EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
LABOR FORCE SURVEY IN THE 4th QUARTER OF 2014

Some major findings from the 4th Quarter of the 2014 Labor Force Survey showed that there were 55.0 million people, aged 15 years and over, of these, 38.6 million were in the labor force (38.3 million were employed, 0.24 million were unemployed and 0.10 million were seasonally inactive labor force) and 16.4 million were not in the labor force (4.9 million were household work, 4.5 million were students and 7.0 million were others).

Comparing to the same period of 2013, the number of persons employed decreased by 0.2 million (from 38.5 million to 38.3 million) or 0.5%. It was found that the number of employed persons in non-agriculture sector increased by 0.5 million (from 24.8 million to 25.3 million). This increment was found in various industry, such as Manufacturing about 0.3 million and Hotel and Restaurants about 0.1 million. Those in agriculture sector decreased by 0.7 million (from 13.7 million to 13.0 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 and higher level increased by 0.1 million. However, elementary level decreased by 0.3 million and no education and with less than elementary decreased by 0.2 million. While the employed persons did not change in lower secondary level.
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 fourth 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 13 thousand. Function below the level of the working hours rate did not change same period of last year.

In the 4th quarter 2014, there were 0.24 million or 0.6% of unemployed persons. Comparing to the same period of last year, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 20 thousand (from 0.26 million to 0.24 million). Considering by age group, it is noticeable that there were 0.13 million or 2.3% found in a teenager group (15-24 years old) and 0.11 million or 0.3% in adult group (25 years and over). Comparing to the same period of 2013, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 10 thousand (from 0.14 million to 0.13 million), in the teenagers'. The adult group decreased by 10 thousand (from 0.12 million to 0.11 million).
Concerning work experience of unemployed persons, about 100 thousand out of 240 thousand, had no experience in work, with these 80 thousand were from the teenager group, and 20 thousand from the adult group, about 140 thousand of unemployed persons have ever worked. Looking at the distribution of unemployed persons, about 68 thousand, were from the trade and service sector, 51 thousand were from manufacturing, and the least of about 16 thousand were from agriculture sector.

Data in the 4th Quarter 2014, showed that the higher level of education attainment, the higher number of unemployed, it is clearly seen that 70 thousand with the highest level of educational attainment were unemployed, followed by 60 thousand with lower secondary, by 50 thousand with elementary, by 40 thousand with upper secondary 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 South increased by 10 thousand. However, Bangkok, the Central and the Northeast decreased by 10 thousand. The unemployment persons did not change in the North.

In sum, the results of the 4th Quarter in the 2014, Labor Force Survey revealed that the overall unemployment rates decreased by 0.1 (from 0.7% to 0.6%). A decrease appeared in most of the regions; Bangkok by 0.3 (from 0.9% to 0.6%), the Central by 0.2 (from 0.8% to 0.6%) and the Northeast by 0.1 (from 0.5% to 0.4%). While an increase in the South by 0.3 (from 0.7% to 1.0%). The unemployment rates did not change in the North.