



Revenue Department News

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Subject : The Revenue Department joins hands with SET to boost full-scale deployment of electronic instruments, in order to support e-Business in Thailand

The Revenue Department aims to promote the use of electronic instruments to support e-Business in response to the "Thailand 4.0" policy. Main objectives are to upgrade electronic services of the Revenue Department and facilitate business operators, and the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) is the first service provider in this mission.

Dr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Director-General of the Revenue Department, stated that "in order to fully support the use of electronic instruments and operations of e-Business in Thailand, the Revenue Department has opened an option for electronic stamp duty payment for the following nature of instruments:

1. Hire of work,
2. Loan of money or agreement for bank overdraft,
3. Power of attorney,
4. Proxy letter for voting at a company's meeting, and
5. Guarantee.

Since 1st July 2019, payment of stamp duty for 5 categories of electronic instruments prescribed above can be done online via the Revenue Department's website or the Application Programming Interface (API). Through such channels, taxpayers can choose to complete payment by themselves or through service providers. The electronic stamp duty payment will allow taxpayers to pay stamp duty easily and quickly, reduce time spent on document preparation, minimise errors in duty calculation, and opt for full range of electronic transactions.

For stamp duty payment through service providers, **the Revenue Department has cooperated with SET, which is the first service provider of electronic stamp duty payment**, to develop a direct connection for transmission of large volume of stamp duty payment data via API".

Dr. Pakorn Peetathawatchai, President of the SET, stated that "SET aims to develop infrastructure for the digital capital market. FinNet Innovation Network Company Limited (FinNet), a SET's subsidiary, is the first service provider of electronic stamp duty payment using the API technology. The cooperation between SET and the Revenue Department

is a prototype of a public private partnership to facilitate the ease of doing business, and SET will expand alliance to other government agencies to bridge the gap of the capital market in every sector in accordance with the vision of SET: "To Make the Capital Market 'Work' for Everyone".

Information from the FinNet system will be directly submitted to the Revenue Department's database. Once making electronic stamp duty payment through this system, users will receive reference numbers that will be quoted on applicable electronic instruments as legally duty stamped. At present, this service is available for the following nature of instruments: 1) Proxy letter for attending a shareholders' meeting; 2) Opening a trading account; and 3) Loan of money for securities trading. In 2020, all categories of the SET related electronic instruments will be covered by this service.

In the next step, the FinNet system will be linked to the Digital ID Platform and other payment services that will be launched throughout the rest of this year. This complete linkage of electronic services will reduce paper usage and ultimately enhance efficiency of the capital market."

Dr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Director-General of the Revenue Department, concluded that cooperation between the Revenue Department and SET, is in line with the "Thailand 4.0" government's policy, in applying digital technology to work processes and promoting economic growth of the country. The electronic stamp duty payment will surely facilitate taxpayers as it will serve as an alternative channel that is very convenience, speedy and timely.

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