

- . Nava Nakorn Industrial Estate, Pathumthani Province
- . Bang Poo Industrial Estate, Samut Prakarn Province
- . Bang Plee Industrial Estate, Samut Prakarn Province
- . The Northern Region Industrial Estate, Lamphun Province
- . Laem Chabang Industrial Estate, Choburi Province
- . Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate, Rayong Province

#### **Incentives for Exporting Enterprises**

1. Exemption of import duties and business taxes on imported raw materials and components.
2. Exemption of import duties and business taxes on re-exported items.
3. Exemption of export duties and business taxes.
4. Allowance to deduct from the taxable corporate income the amount equivalent to 5% of an increase in income derived from export over the previous years, excluding costs of insurance and transportation.

#### **Foreign Ownership**

Projects which are BOI promoted may be majority foreign owned when 50% to 79% of production is exported, and 100% foreign owned when 80% or more of production is exported.

If projects are based on local resources, 60% of registered capital must be held by Thais, and projects manufacturing for the domestic market must be 50% Thai owned.

## **RESOURCES OF THAILAND**

### **Climate**

Thailand has a monsoonal climate divided into three major seasons: (1) the cool season from November through February; (2) the hot season from March to May; and (3) the rainy season from May through October. Along the southeast coast of the peninsula, the rainy season lasts through December.

### **Regional Differences**

Thailand can be divided into six principal regions: a) Central Plain, b) Southern Coast, c) Northeast Plateau, d) Central Highlands, e) North and West Continental Highlands, f) Peninsular Thailand.

### **North**

The Northern region consists of forested mountains and the upper central plains. It is drained by four main rivers which combine to form the Chao Phraya, Thailand's major river which flows south and joins the sea near Bangkok. March until May is the hottest time of year in the North and December to January the coolest. The rainy season runs from June to November, with the highest rainfall occurring in August.