

# Thailand's Many Ministries



List of Ministry Offices in Thailand. All of them are headed by a person called a *Minister* except the Office of the Prime Minister, which is always headed by a *Prime Minister*.

- **Office of the Prime Minister** สำนักนายกรัฐมนตรี ( *runs the country* )
- **Ministry of Defence** กระทรวงกลาโหม ( *responsible for defending Thailand and its borders from invaders* )
- **Ministry of Finance** กระทรวงการคลัง ( *responsible for taxation, and making sure government offices are funded and government workers are paid* )
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** กระทรวงการต่างประเทศ ( *handles Thailand's relationship to other countries to include matters concerning trade, immigration, and some defence issues* )
- **Ministry of Tourism and Sports** กระทรวงการท่องเที่ยวและกีฬา ( *handles all major tourism and sporting events involving nationally funded teams in Thailand* )
- **Ministry of Social Development and Human Security** กระทรวงการพัฒนาสังคมและความมั่นคงของมนุษย์ ( *handles all issues relation to citizen equality and protecting citizen rights* )
- **Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives** กระทรวงเกษตรและสหกรณ์ ( *responsible for farming and products within the country* )
- **Ministry of Transport** กระทรวงคมนาคม ( *responsible for transportation, maintenance and logistics of all transportation issues* )
- **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment** กระทรวงทรัพยากรธรรมชาติและสิ่งแวดล้อม ( *protects the environment* )
- **Ministry of Information and Communication Technology** กระทรวงเทคโนโลยีสารสนเทศและการสื่อสาร ( *responsible for IT infrastructure and operation. Also responsible for filtering and censoring traffic in the country* )
- **Ministry of Energy** กระทรวงพลังงาน ( *takes care of all energy needs and works with environment and defence ministers* )
- **Ministry of Commerce** กระทรวงพาณิชย์ ( *responsible for import/export and stock market concerns. Works closely with Finance minister* )
- **Ministry of Interior** กระทรวงมหาดไทย ( *responsible for policing, emergency management, national security, supervision of local governments, conduct of elections, public administration and immigration matters* ). He coordinates with many other ministers during emergencies.)
- **Ministry of Justice** กระทรวงยุติธรรม ( *handles court and law issues* )
- **Ministry of Labour** กระทรวงแรงงาน ( *handles issues of workforce, including immigration policy related to hiring foreigners* )
- **Ministry of Culture** กระทรวงวัฒนธรรม ( *oversees morals, ethics, and public holiday activities* )
- **Ministry of Science and Technology** กระทรวงวิทยาศาสตร์และเทคโนโลยี ( *works with companies and educational institutions to makes sure Thailand's technology needs are met* )
- **Ministry of Education** กระทรวงศึกษาธิการ ( *responsible for standards set by public schools* )
- **Ministry of Public Health** กระทรวงสาธารณสุข ( *oversees health concerns of the government* )
- **Ministry of Industry** กระทรวงอุตสาหกรรม ( *works with the labour minister, specific to the needs of manufacturing and big business* )