**The Cabinet met on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at the Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows:**

**Title: Draft National Defense Technology Act, B.E….**

The cabinet approved and acknowledged the followings:

1. Approved in principle Draft National Defense Technology Act, B.E…., as proposed by Ministry of Defense, and ordered it to be forwarded to Office of the Council of State for consideration before submitting to National Legislative Assembly.
2. Acknowledged drafting of secondary laws, timeline, and framework of the secondary laws under the aforementioned draft Act as proposed by Ministry of Defense.
3. Approved for Ministry of Defense to expedite implementation according to the cabinet resolution, dated July 18, 2006, on establishment of a public company.
4. Approved for Ministry of Defense to take comments of Ministry of Commerce, the Budget Bureau, and Office of the Pubic Sector Development Commission into consideration.

Gist of the draft Act

1. Define “national defense technology”, “development”, and “national defense industry”
2. Stipulate appointment of 2 committees: 1) National Defense Policy Committee, as a policy-making body on national defense technology and industry; and 2) Committee for Office of National Defense Technology, to oversee operation of Office of National Defense Technology.
3. Stipulate establishment of Office of National Defense Technology as a government corporation.
4. Determine objective, mission, and operation of Office of National Defense Technology with regard to national defense technology

**Title: Draft Ministerial Regulation on government agencies that are not subject to Aviation Act (B.E. 2497), B.E.…**

The cabinet approved in principle the draft Ministerial Regulation on government agencies that are not subject to Aviation Act (B.E. 2497), B.E.…, as proposed by Ministry of Transport.

Gist of the draft Ministerial Regulation

To add National Intelligence Agency in the list of other government agencies that are not subject to Aviation Act (B.E. 2497), and remove Customs Department from the list as the Department has already been stipulated in the Aviation Act (No. 12), B.E. 2553.

**Title: Approval of 2018 public official housing project under 20-year housing development master plan (2017-2036)**

The cabinet approved following proposals made by Ministry of Social Development and Human Security:

1. Approved in principle 2018 public official housing project under 20-year housing development master plan (2017-2036) to be implemented by Department of Public Relations under the budget of 153.9932 million Baht.
2. Department of Public Relations is to properly determine selection criteria for the target groups of this public official project in line with the welfare state direction. Low-income public officials should be given first priority.

Gist

The 2018 public official housing project under 20-year housing development master plan (2017-2036) will provide 25,000 housing units altogether to low-income and rank public officials who work faraway from home.

**Title: Approval on appointment of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kingdom of Norway to Thailand**

The cabinet approved Kingdom of Norway’s proposal on appointment of Mrs. Kjersti Rødsmoen as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kingdom of Norway to Thailand, replacing Mr. Kjetil Paulsen. This is as proposed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Title: Approval on appointment of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Republic of Maldives to Thailand**

The cabinet approved Republic of Maldives’ proposal on appointment of Mr. Mohamed Nasheed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kingdom of Norway to Thailand, replacing Mr. Mohamad Zaki. H.E. Mr. Mohamed Nasheed will be the first Maldivian Ambassador to have residence in Bangkok, Thailand. This is as proposed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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