

Foreword

With the achievement of the OECD Integrity Review of Thailand 2021 – Phase 2, Thailand has become the first country in Asia-Pacific completing a full review of the key pillars of the country's public integrity system. This demonstrates the Government of Thailand's continued commitment to investing in public integrity and sharing practices and expertise with OECD countries. The Review was conducted by the Directorate for Public Governance through a series of consultations with the Thai stakeholders, and is part of the Thailand-OECD Country Programme and the Directorate's broader work programme on public sector integrity. Tackling corruption in the public sector and building transparent and accountable public institutions fosters investment, encourages competition, and improves government efficiency. The policy recommendations in this Integrity Review not only seek to bolster Thailand's integrity system, but also to promote public trust and ensure that the country can continue down a path of sustained economic growth.

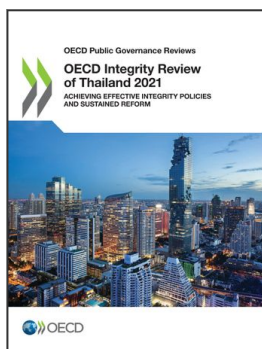
In recent years, the Government of Thailand has continued to strengthen efforts to mitigate corruption risks in the public sector and to implement the 20-year Anti-Corruption Master Plan (2017-2036), guided by the 20-year National Strategy (2018-2037), the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, Phase Three (2017-2021), and the 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan (2017-2021). Moreover, in follow-up of the recommendations of OECD Integrity Review of Thailand – Phase 1, Thailand has recently improved its institutional co-ordination and measurement frameworks on corruption prevention and has streamlined the institutional mandates for corruption investigations.

This Integrity Review – Phase 2 deepens the analysis on three key elements of Thailand's integrity system, namely disciplinary mechanisms and sanctions, risk management, and integrity in policy and decision making in the public sector. It provides recommendations in line with international good practices and the 2017 OECD Recommendation of the Council on Public Integrity, such as ensuring coherence in its disciplinary processes, strengthening corruption risk management practices, and improving the regulatory framework for interactions between public and private sectors.

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