THAILAND

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
King WACHIRALONGKON
Head of Government
Prime Minister PRAYUT Chan-o-cha
Government Type
constitutional monarchy
Capital
Bangkok
Legislature
bicameral National Assembly or Rathhasapha consists of the appointed Senate or Wuthissapha (250 seats) and the directly elected House of Representatives or Saphaphuthan Ratsadon (500 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court of Justice; Constitutional Court; Supreme Administrative Court
Ambassador to US
Ambassador THANI Thongphakdi
US Ambassador
Vacant; Charge d’Affaires Michael HEATH

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
a free-enterprise economy with a relatively well-developed infrastructure and generally pro-investment policies; exports account for about two thirds of GDP; industry and service sectors produce about 90% of GDP; the agricultural sector contributes only 10% of GDP but employs about one third of the labor force
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.24 trillion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$17,900 (2017 est.)
Exports
$235.1 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 12.4%, US 11.2%, Japan 9.5%, Hong Kong 5.2%, Vietnam 4.9%, Australia 4.5%, Malaysia 4.4% (2017 est.)
Imports
$203.2 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 20%, Japan 14.5%, US 6.8%, Malaysia 5.4% (2017 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
68.6 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
0.29% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Thai 97.5%, Burmese 1.3%, other 1.1% (2015 est.)
Language
Thai (official) only 90.7%, Thai and other languages 6.4%, only other languages (includes Malay, Burmese) (2010 est.)
Religion
Buddhist 94.6%, Muslim 4.3%, Christian 1% (2015 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 50.7% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 1.73% annual rate of change (2015 20 est.)
Literacy
92.9% (2015)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 513,120 sq km
Land: 510,890 sq km
Water: 2,230 sq km
Climate
tropical; rainy, warm, cloudy southwest monsoon (mid-May to September); dry, cool northeast monsoon (November to mid-March); southern isthmus always hot and humid
Natural Resources
tin, rubber, natural gas, tungsten, tantalum, timber, lead, fish, gypsum, lignite, fluorite, arable land

as of December 2019