**The Cabinet met on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at the Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows:**

**Title: Draft Establishment of Administrative Courts and Administrative Court Procedure (No….), B.E. … (Revision of Judicial Commission of the Administrative Court’s authority)**

The cabinet approved and acknowledged the following:

1. Approved in principle draft Establishment of Administrative Courts and Administrative Court Procedure No…., B.E. …, as proposed by the Adminsitrative Court.
2. Acknowledged the plan for drafting of secondary laws, timeframe, and gist of the secondary laws issued in accordance with the draft Act.
3. The Administrative Court is to take into consideration opinions of Ministry of Finance, Office of the Civil Service Commission, Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board, the Budget Bureau, National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO)’s legal and judicial procedure unit before proceeding.

Gist

The draft Establishment of Administrative Courts and Administrative Court Procedure No…., B.E. … stipulates authority of Judicial Commission of the Administrative Court to be able to set rules and regulations on welfares, and benefits of the Administrative Court’s officials and staffs.

**Title: Integrative plan to reduce inequalities and poverty, B.E. …**

The cabinet approved The cabinet approved in principle draft ministerial regulation of the Prime Minister’s Office on the integrative plan to reduce inequalities and poverty, B.E…., as proposed by Office of National Economic and Social Development Board. The draft ministerial regulation of the Prime Minister’s Office on the integrative plan to reduce inequalities and poverty, B.E…. stipulates:

1. Establishment of the policy committee on reduction of inequality and poverty, which consists of prime minister as chair and designated deputy prime minister as vice chair, with 15 committee members (by position), and no more than 3 Prime Minister-appointed experts. Secretary-General of Office of the Economic and Social Development Board will act as member and secretary. The policy committee on reduction of inequality and poverty has an authority to set policy and strategic framework, directions, criteria, and integrative plans for the operation of concerned agencies, monitor and oversee, and issue related orders in accordance with the draft ministerial regulation.

2. Establishment of the executive committee on reduction of inequality and poverty, which consists of designated Minister Attached to the Prime Minister’s Office as chair, and Secretary-General of Office of the Economic and Social Development Board as vice chair, with 4 committee members (by position), and no more than 3 Prime Minister-appointed experts. The executive committee on reduction of inequality and poverty has authority to set key performance indicators on the nation’s social inequality, propose directions, criteria, and integrative operation and budget plans, as well as revision of related laws and measures to the policy committee on reduction of inequality and poverty.

**Title: Cyber Security Act, B.E. …**

The cabinet approved draft Cyber Security Act, B.E. …, as revised by Minitry of Digital Economy and Society, following the deliberation of Office of Council of State.

The draft Cyber Security Act, B.E. … is aimed to promptly prevent and cope with cyber threats, and stipulates information technology-related infrastructures that need prevention, as well as promote national development-driven digital technologies.

**Title: Request for Ministry of Finance to guarantee SME Bank’s debentures (total amount no more than 21 billion Baht)**

The cabinet approved the proposal of Ministry of Finance for the Ministry to guarantee SME Bank’s debentures with the total amount of no more than 21 billion Baht, as stipulated in Section 7 of Public Debt Management Act, B.E. 2548 (2005). This is for the SME Bank to provide loans and other financial supports to SMEs entrepreneurs in accordance with the Government’s policy.

**Request for approval to use watershed area 1A for construction of dual-track rail road (Map Kabao-Jira Road Junction)**

The cabinet approved the followings:

1. Approved for Ministry of Transport (State Railway of Thailand- SRT) to utilize watershed area 1A for the construction of dual-track rail road (Map Kabao-Jira Road Junction), as proposed by the inistry.
2. Ordered for Ministry of Transport (State Railway of Thailand- SRT) to proceed according to the resolution of National Environment Commission, at its 5/2015 meeting on December 23, 2015, and to take into consideration opinions of Ministry of Public Health, Office of National Economic and Social Development Board, and Office of National Water Resources, as well as to strictly abide by related laws, regulations, and cabinet resolutions.

**Title: Sports Classroom Project**

The cabinet approved the following proposals made by Ministry of Education:

1. Approved Sports Classroom Project for FY 2019-2022
2. Approved the budget framework for project implementation as advised by the Budget Bureau.
3. Ministry of Education is to take into consideration opinion of Office of National Economic and Social Development Board.

The Sports Classroom project is aimed to recruit and develop new athletes for competitions at the international level, and to enhance students’ sports skills for them to be able to make a living through sports.

**Title: Signing of First Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan**

The cabinet approved draft First Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan, as proposed by Ministry of Commerce, and ordered for it to be scrutinized by Office of Council of State before submitting to National Legislative Assembly for deliberation.

Minister of Commerce or a representative is approved as signatory of the document. Should there be an amendment in parts that are not gist nor against national interests, Ministry of Commerce is to proceed according to the cabinet resolution on June 30, 2015.

The First Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan is a revision to ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEP) to revoke part of the security-related exemption, and include additional trade and service-related obligations.