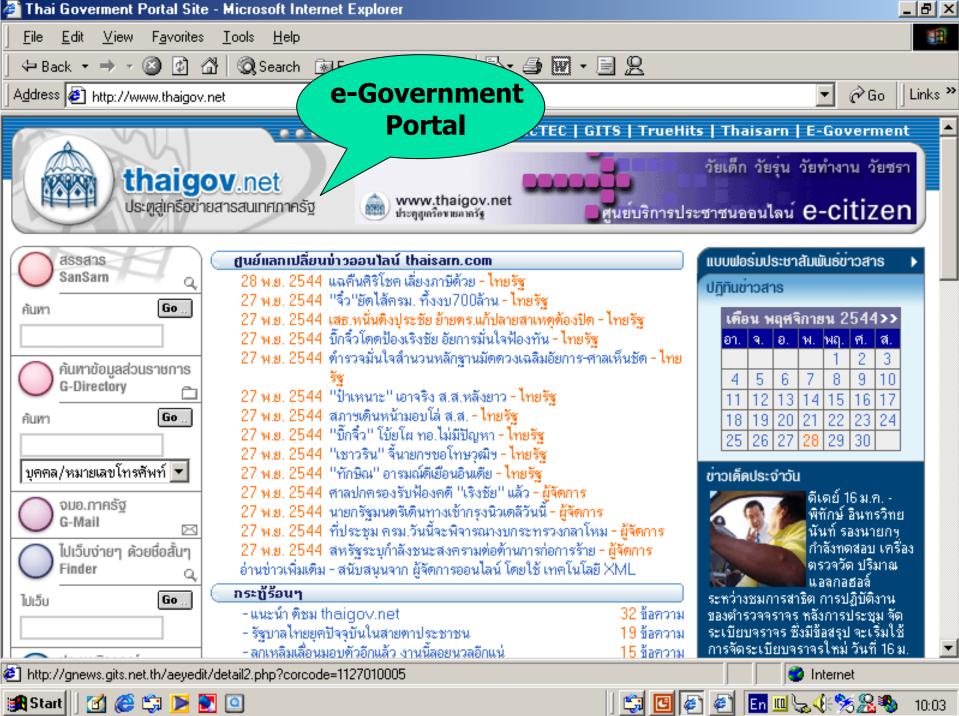
Track 2: Simple Transaction Services:

(G2C) (G2B)

Track 3: Payment Gateway: (B2G) (C2G)

(Electronic Funds Transfer)

Track 4: e-Procurement: (G2B)





Community Empowerment Initiative







Pilot Telecenters Project

- Collaboration between
 - NECTEC,
 - Community Organization Development Institute (NGO),
 - Private Company (under the project funded by CIDA)
- Pilot implementation prior to the enactment of National Information Infrastructure Law



Pilot Telecenters Project

Objectives

- Community empowerment
- Poverty reduction (increase household income) by providing access to information and communication
- Enhance market opportunity for local products and/or tourist attractions
- Enhance learning opportunity for people in remote community
- Bridging the digital divide



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IT 2010: Towards a Knowledge-Based and Sustainable Economy/Society



IT Development Framework for 2000-2010 (IT 2010)



Towards the Knowledge-Based Economy

Economy Society e-Industry e-Society e-Commerce e-Government e-Education services/agriculture/ and tourism Science and Technology, R&D, Knowledge Information Development, IT Literacy, IT HR **Telecommunication Infrastructure** Quantity Quality

Export ICT Industry Electrical Electronics Computer

Telecommunications

Software

Objectives of ICT Strategies

Country Development

Enhancing Competitive ness

Building up Knowledge based Society

Sustainable Development

ICT and Knowledge as

enabling technology

ICT for Country Development

Domestic market as key for technological capacity building



Major Challenges Await



- The Informatization of Local Government (Tambon Administrative Organization)
- How to Accommodate Students (and teachers) in the Era of 9/12 yrs of Mandatory & Free Education
- The Need for Industrial Restructuring (lessons learned from recent economic crisis)
- the Co-existence of our Agriculture-Industrial-Information Ages
- Digital Divide in All Facets
- Social Decency & a Caring Society



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