

## ***Thailand***

### **General Aspects**

Thailand is a Constitutional Monarchy with 61 446 178 inhabitants and a total surface of 198,953 sq. miles

### **Diffusion of ICT**

Based on a population of 62 million persons, PC penetration in the country (number of PCs/population) is estimated 1,9%, while the Internet diffusion is 3,6%. Telephone diffusion is 8,4%, referred to mobile telephones penetration this percentage decrease to 1%

### **Application of ICT to Public Administration**

Both and Central and Local Public administration have some Internet/extranet networks.

### **Public Administration on line**

Government's web sites generally provide institutional information such as: press releases, speeches and statements of the Head of Government, official documents and Government Acts.

A portal expressly arranged for citizens has not yet been implemented, but on the web site of the main governmental bodies it is possible to send requests for information through e-mail.

### **E-government**

Services to citizens and companies are limited to the provision of application and registration forms on line.

Nevertheless, the Government of Thailand has started an action program to promote the application of ICT to the Public Administrations and to provide on-line services that has to be approved.

There is an Authority for the e-government program co-ordination, whose main ongoing projects like: On line information services; Simple transaction Services, Payment Gateway and e-procurement.

### **Future issues**

Future projects are in the field of: Document Tracking System, Accounting and Financing System, Budgeting System, Inventory System and Personnel System.