



Revenue Department News

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Subject : The Revenue Department warns selling and buying fake tax invoices are liable to serious penalties : fine and long term imprisonment

According to an announcement regarding selling of VAT invoices of goods such as construction materials, ink, press, office equipment and others on social medial and claiming that these invoices can be used in tax filing, such announcement causes a large numbers of buyers believe that these invoices are valid whether or not such buyers have intention to avoid tax.

Mrs. Sommai Siriudomset, acting Principal Advisor on Strategic Tax Administration as spokesman of the Revenue Department, said that the announcement regarding selling of VAT invoices is wrong doing and illegal and shall be sentenced from 3 months up to 7 years and fined 2,000 up to 200,000 baht and also subject to civil penalty with the fine at the amount equals to twice the amount of tax on such VAT invoice as well as surcharge at the rate of 1.5 percent per month or fraction of month on the amount of tax.

The spokesman added “The Revenue Department has proceeded continuously and seriously on both criminal and civil litigations for entrepreneurs who illegally issue or use tax invoices. For examples, in the previous year, the Revenue Department pursued civil lawsuit cases which involve 15 issuers of illegal tax invoices causing loss of 1.9 billion baht and 408 users of the illegal tax invoices leading to tax assessment of 4.1 billion baht. Moreover, criminal prosecutions involve 59 issuers who illegal issued tax invoices causing loss of 1.8 billion baht. For this reason, all illegal issuers and users of tax invoice are warned to stop such wrong behavior. At present, the Revenue Department has implemented a data analytic system to increase efficiency in analyzing data especially big data. Also, the Revenue Department will follow, investigate and arrest tax payers who issue and use tax invoices without conducting real business transactions. If the public find any suspicious activity of tax evasion, the public can report such information via the Revenue Department’s website (www.rd.go.th) > menu “Report Tax Evasion”. This is for fact finding and building fairness for all tax payers who comply with tax obligations.

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