

# Thailand Narcotics Control Mechanisms

- Narcotics Control Board (NCB)
- Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB)
- National Policy and Strategy on Drug Control
- International Cooperation in Drug Control

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#### **NARCOTICS CONTROL ACT, 1976**

- Festablished the Narcotics Control Board (NCB)
- Set up the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB)
- Figure 2 Empowered the NCB, ONCB and competent officials for narcotics control

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# Narcotics Control Board (NCB)

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#### Members of the NCB

# Ex-officio 1. Prime Minister

Prime Minister
 Minister of Defense
 Minister of Interior
 Minister of Justice
 Minister of Public Health

6. Minister of Education 7. Minister to the Prime Minister's

Office
8. Attorney-General
9. Commissioner General,

Royal Thai Police

10. Director-General of the Customs Department

11.Secretary-General of NCB

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Chairman
Member
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Member and Secretary

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#### Members of the NCB (Con't)

#### By Appointment

- Up to six persons appointed by the Cabinet
- 2 year term
- can be re-appointed

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#### RESPONSIBILITIES of the NCB

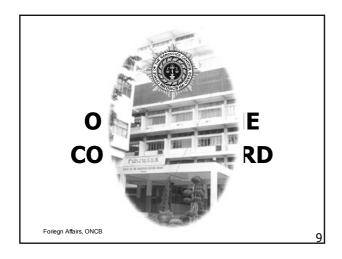
#### Main responsibilities:

- . To set up plans and measures on drug control
- . To supervise and monitor the drug control work
- . To consider, allocate and manage the drug control budget and make the recommendations to the Cabinet and perform the tasks in accordance with the Narcotics Control Act B.E.2519(1976)
- . To approve the appointment of competent officials to perform duties specified in the Narcotics Control Act B.E.2519(1976)

# National Policy Making and Co-ordinating Agency on Drug Control

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The ONCB was set up by the Narcotics Control Act, 1976 under the Office of the Prime Minister. According to the Government Body Restructure Act, 2002, the ONCB is under the Ministry of Justice which is directly under the supervision of Minister of Justice.

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#### Mission

- 1. To formulate national narcotics control strategy depending upon drug situation
- 2. To manage the narcotics control work as stipulated in the national narcotics control strategy
- 3. To supervise and direct the integration / codification of narcotics law enforcement and other related narcotics control laws
- 4. To monitor, examine and keep a close watch over the epidemic of drugs

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#### ONCB Structure

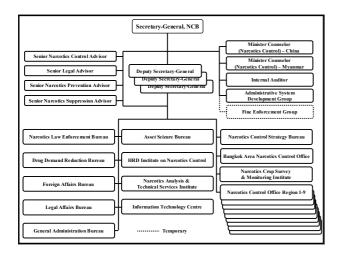
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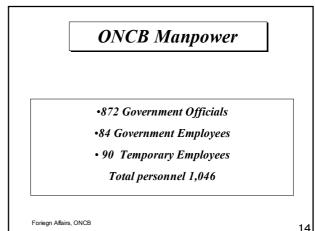
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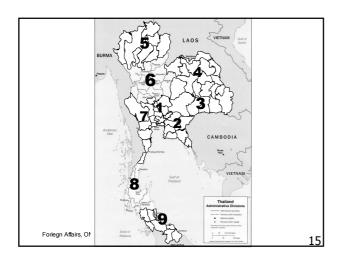
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- 1. General Administration Bureau
- 2.Foreign Affairs Bureau
- 3.Legal Affairs Bureau
- 4.Information Technology Centre
- 5.HRD Institute on Narcotics Control
- 6.Asset Seizure Bureau
- 7. Narcotics Control Strategy Bureau
- 8. Narcotics Law Enforcement Bureau
- 9.Drug Demand Reduction Bureau
- 10.Narcotics Analysis and Technical Services Institute
- 11.Narcotics Crop Survey and Monitoring Institute
- 12.Bangkok Area Narcotics Control Office
- 13.Narcotics Control Offices Region 1-9

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#### Roles of the ONCB

- National policy making agency on drug control
- National co-ordinating agency on drug control
- Secretariat of the NCB

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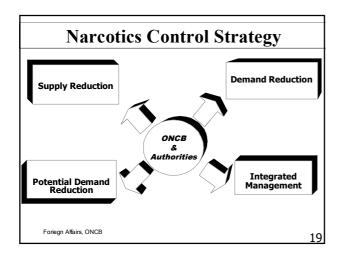
# Thailand Narcotics Control Policy and Strategy

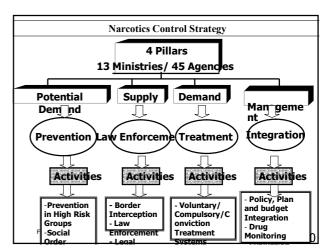
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#### Thailand Drug Control Policy

To expedite drug control to be done systematically and comprehensively, covering drug abuse prevention, drug law enforcement, drug treatment and rehabilitation, the improvement of drug laws to respond effectively to the current drug situation, and the strict enforcement of drug laws as well as the expansion of neighboring and international cooperation in drug control.

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#### Management Strategy

Unify: organization & administration
Integrate: plans, budgets & operations
Manage: expedition, supervision, monitoring,
follow-up and evaluation of the
implemented activities.
Improve: narco-information technology
Improve: human resources on drug control
Improve: knowledge of drug control

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#### <u>The 5 - Fence Defensive Strategy</u> 1 April - 30 September 2009

- 1) Border fence
- 2) Community fence
- 3) Society fence
- 4) School fence and;
- 5) family fence
- Law enforcement project
- Treatment and rehabilitation project

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"Thai Strength" Scheme
to Overcome Drugs under
the Five- Fence Defensive
Strategy
Phase II ( Nov. 2009 – May 2010)

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#### Focus

#### 3 areas

- 3 upper northern border provinces
- Bangkok and nearby provinces
- 3 southern border provinces

#### 3 actions

- To motivate drug abusers/addicts to apply for voluntary treatment (about 300,000 drug users in 285 high intensity drug trafficking districts throughout Thailand, expected success 50%)

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- To improve effectiveness of compulsory treatment, including vocational support program
- To strictly control drug trade in prisons, including installment of monitoring devices and enhancement of effective drug intelligence and suppression in prisons and agencies concerned.

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5-Fence Defensive Strategy 2 Target groups, 9 Projects

2 target groups: traffickers & abusers

5 Fences 9 Main Projects

1. Border Fence 1. Interception of drug smuggling

into Thailand along the northern border

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2. Community Fence 2. Encouragement of the public participation to

prevent drugs

3. To set up the 3. Society Fence integrated social

orders

4. School Fence 4. Drug-watch

school

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5. Family Fence

5. White family, Strong family Projects

6. Suppression of significant traffickers

7. Integrated drug treatment and rehabilitation program

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8. Drug-watch Workplace/factory

9. Management and administration

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#### **Overall indicators**

- 1. An increase of the public's satisfaction with government's response.
- 2. A decrease in the severity of the drug problem throughout the country.
- 3. A decrease in the severity of the drug problem in specific areas and the problem has been solved.

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- 4. Effectiveness of operation system of drug problem solving
- 5. Roles and the strength of communitycivic society in drug problem solving.
- 6. Effectiveness of system, mechanism, and management process.

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"Thai Strength" Scheme to Overcome Drugs under the Five- Fence Defensive Strategy Phase III( Nov. 2010 – )

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#### **International Obligations**

- United Nations Conventions
  - Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as Amended by the 1972 Protocol
  - Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971
  - Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988

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Bilateral Cooperation

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# MOUs on Drugs Control 1. Thailand - Poland (1996) 2. Thailand - Argentina (1997) 3. Thailand - Cambodia (1998) 4. Thailand - Vietnam (1998) 5. Thailand - Peru (1999) 6. Thailand - China (2000) 7. Thailand - Myanmar (2001) 8. Thailand - Lao PDR (2001) 9. Thailand-Tajikistan (2005)

