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Local Government Structures and Status of Decentralization in Thailand by Tharee Kamuang National Coordinator

"The European Union is made up of 27 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders".

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Country Profile



Muang T'hai; Prathet T'hai

Int'l long form: Kingdom of Thailand

Int'l short form: Thailand

Formerly: Siam

Area: 513,155 sq. km. (198,114 sq. mi.)

Capital City: [Bangkok](#)

Population: 65 million

Government:

Type: Constitutional monarchy.

Constitution: New constitution promulgated 2007.

Independence: Never colonized

Capital City: [Bangkok](#)

(in Thai: Krung Thep; pop. 6-10 million est.)

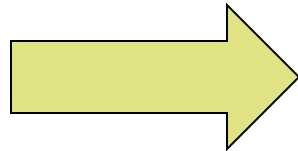


Thai administrative structure

1. Central
Administration

2. Regional
Administration

3. Local Administration



- Provincial Administrative Organization (PAO)
- Municipalities
- Sub-district Administrative Organizations (TAO)

- Bangkok Metropolitan
- Pattaya City



Local Administration Structure

- ❑ Provincial Administrative Organization (75 PAOs)
- ❑ Municipalities
 - Large scale (city); >50,000 pop., > 100 mil.THB
 - Medium scale (town); 30,000-50,000 pop, 50-100 mil THB
 - Small scale (tambon); <30,000 pop, <50 mil.THB
- ❑ Sub-district Administrative Organizations
TAOs
- ❑ Special Administration; Bangkok Metropolitan,
Pattaya City