

GOVERNMENT SYSTEM OF THAILAND

Executive Branch

The Prime Minister, General Prayut Chan-o-cha, is the leader of the largest ruling party of the parliament. He is the head of the executive branch, and the spokes person for Thailand.



The Cabinet is "The Council of Ministers of Thailand". They are responsible for creating and executing policies of the government to the citizens of Thailand.

Legislative Branch

The National Assembly consists of two houses: the Senate and the House of Representatives

The **Senate** is the upper house and has 200 members.

The **House of Representatives** is the lower house and has 400 members, and has more "power" than compared to the Senate.

Background

Thailand's government is based on a constitutional monarchy, in which the Prime Minister serves as head of a parliamentary government, and a hereditary Thai king functions as head of state.

The Thai government is split into three branches - the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judiciary Branch.

The Monarchy

The longest reigning king, Rama IX, has held his position since 1946. Usually, you would assume the King to have a lot of power - this is not the case in Thailand. The King holds little power over the Thai people, but remains as a symbol of Thailand. The Thai King serves as Head of State and spiritual leader.

Judiciary Branch

The Judiciary Branch consists of all the courts of Thailand and serves as a "check and balance" on the Executive and Legislative branches. All judges are appointed by the King.

Courts of Justice : The largest of the court systems, and is mandated by three tiers - the Court of First Instance, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Justice of Thailand.

Administrative Courts : Made up of two tiers - the Administrative Court of First Instance and Supreme Administrative Court.

Constitutional Court : Settles matters that deal with Thailand's Constitution. It is the smallest court of the Judiciary Branch

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