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Innovations in Local Governance for Building Resilient Communities and Accelerating Progress on the SDGs: Thailand's Experience

## How Nakhon Si Thammarat Became a Model Smart City

https://bit.ly/nakhonsmartcity









Best Smart City Partnership Award
World Smart City Expo 2023 Award, Republic of Korea



Nakhon Si Thammarat City: 8 years of devastating floods, costing the government 100M+ THB.







## Challenges of Traditional Civic Issue Reporting

#### Lack of Resources

Cities struggle to identify and address infrastructure problems effectively due to limited resources.

#### **Communication Gap**

Citizens face difficulties in reporting civic issues to their local government.

#### Paper Culture

The overreliance on paper-based slowing down the entire system and creating obstacles in effectively resolving problems for the citizens.

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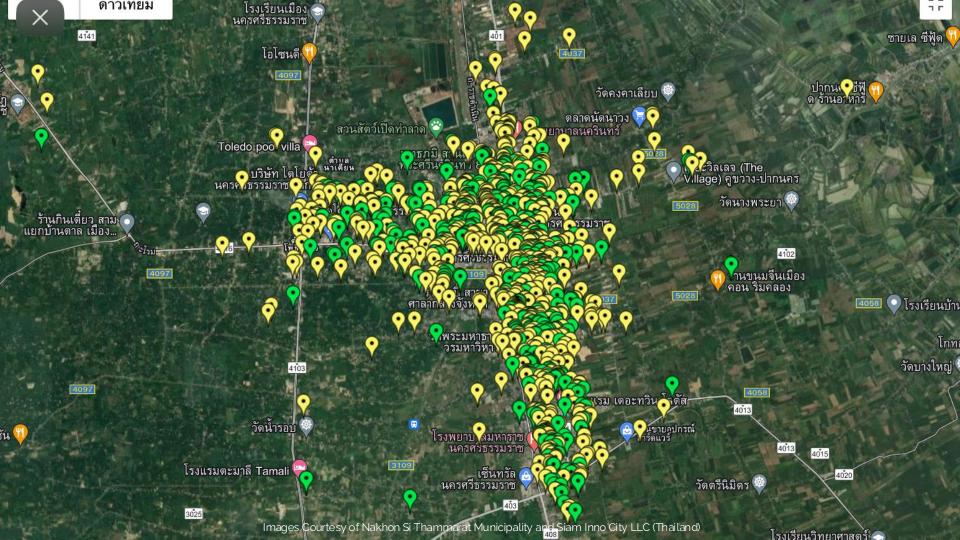


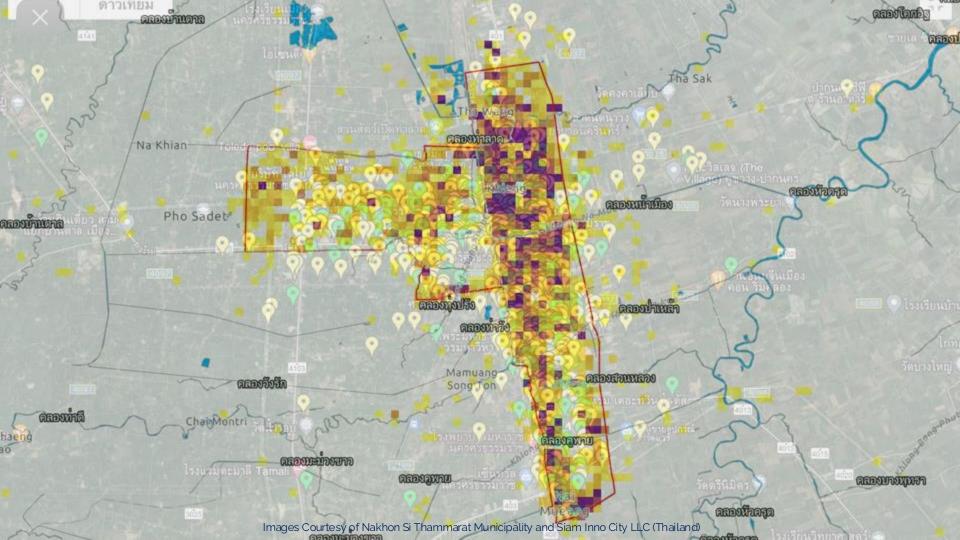
# Solving Civic Issues with A Citizen-Centric App

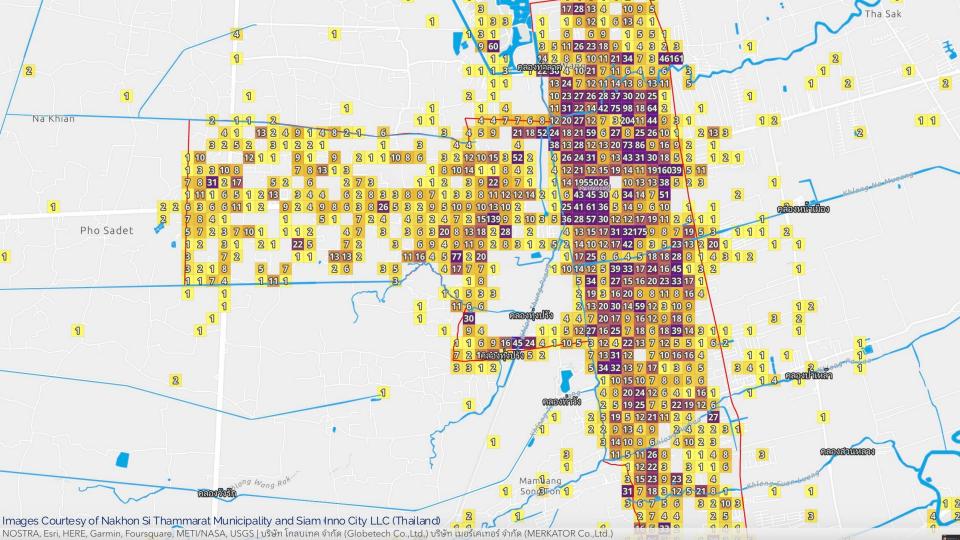
- It provides a seamless communication channel between citizens and the government, facilitating efficient problem-solving.
- My City app enables citizens to report issues directly to their city via the popular Line messaging app.



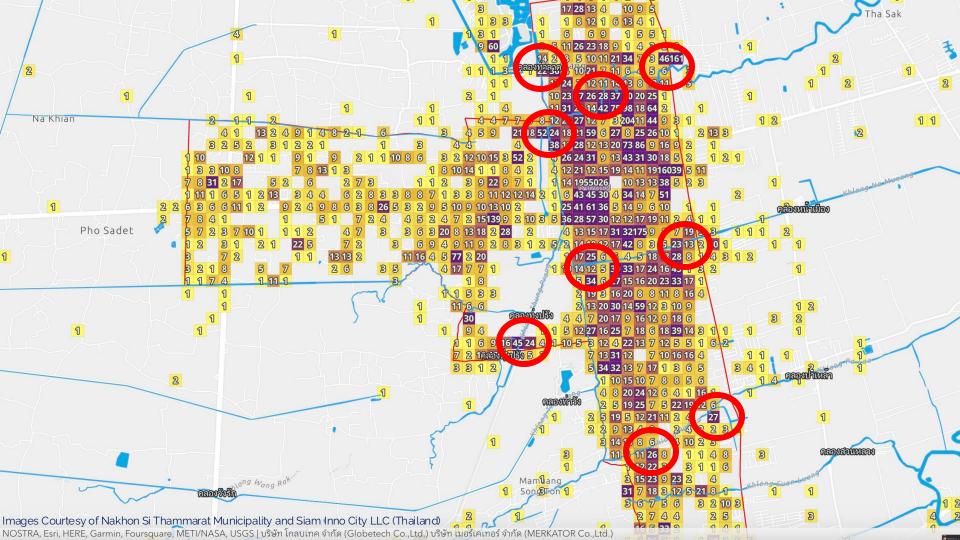








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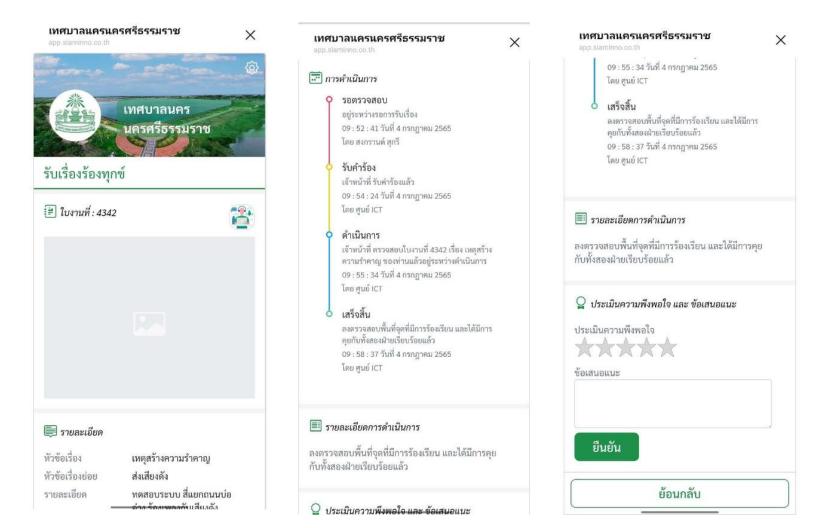


@NakhonCity has solve 23,732 problems with more than 76,903 subscribed citizens

(As of 25 July 2024)







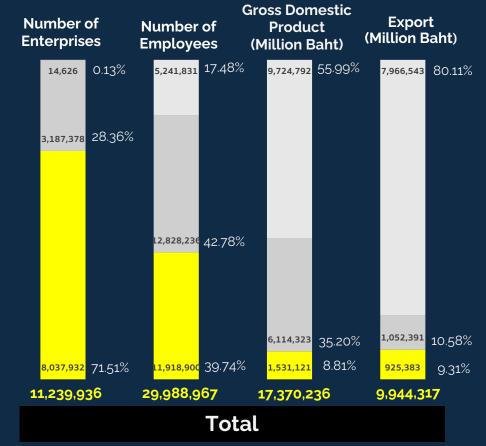






## Thailand's Economic Structure





Low productivity

Digital Disruption Digital Impact

**High competitiveness** 

Disadvantage of trade

20,187,000

**Informal workers** 

3,755,300

Government officers

2,994,453

**Foreign workers** 

527,000 Unemployed 12,814,778

people

**Elderly** 

10,606,364 Children

Source: National Statistical Office of Thailand, The Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion, Office of Agricultural Economics, Office of the National Economic and Social Development, Department of Older Persons, Foreign Workers Administration Office, Department Of Provincial Administration, Social Security Office, Office of the Civil Service Commission





# Digital Economy Promotion Agency (depa)

Established under the Digital Economy
Development for Economy and Society Act B.E.
2560 (2017)

## VISION

We drive the digital revolution, empowering individuals and businesses to excel in a high-performance economy.



Q QUALITY







SMART SERVICE-MINDEDSIMPLIFIED

## **MISSION**

### Develop

national policies and plans on digital development

## Cooperate

with other entities in digital industry and innovation development

### **Promote**

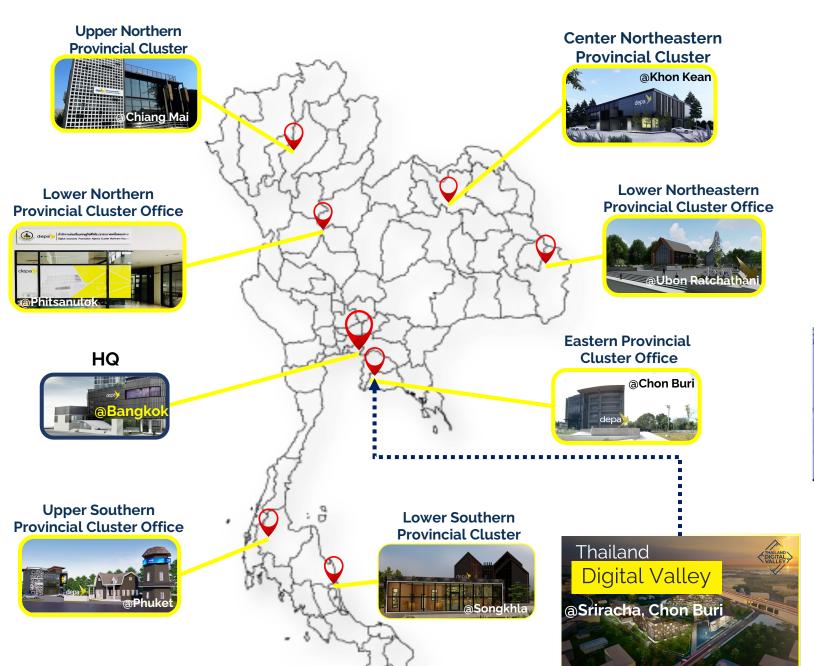
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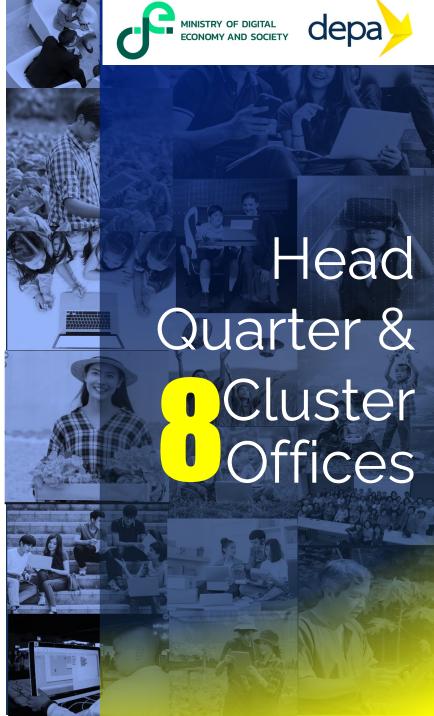
## **Support**

digital manpower development

### **Propose**

law, regulation, measure, and sandbox recommendations









## Digital Economy Promotion Master Plan (2023 - 2027)

### Digital Competitive Advantage

#### d-Automation

Integrated system

Simulation

Robotics Robotic Process Automation

#### d-Data

Big Data and Analytics Blockchain High-Performance Computing

#### d-Connectivity

Next Gen Network Digital twin | Web 3.0

#### **d-Access**

Cloud and Edge | Additive NANO-CHIPS

> Cyber Security PDPA

#### Strategy 1:

Transform human capital for the digital economy and society

#### **3 Strategic Programs**

- Build new skills for new generations
- · Upskill and reskill existing workforce
- Fill up a digital talent pool

#### Strategy 2: Transform traditional economy into high-value digital economy

#### **4 Strategic Programs**

- Accelerate digital startups to reach global markets
- Accelerate value creation by digital industry
- Accelerate digitalization of indigenous sectors
- Accelerate digitalization of the local economy

#### Strategy 3:

Build new opportunities and inclusive economic development

#### **3 Strategic Programs**

- Build livable smart cities
- Build inclusive new opportunities
- Build a quality digital society

Strategy 4: Optimize use of digital infrastructure

**2 Strategic Programs** 

- Optimize digital infrastructure for all
- Enhance competitiveness of the Thai digital ecosystem

#### Strategic Goals

500.000

digital workforce

100,000

digital-based enterprises

12%

increase in digital industry value

10%

increase in digital industry investment City ranking

livable smart cities

95%

of people having digital access and literacy

among the world's top new major digital infrastructure

3

global tech providers to invest in Thailand

#### Outcome

**Level 3.0** Digital Density Index

**6%** SME productivity growth

**30%** Contribution of digital economy to GDP

#### **Less than 5 times**

of income gap between the topearning 10% and the bottom 40%

#### **Impact**

9,300 usp per-capita

income in 2027



Promote Digital Industry & Innovation

Workforce

#### **Transform**

Transform Businesses and Create New Growth Engines

**Intermediate** 

#### **Ecosystem**

Enabling Digital Ecosystem

Advance/Expert





**SMEs** Agriculture HealthTech GovTech Digital Smart Transform AgTech Standard Startups EdTech City FinTech TravelTech Community Industry

Literacy

### Mechanisms

## Digital Thailand

- Employment Rate
- PurchasingPower
- Quality of Life
- StrongCommunity
- Civil Society

Sustainable Economic Growth

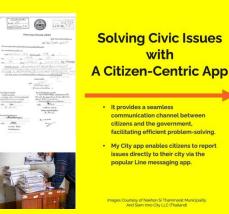
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- 3. Think Big, Act Small, Consistently











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