

Information on the National Reform Steering Assembly

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The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (Interim), B.E. 2557 (2014), Amendment (No. 1) in B.E. 2558 (2015), Section 39/2, Paragraph 2, stipulates the establishment of the National Reform Steering Assembly, after the former National Reform Council's task, in order to propose the guidelines for 11 areas of national reform referred in Section 27. To complete its mission, the National Reform Steering Assembly shall prioritize the reform issues on the basis of effectiveness feasibility with the condition of time limit. On Tuesday 13th October 2015, at the first meeting of the National Reform Steering Assembly, Captain Thinapan Nakata, Mr. Alongkorn Ponlaboot and Miss Valairat Sriaroon were elected as the Chairman, the First Vice – Chairman and the Second Vice – Chairman respectively.

The National Reform Steering Assembly and its missions as provided by the Interim Constitution

The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (Interim), B.E. 2557 (2014), Section 27, prescribes the establishment of the National Reform Council to study and provide recommendations on national reform in the following areas:

- 1) Political Reform,
- 2) State Administration Reform,
- 3) Law and Judicial Administration Reform,
- 4) Local Administration Reform,
- 5) Educational Reform,
- 6) Economic Reform,
- 7) Energy Reform,
- 8) Public Health and Environment Reform,
- 9) Mass Communication Reform,
- 10) Social Reform,
- 11) Others.

Goals of the reform as provided by the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (Interim), B.E. 2557 (2014), Amendment (No. 1) B.E. 2558 (2015) are to develop:

- 1) Democratic regime with the King as the Head of State, as deemed suitable for Thailand's social context,
- 2) Transparent and fair electoral system,
- 3) Efficient anti – corruption mechanisms,
- 4) Economic and social equity for the sustainable development,
- 5) Mechanisms for comprehensive and rapid public services,

- 6) Strict and equal law enforcement,
- 7) 11 areas of reform respectively completed on the basis of priority and the available timeframe.

Roadmap of the National Reform Steering Assembly 1+1+18 = 20 months

The time frame of the National Reform Steering Assembly's national reform was set up as 1+1+18 = 20 months, which can be divided into 3 phases:

The 1st Phase: 1 – month period, 15 October – 15 November 2015. The National Reform Steering Assembly designed and drafted mechanism by setting up a committee to draft rules of procedures of the National Reform Steering Assembly and set up other committees.

The 2nd Phase: 1 – month period, 15 November – 15 December 2015. The National Reform Steering Assembly scrutinized the process by reviewing 37 reform aspects of the former National Reform Council and reported its finding to the National Reform Steering Assembly, the Council of Ministers and to the National Legislative Assembly.

The 3rd Phase: 18 – month period, 15 December 2015 – 15 June 2017. The National Reform Steering Assembly submitted the report on national reform recommendations to the Council of Ministers and the National Legislative Assembly.

Four Working Principles

The four Working Principles of the National Reform Steering Assembly are “fast”, “circumspect”, “comprehensive” and “participation” in connection with the government, the National Legislative Assembly, people and public agencies.