

**Labor Market Implications in Thailand under
AFTA and Other Trade Liberalizations**

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Abstract

This research project has three main objectives:

- 1) To analyze the impacts of AFTA and other trade liberalization on Thailand's trade, economy, foreign direct investment, and majored policy implications
- 2) To enhance the understanding of Thailand's labor and employment implications of trade liberalization.
- 3) To identify policy options for integrated economic, labor, and social policies to address labor and employment implications.

The analysis is based on an examination of primary data, e.g. indebt interview of various stakeholders, and secondary data including the quantitative analysis to proceed to the above objectives. Due to differences of production cost structure and market channel, three specific sectors of Thailand's produced manufactures: (1) textiles and garments, (2) automobile parts and components, and (3) gems and jewelry; are chosen for deeper analysis of trade liberalization and impacts liked to the implications of labor market of each sector.