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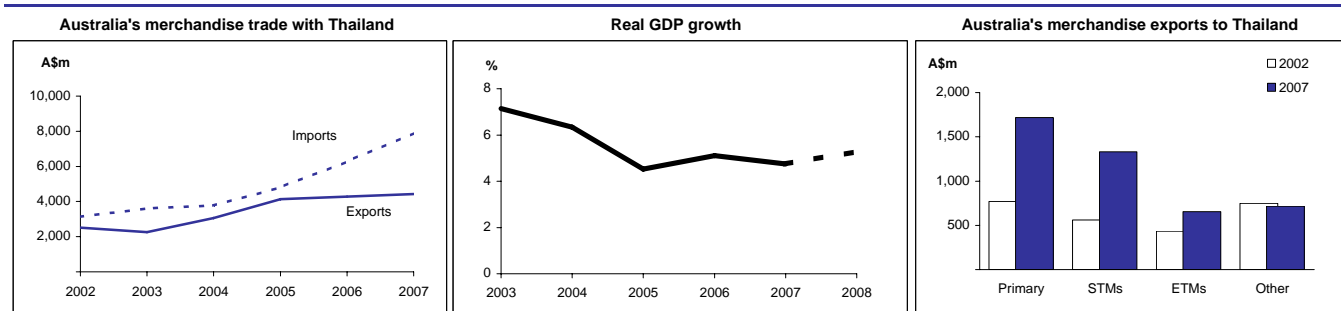
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Bangkok	Head of State:	
Surface area:	513 thousand sq km	HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej	
Official language:	Thai	Head of Government:	
Population:	65.7 million (2007)	Prime Minister HE Mr Somchai Wongsawat	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 29.3538 Baht (Apr 2008)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007(a)	2008(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	142.6	161.3	176.4	206.7	245.7	272.5
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	378.9	413.3	445.4	482.9	519.4	557.8
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,229	2,479	2,710	3,166	3,737	4,104
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	5,920	6,350	6,840	7,397	7,900	8,401
Real GDP growth (% change YOY):	7.1	6.3	4.5	5.1	4.8	5.3
Current account balance (US\$m):	4,784	2,767	-7,642	2,174	14,923	9,199
Current account balance (% GDP):	3.4	1.7	-4.3	1.1	6.1	3.4
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	65.8	70.7	73.3	73.6	73.2	70.6
Inflation (% change YOY):	1.8	2.8	4.5	4.6	2.2	3.5



Australia's trade relationship with Thailand (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Thailand, 2007:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Thailand (A\$m):	4,421	2.6%	9th	3.3%
Imports from Thailand (A\$m):	7,889	4.2%	7th	26.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	12,310	3.5%	8th	16.8%

Major Australian exports, 2007 (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2007 (A\$m):	
Crude petroleum	861	Transport vehicles	1,993
Aluminium	762	Passenger motor vehicles	1,183
Non-monetary gold	551	Non-monetary gold	662
Copper	332	Heating & cooling equipment	401

Australia's trade in services with Thailand, 2007:		Total share:
Exports of services to Thailand (A\$m):	804	1.7%
Imports of services from Thailand (A\$m):	1,610	3.5%

Major Australian service exports, 2007 (A\$m):		Major Australian service imports, 2007 (A\$m):	
Education-related travel	499	Personal travel excl education	837
Transportation	121	Transportation	684

Thailand's global merchandise trade relationships:

Thailand's principal export destinations, 2007:		Thailand's principal import sources, 2007:	
1 United States	12.6%	1 Japan	20.3%
2 Japan	11.9%	2 China	11.6%
3 China	9.7%	3 United States	6.8%
7 Australia	3.8%	12 Australia	2.7%

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.