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Public Sector Fiscal Balance Report (GFS Basis): The First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015

Mr. Krisada Chinavicharana, Director-General of the Fiscal Policy Office and Ministry of Finance's Spokesman, reported public sector fiscal balance of the first quarter of fiscal year 2015 (October – December 2014). Total revenue was 1,780,002 million Baht, 3.8 percent (70,541 million Baht) lower than the same period last year, mainly due to a decrease in SOEs revenue by 117,810 million Baht, since a decrease in oil prices affected the PTT Public Company Limited. Meanwhile, central government and extra-budgetary funds revenue was 51,793 million Baht higher than that of the same period last year, mainly due to having received a second installment of 3G service on 2.1 GHz band license fee from the state telecommunications operator. In addition, oil fund has collected more revenue. Public sector expenditure was 2,016,676 million Baht, 3.7 percent (78,485 million Baht) lower than the same period last year because of decreasing expenditures in SOEs and central government by 116,329 and 13,722 million Baht respectively, whereas local administrative organizations (LAOs) expenditure increased. As a result, consolidated public sector balance was in deficit of 236,674 million Baht (1.9 percent of GDP), 7,944 million Baht lower than the same period last year. Consolidated public sector primary balance, which reflects the performance and direction of fiscal policy, was in deficit of 179,512 million Baht (1.4 percent of GDP).

Mr. Krisada concluded, “Public sector expenditure is a key factor in supporting continuous growth of the Thai economy”

Public Sector Fiscal Balance on GFS Basis Report : The First Quarter of the fiscal year 2015

Unit : Million Baht

| Type | The First Quarter | | | | Comparison (yoy) | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 2558 | % of GDP ^{1/} | 2557 | % of GDP ^{1/} | Amount | % |
| 1. Public Sector | | | | | | |
| 1.1 Revenue | 1,780,002 | 14.2 | 1,850,543 | 15.3 | (70,541) | (3.8) |
| - Central Government (including Extra-Budgetary Funds) | 704,021 | 5.6 | 652,228 | 5.4 | 51,793 | 7.9 |
| - LAOs | 177,684 | 1.4 | 215,796 | 1.8 | (38,112) | (17.7) |
| - SOEs | 1,097,990 | 8.8 | 1,215,800 | 10.1 | (117,810) | (9.7) |
| - Elimination of Consolidation ^{2/} | 199,693 | 1.6 | 233,281 | 1.9 | (33,588) | (14.4) |
| 1.2 Expenditure | 2,016,676 | 16.1 | 2,095,161 | 17.4 | (78,485) | (3.7) |
| - Central Government (including Extra-Budgetary Funds) | 913,671 | 7.3 | 927,393 | 7.7 | (13,722) | (1.5) |
| - LAOs | 159,851 | 1.3 | 141,873 | 1.2 | 17,978 | 12.7 |
| - SOEs | 1,142,847 | 9.1 | 1,259,176 | 10.4 | (116,329) | (9.2) |
| - Elimination of Consolidation ^{2/} | 199,693 | 1.6 | 233,281 | 1.9 | (33,588) | (14.4) |
| 1.3 General Government Balance | (236,674) | (1.9) | (244,618) | (2.0) | 7,944 | 3.2 |
| 1.4 General Government Primary Balance | (179,512) | (1.4) | (189,165) | (1.6) | 9,653 | 5.1 |

Note 1/ Nominal GDP (calendar Year 2015) 12,496 Billion Baht, Nominal GDP (calendar Year 2014) 12,065 Billion Baht (as of 20 March 2015)

2/ Elimination of Consolidation involves the elimination of all transactions that occur among the government units. For example, the government subsidy expenditure paired with the same transaction as recorded for extra-budgetary funds, LAOs and SOEs revenue shall be eliminated.