EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
LABOR FORCE SURVEY IN THE 3rd QUARTER OF 2014

Some major findings from the 3rd Quarter of the 2014 Labor Force Survey showed that there were 54.9 million people, aged 15 years and over, of these, 38.8 million were in the labor force (38.4 million were employed, 0.33 million were unemployed and 0.06 million were seasonally inactive labor force) and 16.1 million were not in the labor force (4.8 million were household work, 4.4 million were students and 6.9 million were others).

Comparing to the same period of 2013, the number of persons employed increased by 0.1 million (from 38.3 million to 38.4 million) or 0.3%. It was found that the number of employed persons in non-agriculture sector increased by 0.4 million (from 24.5 million to 24.9 million). This increment was found in various industry, such as Wholesale and retail about 0.2 million, Hotel and Restaurants and Transportation and storage about 0.1 million. Those in agriculture sector decreased by 0.3 million.

Comparing level of educational attainment of the employed persons to the same period of 2013, it was found that the number of employed persons with upper secondary level increased by 0.2 million, no education and with less than elementary, lower secondary level and higher lever increased by 0.1 million. However, elementary level decreased by 0.3 million.
If the operation is not fully considered or function below the level of the working hours (defined as working less than 35 hours per week and available for additional work) in the third quarter 2014, showed that the number of people who work less than half a million of 2.2 held that those who work in this group, even if it is working, but it is not working at full capacity. Because they also have more time to work on their own. If the rate was lower when compared with the total number of 0.6%.

However, when compared with the reaction time of the year 2013, the number of underemployment worker decreased by 26 thousand (from 0.7% to 0.6%).

In the 3rd quarter 2014, there were 0.33 million or 0.8% of unemployed persons. Comparing to the same period of last year, the number of unemployed persons increased by 20 thousand (from 0.31 million to 0.33 million). Considering by age group, it is noticeable that there were 0.19 million or 4.4% found in a teenager group (15-24 years old) and 0.14 million or 0.4% in adult group (25 years and over). Comparing to the same period of 2013, the number of unemployed persons increased by 40 thousand (from 0.15 million to 0.19 million), in the teenagers’. The adult group decreased by 20 thousand (from 0.16 million to 0.14 million).
Concerning work experience of unemployed persons, about 160 thousand out of 330 thousand, had no experience in work, with these 130 thousand were from the teenager group, and 30 thousand from the adult group, about 170 thousand of unemployed persons have ever worked. Looking at the distribution of unemployed persons, about 84 thousand, were from the trade and service sector, 73 thousand were from manufacturing, and the least of about 14 thousand were from agriculture sector.

Data in the 3rd Quarter 2014, showed that the higher level of education attainment, the higher number of unemployed, it is clearly seen that 120 thousand with the highest level of educational attainment were unemployed, followed by 80 thousand with lower secondary, by 60 thousand with upper secondary, by 50 thousand with elementary and around 20 thousand with no education and with less than elementary.

Comparing the number of unemployment by region with the same period of last year, it showed that the number of unemployed persons in the Northeast increased by 20 thousand, the North and the South increased by 10 thousand, while in Bangkok decreased by 20 thousand. The unemployment persons did not change in the Central.

In sum, the results of the 3rd Quarter in the 2014, Labor Force Survey revealed that the over all unemployment rates did not change. An increase appeared in most of the regions; the Northeast by 0.2 (from 0.5% to 0.7%), the South by 0.2 (from 1.1% to 1.3%) and the North by 0.1 (from 0.6% to 0.7%). While a decrease in Bangkok by 0.3 (from 1.1% to 0.8%). The unemployment rates did not change in the Central.