**The Cabinet met on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows:**

**Title: Approval of housing development project along Bangkok Metropolitan mass rapid transit route (Lam Luk Ka Khong 2)**

The cabinet approved development of 820 housing units along Bangkok Metropolitan mass rapid transit route (Lam Luk Ka Khong 2) under the total investment budget of 903.376 million Baht as proposed by Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. National Housing Authority is to implement the project after the EIA report is approved by National Environment Commission.

The aims are (1) to develop standard and proper housing project at affordable prices for low and middle-income people who wish to live near public transportation services, (2) to respond to the Government’s policy in developing housing projects for target groups in a bid to elevate their quality of life, promote equality and equal access to public infrastructure, and (3) to stimulate economy, through reviving construction sector, in accordance with strategic framework for sustainability of economic development.

**Title: Approaches to development of financial technology (FinTech)**

The cabinet approved development approaches of financial technology (FinTech) as proposed by Ministry of Finance.

Gist

Ministry of Finance reported on the development approaches of FinTech industry as follows:

1. Developing the country’s electronics infrastructure system through:
   1. Strategic plan on infrastructure development of National E-Payment
   2. Development of Digital Identification Platform
2. Promoting for public agencies to be both provider and user of FinTech financial products and services
3. Establishing Institute for Financial Innovation and Technology (InFinIT)

**Title: Agreement between the Kingdom of Thailand and Hungary on the Functioning of the MahachulalongkornRajavidyalaya University in Hungary in Cooperation with the Dharma Gate Buddhist College**

The cabinet approved signing of the Agreement between the Kingdom of Thailand and Hungary on the Functioning of the MahachulalongkornRajavidyalaya University in Hungary in Cooperation with the Dharma Gate Buddhist College. Should there be an amendment, before the signing, that is not gist of the document, Ministry of Education, through Office of the Higher Education Commission, is to discuss with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs) and proceed with the amendment without resubmitting the proposal to the cabinet.

Gist

The draft Agreement endorses the operation of MahachulalongkornRajavidyalaya University in Hungary in cooperation with the Dharma Gate Buddhist College to offer Master’s and Doctoral study in the field of Buddhism. Main agencies responsible for the implementation according to the MOU are Thailand’s Office of the Higher Education Commission, and Hungary’s Ministry of Human Capacities.

**Title: Negotiation Framework on ASEAN Food Safety Regulations**

The cabinet approved the following proposals made by Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives:

1. Approved the negotiation framework on ASEAN Safety Regulations
2. Authorize Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives or a representative to use judegement in making decisions with regard to the matter for public benefits.

Gist

The negotiation framework will be used for the 1st Task Force on development of legal instruments for ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework (TF AFSRF) to be held on April 24-26, 2018 in Malaysia with an aim to translate 2015 policy paper on ASEAN food safety, and 2016 ASEAN food safety regulatory framework into action.

**Title: Memorandum of Understanding between Thailand’s Ministry of Public Health and Republic of Cuba’s Ministry of Public Health on public health and medical research cooperation**

The cabinet approved the following proposals made by Ministry of Public Health:

1. Approved Memorandum of Understanding between Thailand’s Ministry of Public Health and Republic of Cuba’s Ministry of Public Health on public health and medical research cooperation
2. Approved Ministry of Public Health as signatory of the MOU. Should there be an amendment that does not affect gist of the document, the signatory is authorized to use judgement in making decisions without having to resubmit to the cabinet for its approval.

Gist

Under the MOU, Thailand and Cuba will promote cooperation in the fields of communicable and non-communicable disease, medical researches, pharmacology and bio-technology, pharmaceutical policy, medical tourism, basic healthcare system, medical education, and universal healthcare scheme.

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