



Revenue Department News

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Subject : Thailand's ranking in the paying taxes category of the ease of doing business has risen 42 places and has moved up to 2nd place among ASEAN members

On 1st November 2017, the World Bank released the report "Doing Business 2018: Reforming to Create Jobs" or Ease of Doing Business Report 2018. Thailand moved up to 26th among 190 countries in the world, from 46th in 2017. In particular, Thailand jumped in the "Paying Taxes" category by 42 places from 109th in 2017 to 67th in 2018 and ranked second in ASEAN countries behind only Singapore.

Mr. Prasong Poontaneat, Director-General of the Revenue Department, informed that, "The Thai Government has launched policies to support doing businesses in several aspects. Moreover, the Revenue Department has developed tools and utilised technology to facilitate taxpayers in accordance with Thailand 4.0 policy. For example, Risk Based Audit Approach (RBA) has been implemented and has resulted in taxpayers complying with tax laws and being good entrepreneurs according to the single account policy. These low risk taxpayers will get quick and correct tax refunds and services. The Revenue Department has also issued tax handbooks for entrepreneurs in specific industries such as drug stores, gold shops and arranged tax seminars to assist taxpayers to comply with tax laws and reduce cost of paying tax in order to increase competitiveness.

The Revenue Department hopes that in the future e-Tax invoice and e-Withholding systems will further facilitate taxpayers and help significantly to reduce the cost of doing businesses in Thailand and enhance Thailand's competitiveness in terms of paying taxes.

Paying Taxes Ranking	2017		2018	
	World Ranking	ASEAN Ranking	World Ranking	ASEAN Ranking
Singapore	8	1	7	1
Thailand	109	5	67	2
Malaysia	61	2	73	3
Vietnam	167	10	86	4
Brunei Darussalam	89	3	104	5
Indonesia	104	4	114	6
Myanmar	119	6	125	7
Cambodia	124	7	136	8
Timor-Leste	130	8	139	9
Lao PDR	146	9	156	10

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