**The Cabinet met on Tuesday 6, 2017, at Command Building I, Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows:**

**Title: Draft Fisheries Act (No...) B.E...**

The Cabinet approved in principle Draft Fisheries Act (No...) B.E…as proposed by Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

Gist of Draft Act is as follows:

1. Revise definition of the word "Commercial fishing", "fishing boat" and "stateless boat", and add the definition of "fishing vessel" and "factories"
2. Revise criteria in respect of local and commercial fisheries
3. Revise criteria concerning suspension of operations or closure of factories in fisheries, and add additional regulations regarding protection of vessel’s workers.
4. Revise criteria in determining conservation and management measures
5. Revise criteria for fisheries control and surveillance, and transport of aquatic animals
6. Revise criteria for aquatic animals importation and docking of foreign fishing vessels
7. Revise criteria for reporting of illegal fishing vessels, and operations related to fishing vessels, aquatic animals, or fish products obtained from illegal fishing
8. Establish Administrative Rulings Committee to determine and revise administrative measures as appropriate.
9. Specify criteria for protection of officials
10. Specify measures for dismantling of fishing gears, building, or any equipment that catch aquatic animals without permission
11. Specify penalties for violating or failing to comply with the orders of competent officials, or Director-General
12. Amend rates of fee in the annex

**Title: Provincial Manpower Development Plan, B.E. 2560-2564**

The Cabinet acknowledged Provincial Manpower Development Plan, B.E. 2560-2564 as proposed by Ministry of Labor, and ordered concerned agencies to proceed accordingly.

Provincial Manpower Development Plan is an area-based program that focuses on development of manpower and workers in 76 provinces in three sectors: manufacturing (industry), agriculture and service sectors. The Plan will be implemented in accordance with the 20-year National Strategy on capacity building, competitiveness and empowerment, and to be in line with the 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan on strengthening and development of human capital.

**Title: 3rd National Strategic Plan for Environmental Health, B.E. 2560-2564**

The Cabinet agreed to the 3rd National Strategic Plan for Environmental Health, B.E. 2560 -2564 as proposed by Ministry of Public Health, and ordered concerned agencies to implement the strategic plan into action accordingly.

The Plan aims to ensure that people’s rights in health and environment are protected, and that they have healthy lifestyle, and be able to take part in environmental health management in an efficient manner.

The Plan consists of 4 strategies as follows:

1st Strategy: Prevent and reduce environmental risk factors

2nd Strategy: Promote multilateral cooperation and cooperation with local Government organizations in accordance with Pracharath Policy

3rd Strategy: Strengthen environmental health management system

4th Strategy: Improve knowledge and skills of people, staffs and partners in environmental health networks

**Title: Procurement of domestically-produced medicines**

                            The Cabinet approved guideline for procurement of domestically-produced medicines as proposed by Deputy Prime Minister (Wissanu Krea-ngam) as follows:

1. Government agencies are required to purchase pharmaceuticals and medical equipment produced in the country which are already certified by relevant government agencies.
2. Concerned government agencies are to procure at least 30% of their total demand.
3. Ministry of Public Health, and Ministry of Finance are to consider implementation of the measure on medicine procurement in accordance with the National List of Essential Medicines. Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Finance, and Bureau of Budget are to facilitate and monitor the implementation of this policy.

The Prime Minister urged concerned agencies to accelerate procurement of medicines, medical supplies and medical equipment that are already under the certified innovation list, and to allocate the budget for this purpose under Bureau of Budget's supervision.

**Title: Development and signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Sports Cooperation between Thailand and Bhutan**

The Cabinet approved proposals made by Ministry of Tourism and Sports as follows:

1. Agreed on the development and signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Sports Cooperation between Thailand and Bhutan. Should there be any amendment, if not effecting the gist of the document, Ministry of Tourism and Sports is authorized to proceed without further approval from the Cabinet.
2. Minister of Tourism and Sports or her representative is authorized as signatory.

**The Draft Memorandum of Understanding** aims to promote and provide support on technical cooperation in the field of sports, such as promotion of exchanges in experiences, skills, techniques, information and knowledge (e.g., training and competition of youth athletes, cooperation in sports research and development, etc.) as needed.

The Draft Memorandum of Understanding will take effect from the date of signing for 4 years and shall remain in full force and effect until written notice is given by either party 6 months in advance.

**Title: Finland's request for establishment of the Consulate in Pattaya, Chonburi and appointment of its Honorary Consul (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**

                            The Cabinet approved proposals made by Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Finland's request to establish an Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Finland in Pattaya, Chonburi, covering Chonburi, Chanthaburi, Rayong and Trat provinces, and appointed Mr. Tuomo Rautakivi) as Honorary Consul.