Active Ageing
Thailand Policy Response

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Outline

✓ Thailand Demographic Transition

✓ Thailand Policies Response

✓ Challenges to achieve “Active Ageing”
Thailand Ageing Society

- Aged Society (2005): > 10%
- Complete aged Society (2021): > 20%
- Super aged Society (2031): > 28%

Source: The Situation of the Thai Elderly 2014

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Situation of the Thai Elderly

Ageing population 11 million or about 16.9%

Early-Elderly 60-69 years
Mid-Elderly 70-79 years
Late-Elderly 80 years or older

Source: NESDB: 2016
Declining in Living with children

1986 (2529) - 77%

2014 (2557) - 55%

Source: John knod and Bussawan: 2016

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Living Pattern of the Thai Elderly

- Living With Spouse
  - 2002: 15.9%
  - 2007: 16.3%
  - 2011: 17.6%
  - 2014: 18.8%

- Living Alone
  - 2002: 6.3%
  - 2007: 8.4%
  - 2011: 8.6%
  - 2014: 8.7%

Risk ➔ Alone Couple

Widow ➔ Solo

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Source of Elderly Income

- **36.7%** Children Support
- **14.8%** Old Age Allowance
- **4.9%** Pension
- **4.3%** Spouse
- **33.9%** Working
- **3.9%** Saving 
  & Assets
- **1.5%** etc.

**Support**

**Working**

Source: [http://www.scb.co.th/line/tip/money-plan.html](http://www.scb.co.th/line/tip/money-plan.html)

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The Act on the Elderly : 2003

- Rights of the Elderly
  : Health & Social Care

- National Committee on the Elderly
  : Chair by PM

- Tax privilege
  : Children who take care older parents

- The Elderly Fund
  : Loan with no interest
  : Grant for elderly activities
• The 2nd National Plan on the Elderly : 2002-2021
  (Revised in 2009)

- National strategies on Health, Social, Economic Security

- Achievement indicators
  for monitoring & evaluation
  (every 5 years: 2006, 2011, 2016)
Thailand Policy on the Elderly (cont’d)

- **Annual Report of Situation of the Thai Elderly** *(The Foundation of Thai Gerontology Research and Development Institute : TGRI)*

Universal Health Care Coverage

*(Free for charge)*

- Prevention, promotion, treatment, rehabilitation
- Dental Care, eyes care, assistive - equipments support
- Health care visiting team
  *(Family Care Team)*
Elderly Income Security

- **Universal Old-Age allowance**: Monthly allowance *(Social Pension: Non-Contributory)*
  - 8.1 million members

- **Old Age Insurance** *(Contributory Pension)*
  - 12 million members

- **Government Pension Fund** *(Contributory)*
  - 1.2 million members

- **Provident Fund** *(Contributory)*
  - 3 million members

- **National Saving Fund** *(Contributory)*
  - 500,000 members
Social Support for the Elderly (cont’d)

- Elderly Development Centers
- The Elderly Clubs
- Elderly Schools
- Older Persons’ Brain Banks
- Friendly Housing & Environment
- Homes for the Elderly
- Assistance for vulnerable elderly
  *(in cash / in kind)*
Well being ➔ Active Ageing

Integration & Collaboration

Network

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To achieve “Active Ageing”

- Healthy Lifestyle
- Old Age Income Security
- Long Term Care for the Elderly
- Re-employment
- Supportive Environment
- Research & Innovation
- Intergenerational Solidarity

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“The potential of older persons is powerful basis for future development”

Thank you