

TDRI Economic Update
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Zoom (and in person at TDRI office)
JFCCT Chairman's Endorsement

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JFCCT and EABC colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

I remember early in 2016 learning of the Guillotine concept, and in the middle of that year, writing to the Prime Minister to congratulate those who had the foresight to consider embarking on the guillotine project, and to suggest that supporting the project would be a great positive for the economy, especially looking at the results of such work in countries such as Korea and Vietnam.

Much has happened since then, there has been success with some Guillotine projects (or fast track regulatory reform) but unfortunately the support for the Licensing phase did not see the project completed.

This is a shame as so much work was done by many talented people. Now there should be an opportunity to move forward.

The economic and society challenges of COVID 19 have been addressed head on by many government agencies. From a public health perspective, there is no doubt that Thailand is a leader. We must give thanks for the privilege of being in a society which respects conduct for a common good, *but* our economy needs all opportunities. One major development is to make all that

we do more efficient, more effective, reduce costs and make our economy more attractive for investment and trading and, very importantly, to enhance the enjoyment of life of all who have to fill in forms and do filing, and all the people who depend on those who do.

We JFCCT are ready to continue to support this effort and do our best so that all are aware of it and achieve important outcomes. I am sure organisations such as those represented here today will define those outcomes and set goals so that we can support and follow.

Thank you

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