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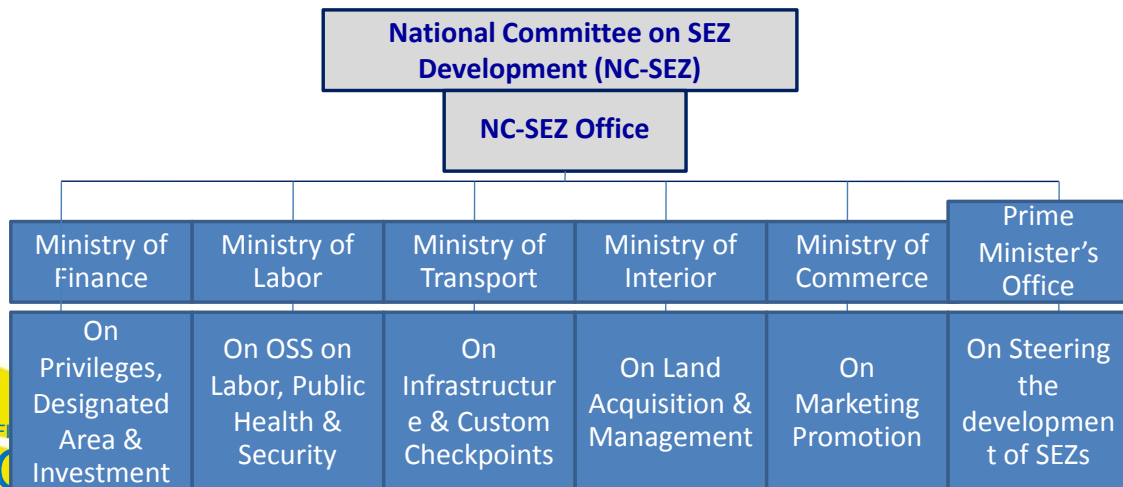
THAILAND

Border Economic Zone (BEZ) in Thailand

2015 : The establishment of SEZs in 10 border provinces

Tak, Mukdahan, Sakeaw ,Trat , Songkla, Chiangrai
Nongkai, Nakhonphanom, Kanchanaburi , Narathiwat

Management Mechanism for SEZ Development



National Policy for BEZ Development

- **Vision:** Emerging economic gateway connecting neighbouring countries and better people's quality of life
- **Goal:** Promote concrete & balance development for emerging border economic areas, improve quality of life and solve security problems
- **Objective**
 1. Prosperity contribution & quality of life improvement
 2. Sustainable area growth
 3. Competitive enhancement
- **Principle**
 1. Implement projects under current law using inclusive approach
 2. Role of Government (granting incentive/ provide necessary infrastructure/ facilitate investment), Private sector (investment), People (participate & gain benefits)
 3. SEZ development must not have negative impacts on environment , natural resources, society, security and relationship with neighboring countries
 4. being flexible & adjustable according to circumstances
 5. SEZ areas are designated by administrative boundary

Government Support Measures

- **Investment Promotion Measures**
- **Measures under The Revenue Department**
- **Foreign Labor**
- **Development basic infrastructure**
- **Finding land**
- **The Development of Industrial Estates in the SEZs**
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- **Incentive Measures under the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEAT)**
- **One Stop Service Center (OSS)**

Challenges for BEZ development

- **People's acceptance**
- **Budget allocation**
- **Environment and Natural resources**
- **Public health issue at borders**
- **Security**
- **Human trafficking and illegal migrant workers**
- **Collaboration with neighboring countries**

Coordinate BEZ development & Urban Infrastructure development

Operational Guideline

- Encourage & Facilitate Investment in SEZ
- Promote economic activities in accordance with each area's potential
- Provide economic & social infrastructure: transportation/border-crossing/ electricity/water/safety/public health/ labor/environment
- Enhance participation of people & other development partners
- Strengthen efficiency of community enterprise & private sector in SEZ
- Manage natural resources & environmental in SEZ

Work Plan

- Incentives
- Infrastructure & customs checkpoints
- Labor management
- Improvement of health services for border residents, including health insurance for migrant labor
- Government land for rent in industrial or service activities
- Security
- Natural resources & environmental management

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- Interconnected BEZs with Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) and BMR
- Linkages with regional growth centers along transportation corridors

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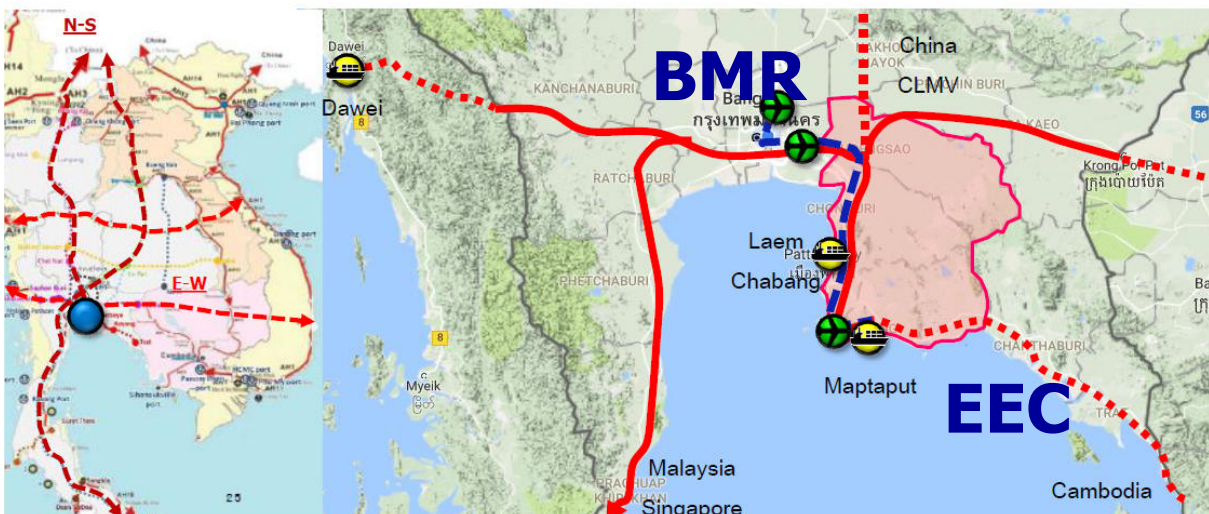
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Regional Connectivity...

Center of East-West Economic Corridor and North-South Economic Corridor

Connect Indian Ocean with Pacific Ocean, CLMV, South China

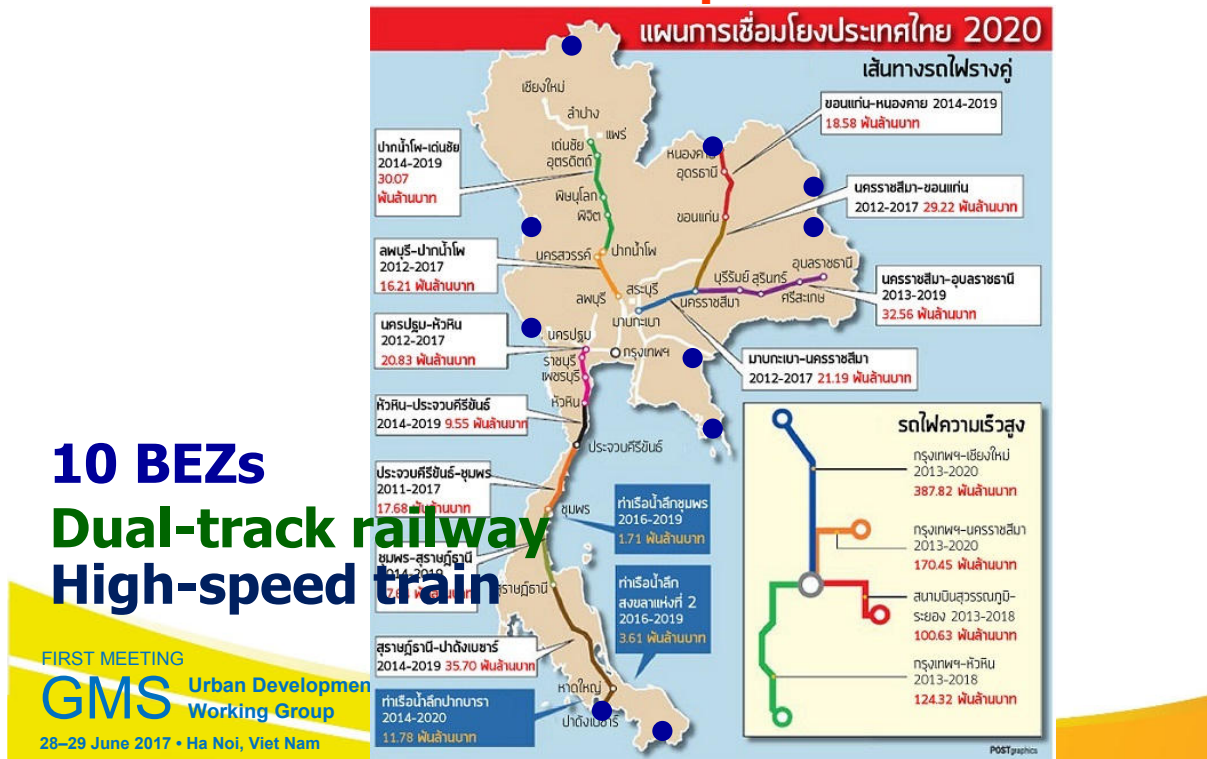


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Criteria for selection of project towns

- **Strong relationship between two cross-border communities**
- **National/ Regional Government support**
- **Availability of resources to support each other economy**
- **Geographically suitable for spatial expansion or manageable through linkages.**

Going to be involved

Strengthen cooperation

- **Align with the SDGs, climate agreement / Sustainable development together towards SDGs**
- **BEZ Logistics**
- **Knowledge sharing on solving urban problems** - urban waste, waste water, housing, Traffic congestion etc.

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