**The Cabinet met on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Command Building I, Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows;**

**Title: Draft Act on National Reform Plan and Procedure B.E…. and Draft Act on National Strategy Development B.E…**

The Cabinet approved the followings:

1. Approved in principle Draft Act on National Reform Plan and Procedure B.E…. and Draft Act on National Strategy Development B.E… as proposed by Office of the Council of State, and returned the draft Acts to Office of the Council of State for another round of consideration before submitting to the National Legislative Assembly when the draft Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E…. takes effect.

2. Office of the Nation Economic and Social Development Board is assigned to proceed as follows:

2.1 To organize hearings of all concerned parties, and analyze potential impacts of the aforementioned Draft Acts in a comprehensive and systemic manner.

2.2 To prepare related operation plan.

2.3 To set timeframe, gist, and development procedure of subordinate laws.

**Title: (Draft) National Policy and Strategic Plan on Nuclear Power Development B.E. 2560 – 2569**

The Cabinet agreed on (draft) National Policy and Strategic Plan on Nuclear Power Development B.E. 2560 – 2569, as proposed by Ministry of Science and Technology. Concerned agencies are to provide operational supports accordingly.

Gist of the draft plan aims to create trust among the global community on the safe and secure use of nuclear energy in Thailand both in routine operations and emergency situations. It is also to strengthen manpower production and development, and create public awareness on safe use of nuclear power.

Four key strategies under the plan are:

1) International cooperation on nuclear power

2) Monitoring nuclear safety

3) Strengthening and development manpower and nuclear power infrastructure

4) Utilizing nuclear energy for national development

**Title: Draft National Education Plan B.E. 2560 – 2579**

The Cabinet agreed on draft National Education Plan B.E. 2560 – 2579, as proposed by Ministry of Education. Concerned agencies are to use the draft plan as guideline in educational development.

Ministry of Education and concerned agencies are to speed up implementations according to the plan, and to monitor and evaluate performances regularly.

Draft National Education Plan B.E. 2560 – 2579 consists of 6 key strategies as follows:

**1st Strategy**: Education management for national and social stability

**2nd Strategy**: Production and development of manpower, research and innovation for enhancement of national competitiveness

**3rd Strategy**: Development of people at all ages, and promotion of learning society

**4th Strategy**: Promotion of educational opportunity and equality

**5h Strategy**: Education management for environmental-friendly quality of life

**6th Strategy**: Efficiency enhancement of education system

**Title: Request for approval of Thailand’s participation in Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)**

The Cabinet agreed for Thailand to join Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), as proposed by Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives. Minister of Foreign Affairs is authorized as signatory of the letter of acceptance, and submit to Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Gist of the matter

Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives reported that

**Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)** is an international agreement on establishment of Regional Fishery Management Organization (RFMOS), aiming to sustainably leverage other species of fishery resources (in addition to tuna and tuna-like species) in the Southern Indian Ocean. The agreement was setup to encourage regional collaboration on fishery work, regulations, management, and conservation of sea life. This includes such matters as fishing quotas and fishing tools allocation to benefit all contracting parties.

**Title: Request for approval on draft Vientiane Declaration on Sustainable Rural Transport**

The Cabinet agreed and approved proposals made by Ministry of Transport as follows:

1. Approved Draft Vientiane Declaration on Sustainable Rural Transport to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs). Should there be any amendment, if not effecting the gist of the document or against the benefits of Thailand, Thai delegation is authorized to proceed without further approval from the Cabinet.

2. Deputy Minister of Transport (Mr. Pichit Akrathit) is authorized as signatory of the aforementioned document.

Draft Vientiane Declaration will be tabled at the 10th Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum in Asia, taking place from March 14 to 16 in Vientiane, the Lao PDR.

Thailand will be participating in this meeting with 25 other countries to discuss:

* 1. infrastructure and transportation services in rural areas,
  2. annual budget management for road maintenance and additional construction,

And finding ways to invest in transportation infrastructure that will ensure safety and convenience for travelers.

**Title: Request for approval on Draft Joint Press Communique on occasion of official visit of President of the Philippines**

The Cabinet approved draft Joint Press Communique on the occasion of an official visit of President of the Philippines, as proposed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Should there be any amendment in the document, if not effecting the principles the Cabinet has approved or agreed, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is authorized to proceed and later inform the cabinet accordingly.

Gist of the draft Joint Press Communique covers: 1) security and military cooperation; 2) economic cooperation; 3) food security cooperation; and 4) agricultural cooperation.

Thailand and the Philippines agreed to sign 3 following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

(1) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cooperation in combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, chemicals and precursor between the Royal Thai Police and Philippines Drugs Enforcement Group,

(2) The Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation between the governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Thailand, and

(3) Practices on cooperation regarding swamp buffalo and dairy cattle rearing between Philippine Carabao Center and Thailand’s Department of Livestock Development.