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Foreign Direct Investment Surged in First 5 Months *BOI to organize “PM Meets Investors” on June 18*

Foreign direct investment in Thailand in the first five months of this year was as high as Bt86.2 billion, more than double from the same period last year of Bt41.3 billion, reflecting investors’ confidence in Thailand’s long-term investment potential and strong economic fundamentals. To further enhance foreign investment momentum, the Board of Investment will host the “Prime Minister Meets Investors” event on June 18.

Dr. Atchaka Sibunruang, Secretary-General of the Board of Investment (BOI) commented, “We are pleased with the significant increase in foreign direct investment (FDI). It clearly reflects that foreign investors remain confident in investing in Thailand. In addition to the FDI increase, we have been informed that most large-scale BOI promoted projects will continue uninterrupted even after the recent unrests.”

According to BOI’s latest statistics, Japan remains the top foreign investor in Thailand in the first five months this year with over Bt33 billion investment value compared to Bt17 billion in the same period last year. Singapore and China followed as the second and third top investors with Bt7.68 billion and Bt6.4 billion investment value respectively.

To further enhance investors’ confidence, the BOI will organize the annual “Prime Minister Meets Investors” event on June 18, 2010, at Grand Diamond Ballroom, Muang Thong Thani. At the event, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva will share with over 1,000 investors the government direction and support for industrial development and investment. The event will also be broadcast live on Channel 9.

“The event provides a crucial opportunity for investors to hear directly from the Prime Minister in what direction Thailand industrial development will move forward and what measures the government prepares to help investors and boost investment climate. At the same time, it provides the government with a great opportunity to meet with investors and hear from them their concerns, needs and opinion. Through this two-way communications, we believe the event will reinforce good understanding and cooperation between the government and investors while enhancing conducive investment climate in the country,” added the BOI Secretary General.
