**The Cabinet met on Tuesday July 11, 2017, at Command Building I, Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows:**

**Title: Draft Ministerial Regulation on Tourism Development Zone of ​​South Sea Islands (Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, Koh Tao and Ang Thong National Marine Park), B.E...**

The Cabinet approved in principle Draft Ministerial Regulation on Tourism Development Zone of ​​the South Sea Islands (Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, Koh Tao and Ang Thong National Marine Park), B.E..., as proposed by Ministry of Tourism and Sports, and ordered for it to be forwarded to Office of the Council of State to review and proceed accordingly.

Gist of Draft Ministerial Regulation

To identify Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, Koh Tao, and Ang Thong National Marine Park as Tourism Development Zone of ​​the South Sea Islands. Surat Thani province will serve as operational center of the tourism development zone.

**Title: Management of Development Policy Loan (DPL)**

The Cabinet approved proposals made by Ministry of Finance as follows:

1. Approved revision of title and details of GFMIS project in order to support SAP ECC 6.0 software under the new GFMIS Thai financial management system, for a total budget of 823 million Baht.
2. Public Debt Management Office is to scrutinize budget of the program .

**Title: Request for approval of Bangkok - Nong Khai high-speed railroad infrastructure development project, phase 1 (Bangkok – Nakhon Ratchasima)**

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

1. Approved State Railway of Thailand (SRT)’s Bangkok - Nong Khai high-speed railroad infrastructure development project, phase 1 (Bangkok – Nakhon Ratchasima), with a total budget of 179,413 million Baht, and the implementation period of 4 years (2017-2020). The Thai Government will take total responsibility of the budget.
2. Approved for the project to be forwarded to National Legislative Assembly for deliberation.

Gist of the matter

Bangkok - Nong Khai high-speed railroad infrastructure development project, Phase 1 (Bangkok – Nakhon Ratchasima) will be implemented under the cooperative framework between the governments of People's Republic of China and the Kingdom of Thailand on railroad infrastructure development program, which aims to:

1. Expand opportunity for economic growth and prosperity from Bangkok metropolitan area and its vicinity to other provinces under the project, i.e., Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, Saraburi, Nakhon Ratchasima for the first phase, and Khon Kaen, Udon Thani and Nong Khai for the next phases.
2. Promote linkage between Thailand and the Greater Mekong Sub-region and People's Republic of China under the ‘One Belt One Road’ initiative.

Total distance of the high-speed railroad project is 253 kilometers, consisting of 6 stations (Bang Sue Central Station, Don Muang Station, Ayutthaya Station, Saraburi Station, Pak Chong Station and Nakhon Ratchasima Station, with a total journey time of 1.30 hours.

**Title: Draft United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPAF) 2017-2021**

The Cabinet agreed on proposals made by Ministry of Foreign Affairs as follows:

1. Agreed on draft United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPAF) 2017-2021. Should there be any amendment, if not effecting gist of the document, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to cooperate with concerned agencies to proceed without further approval from the Cabinet.
2. Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs is authorized as signatory.

**Gist of the Draft UNPAF** is the partnership framework between the United Nations and Thailand for the next 5 years. The draft framework consists of 4 strategies: 1) promulgating and enforcing laws; 2) empowering civil society; 3) promoting private sector’s partnership for development; and 4) promoting exchange of knowledge and technologies at the regional and international levels.

**Title: ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Bioequivalence Study Reports of Generic Medicinal Products (ASEAN BE MRA)**

The Cabinet approved proposals made by Ministry of Public Health as follows:

1. Agreed and approved ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Bioequivalence Study Reports of Generic Medicinal Products (ASEAN BE MRA)
2. Minister of Commerce or his representative is authorized as signatory. Should there be any amendment, if not effecting the gist of the document, the signatory is authorized to proceed accordingly.
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to issue Full Powers to the aforementioned signatory.

**Title: Russia's request for opening of the Consulate in Phuket (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**

                            The Cabinet approved the Russian Federation’s request to establish a consulate in Phuket, covering Phuket, Chumphon, Krabi, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Narathiwat, Pattani, Phangnga, Phatthalung, Ranong, Satun, Songkhla, Trang and Yala, as proposed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.