

Struggling Towards A Knowledge-based Society

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Introduction Thailand has always been an agricultural-based economy. Even with the introduction of manufacturing industries into the country in the past three decades, agriculture is still a good and stable part of the economy. During the big economic growth (1980 - 1997), tremendous investments were placed for many physical infrastructure (transportation networks) and information and communication technology (ICT). Due to the unregulated speed of growth in the period, Thailand became one large consumer market for ICT applications.

In this report, an analysis of IT applications in Thailand is presented. The emphasis was given to the need to build up Thailand's National Information Infrastructure and key issues in bringing the country into a Knowledge-based society.