EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
LABOR FORCE SURVEY IN THE 2\textsuperscript{th} QUARTER OF 2015

Some major findings from the 2\textsuperscript{th} Quarter of the 2015 Labor Force Survey showed that there were 55.2 million people, aged 15 years and over, of these, 38.4 million were in the labor force (37.8 million were employed, 0.34 million were unemployed and 0.32 million were seasonally inactive labor force) and 16.8 million were not in the labor force (5.1 million were household work, 4.4 million were students and 7.3 million were others).

Comparing to the same period of 2014, the number of persons employed did not change (37.8 million). It was found that the number of employed persons in non – agriculture sector increased by 0.7 million (from 25.4 million to 26.1 million). This increment was found in various industry, such as Manufacturing 0.2 million, Hotel and Restaurants and Wholesale and retail about 0.1 million. Those in agriculture sector decreased by 0.7 million (from 12.4 million to 11.7 million).

Comparing level of educational attainment of the employed persons to the same period of 2014, it was found that the number of employed persons with upper secondary level increased by 0.3 million and higher level by 0.2 million. However, no education and with less than elementary decreased by 0.3 million, elementary level decreased by 0.2 million and lower secondary level decreased 0.1 million.
Remark: Underemployment rate = Employed persons 1-34 hours/week and available for additional work x 100
Total employed persons

Remark: Unemployment rate = Unemployed persons x 100
Total labor force by age group

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 second quarter 2015, showed that the number of people who work less than half a million of 2.1 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 2014, the number of underemployment worker increased by 4 thousand (from 0.5% to 0.6%).

In the 2th quarter 2015, there were 0.34 million or 0.9% of unemployed persons. Comparing to the same period of last year, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 50 thousand (from 0.39 million to 0.34 million). Considering by age group, it is noticeable that there were 0.18 million or 4.3% found in a teenager group (15-24 years old) and 0.16 million or 0.5% in adult group (25 years and over). Comparing to the same period of 2014, the number of unemployed persons increased by 20 thousand (from 0.16 million to 0.18 million), in the teenagers’. The adult group decreased by 10 thousand (from 0.17 million to 0.16 million).
Concerning work experience of unemployed persons, about 170 thousand out of 335 thousand, had no experience in work, with these 130 thousand were from the teenager group, and 40 thousand from the adult group, about 165 thousand of unemployed persons have ever worked. Looking at the distribution of unemployed persons, about 77 thousand, were from the trade and service sector, 62 thousand were from manufacturing and the least of about 26 thousand were from agriculture sector.

Data in the 2nd Quarter 2015, showed that the higher level of education attainment, the higher number of unemployed, it is clearly seen that 140 thousand with the highest level of educational attainment were unemployed, followed by 70 thousand with upper secondary, by 50 thousand with lower secondary and 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 Central decreased by 30 thousand, the South by 20 thousand and the North by 10 thousand. The unemployment persons did not change in Bangkok and the Northeast.

In sum, the results of the 2nd Quarter in the 2015, Labor Force Survey revealed that the overall unemployment rates decreased from 1.0% to 0.9% comparing to the same period as in 2014. But, an decrease appeared in most of the regions; the Central by 0.3 (from 1.1% to 0.8%), the South by 0.3 (from 1.3% to 1.0%). The unemployment rates did not change in Bangkok, the North and the Northeast.