



*Thai Airfreight Forwarders Association  
Thailand Report*

*2023-2024*

*Presenting to  
The Delegates Attending  
FAPAA 50<sup>th</sup> ECM & AGM 2024*

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## **TAF A Profile**

Thai Airfreight Forwarders Association (TAF A) was founded in 1986 as a representative of freight forwarders in the industry and has played an important role in the economic development of Thailand for many years, especially with the export industry which has the active support of Government. Apart from airlines, one of the main companies in the forwarding business is the Airfreight Forwarder.

The business operations can be divided into many different ways, for example, by plane, by truck and many other supporting services. Lack of discipline in operating those processes causes a lower-than-standard business competition. Cooperation and unity among those fellow forwarders is essential to maintain the honored status of the Association.

The Association forms a neutral center which enforces rules and regulations and lifts the standard of services. Additionally, the Association also acts as a representative for all the forwarders. It negotiates with other Government and Non-Government Organizations, endeavoring to create the best outcome for all concerned.

## **Vision**

To be an organization that promotes and develops fellow Thai airfreight forwarders in the industry to raise competency level as well as to be responsible for society and environment we all live in.

## **Mission**

1. Obtaining recognition and acceptance from both government and business sectors.
2. Providing support for Thai government to position Thailand as Hub of Asia.
3. Elevating members' capability to meet with National Economy and Society Development plan.
4. Being a central governing body define and control rules and regulations for the airfreight forwarding agents in Thailand.
5. Developing and feeding skillful workforce and industry knowledge into the industry.
6. Co-coordinating and collaborating with various organizations, i.e. government and private sectors, domestic and international airlines, to reach highest mutual benefits.



## **Objectives:**

1. Promoting, supporting, assisting members to achieve business results and to overcome obstacles, difficulties while operating in the field.
2. Sharing and exchanging knowledge, opinions, updating industry insights and statistics useful to raise standard of service to meet with international standard.
3. Presenting and offering valuable information to government and business sectors for favorable consideration.
4. Handling disputes among members or third parties, setting rules and mediating negotiation.
5. Not involving in any illegal activities and any political movements.
6. Unifying Thai airfreight forwarding agents to set standard of service matched with international counterparts.
7. Laying strong foundation for people in this profession by providing essential trainings and knowledge of the industry.

## **TAFa Members 2024**

Current TAFa Membership Registration

**Total 147 Companies IATA Member 80**

**Ordinary Member**      Total 89 Companies  
IATA Member: 59  
Non - IATA Member: 30

**Associate Member**      Total 58 Companies  
IATA Member: 21  
Non - IATA Member: 37

## **Secretariat**

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## **TAFa Committee 2024-2025**

We have the pleasure to inform you that in the recent election of the Board of Directors Bearers of the Thai Airfreight Forwarders' Association (TAFa), which was held on 26 April 2024, the following persons have been elected as the Board of Directors Bearers for the term 2024-2025.

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TAFATA COMMITTEE 2024-2025



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# AIRPORTS TRAFFIC 2023

## Report by Airport of Thailand (AOT)

### AOT Air Traffic Calendar Year 2023 (Jan - Dec 2023)

#### Aircraft Movements

Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	291,882	86.1%	200,164	8.1%	492,046	43.9%
Suvarnabhumi	219,053	62.7%	88,452	2.0%	307,505	38.9%
Don Mueang	72,829	227.2%	111,712	13.5%	184,541	52.9%
Chiang Mai	13,753	619.3%	41,910	12.9%	55,663	42.6%
Hat Yai	1,687	116.8%	18,543	-8.6%	20,230	-4.0%
Phuket	43,224	101.6%	44,080	22.3%	87,304	51.9%
Chiang Rai	69	283.3%	12,416	4.3%	12,485	4.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,615</b>	<b>93.7%</b>	<b>317,113</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>667,728</b>	<b>41.6%</b>

#### Passenger Movements

Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	49,981,194	143.8%	28,698,338	17.7%	78,679,532	75.3%
Suvarnabhumi	40,010,184	123.5%	11,688,920	7.7%	51,699,104	79.8%
Don Mueang	9,971,010	282.6%	17,009,418	25.8%	26,980,428	67.3%
Chiang Mai	1,878,891	646.1%	6,345,682	21.9%	8,224,573	50.6%
Hat Yai	248,476	139.8%	2,873,648	1.1%	3,122,124	6.0%
Phuket	7,716,858	144.6%	6,262,326	34.4%	13,979,184	78.9%
Chiang Rai	384	262.3%	1,919,844	13.8%	1,920,228	13.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,825,803</b>	<b>149.1%</b>	<b>46,099,838</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>105,925,641</b>	<b>68.7%</b>

#### Cargo Movements

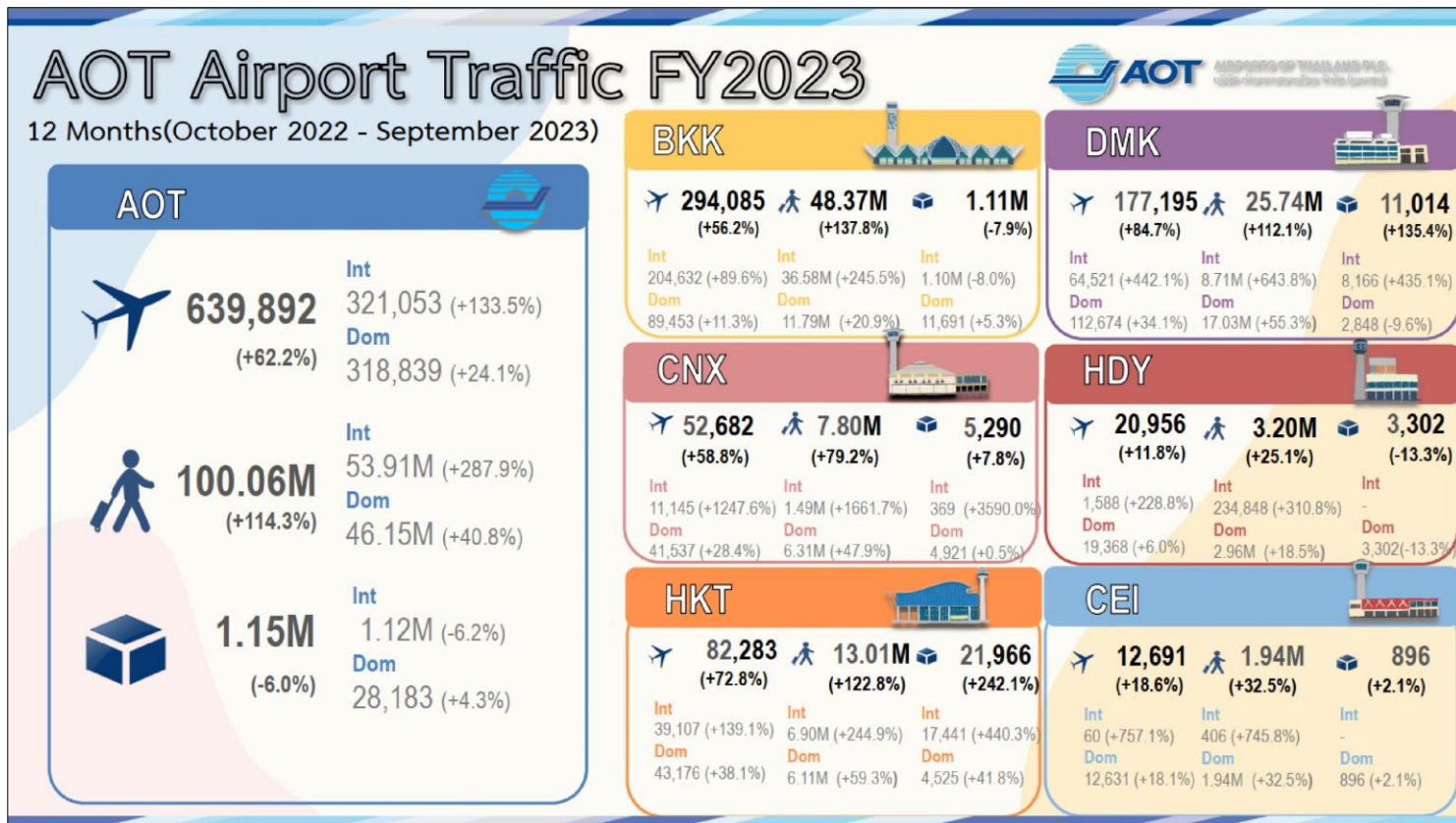
Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	1,137,715	-3.2%	13,870	-7.4%	1,151,585	-3.3%
Suvarnabhumi	1,125,777	-4.0%	11,598	0.2%	1,137,375	-4.0%
Don Mueang	11,938	278.7%	2,272	-33.0%	14,210	117.2%
Chiang Mai	513	1454.5%	4,639	-10.0%	5,152	-0.7%
Hat Yai	-	-	3,178	-15.1%	3,178	-15.1%
Phuket	27,518	602.0%	4,699	32.0%	32,217	330.7%
Chiang Rai	-	-	875	-4.9%	875	-4.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,165,746</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>27,261</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>1,193,007</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>

Source : Air Transport Information and Slot Coordination Division Corporate Strategy Department

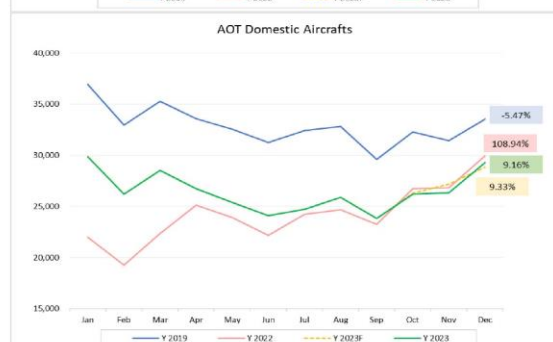
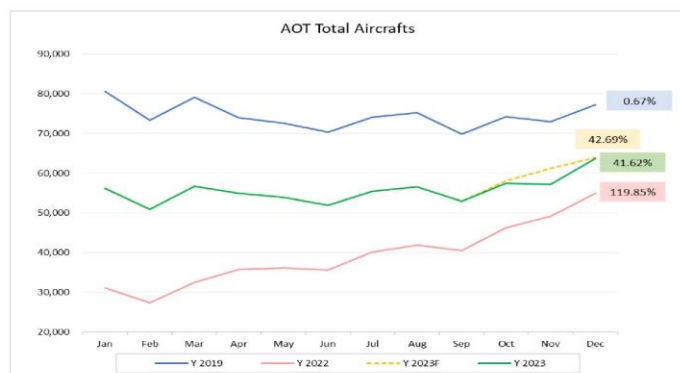
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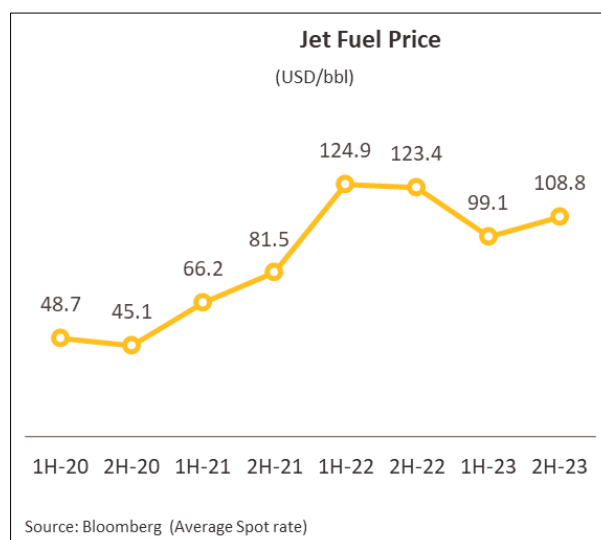
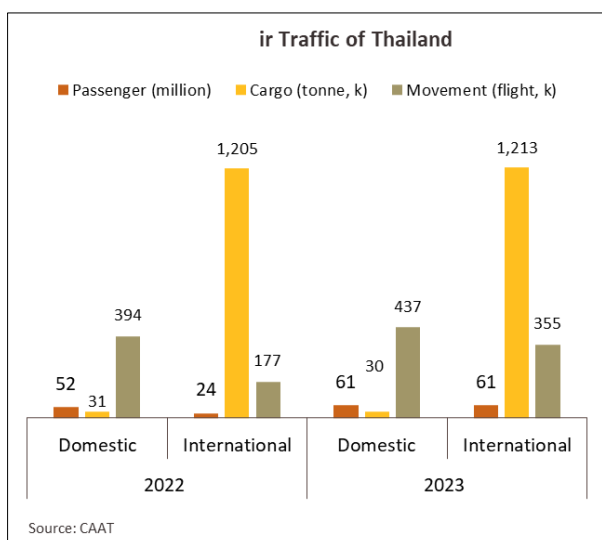


### Actual and forecast : Aircrafts of AOT



## Situation

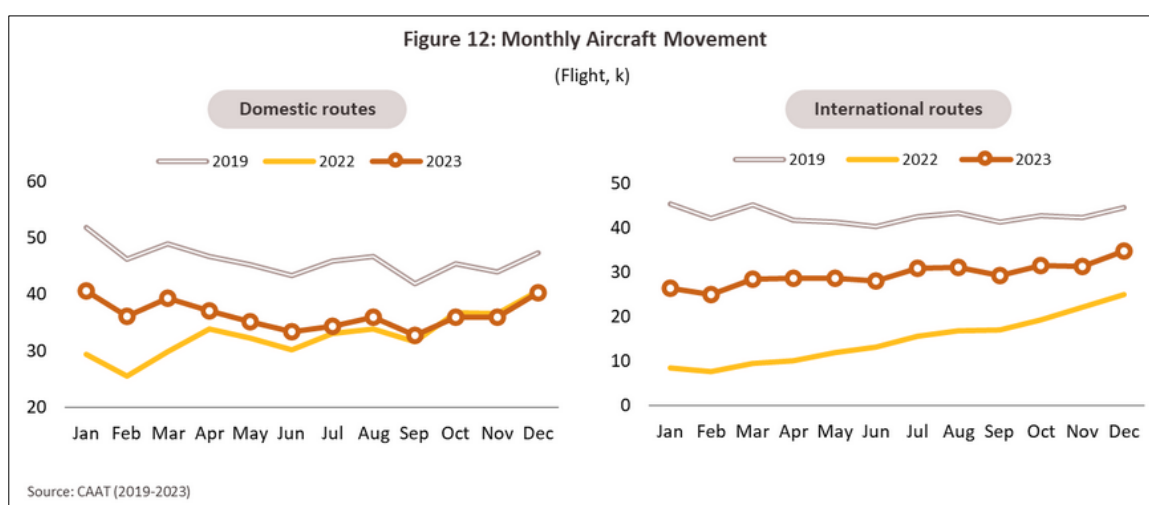
The Thai airline industry continued to see improvements through 2023 thanks to a number of factors. **(i) The worldwide rollout of COVID-19 vaccines** allowed countries (including Thailand) to relax public health controls and to lift restrictions on international travel. This included even China, where from 8 January 2023 onwards, officials allowed Chinese tourists to travel outside the country and tour companies to sell package tours to 20 destinations (including Thailand), and Japan, which reopened in Q4 of 2022 and then lifted COVID-19 controls for foreign tourists in May 2023. To meet the recovery in demand that had built up over the previous years and which was now being released, airlines reopened previously suspended lines and so over summer's flight schedule 2023<sup>4/</sup>, the number of outbound flights from Thailand increased 111.5% YoY to Japan, 173.4% YoY to South Korea, and 249.8% YoY to Taiwan. **(ii) The Thai authorities have continued to implement stimulus measures targeting domestic and international tourism**, including phase 5 of the 'We Travel Together' program, which in March and April helped to subsidize the cost of travel within Thailand, the 'Visit Thailand Year 2023: Amazing New Chapters' campaign, and the promotion of experience-based tourism, all of which has helped to lift domestic tourism to 175 million trips and boost foreign arrivals to 28.1 million. **(iii) Driven in particular by the rebound in tourism**, the Thai economy expanded by 2.5% YoY in 2023, and this has added to incomes and raised spending power, in particular for those working in tourism and related areas. **(iv) World oil prices have softened through 2023 as the global economy has slowed** (jet fuel price declined by -16.3% YoY in 2023). Domestic carriers have also benefited from cuts to the duties payable on aviation fuel, which were reduced to THB 0.20/liter until 30 June 2023, and this then allowed players to better manage fuel costs. Partly thanks to these tailwinds, both domestic and international tourism received a major boost in the year, while carriers are adapting to an improving outlook by increasing the number of flights that they operate (especially on international lines), opening new routes, and expanding their fleet sizes.



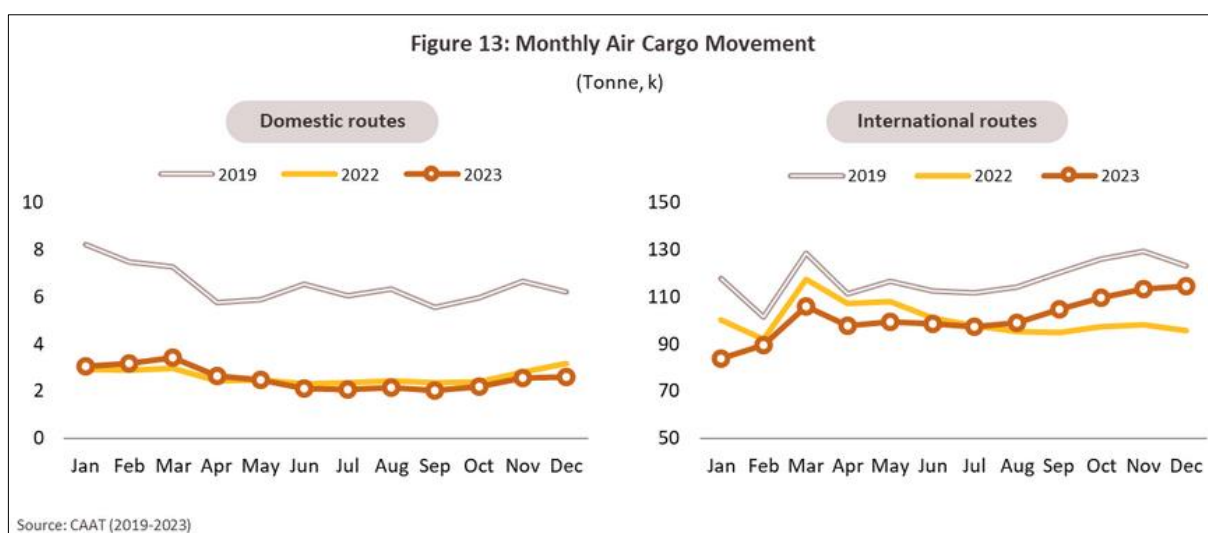


## The overall situation for 2023 is described below.

**Flight numbers were up 38.8% YoY to 791,900** as airports and airlines expanded their ground service capacity from June 2023 onwards. Carriers brought 7 new planes into operation in the year and so the combined fleet size rose to 181 aircraft (source: CAAT), thus allowing players to lay on extra flights as needed. **The number of domestic flights** was therefore up 11.1% YoY to 437,300, or to an average of 36,000 per month, though this was still below the 2019 monthly average of 47,000. **International flights** jumped 100.7% YoY to 354,600 in the period (Figure 12), During the first 9 months of 2023, the latest data showed that growth was especially strong in flights from China during the summer season, which exploded 1,322.5% YoY, while the number of Thais traveling abroad climbed 42.7% YoY (based on passport applications, source: Department of Consular Affairs). Nevertheless, expansion in staffing and fleet sizes has been gradually increased, and so overall flight numbers are still 74.1% of their 2019 level.

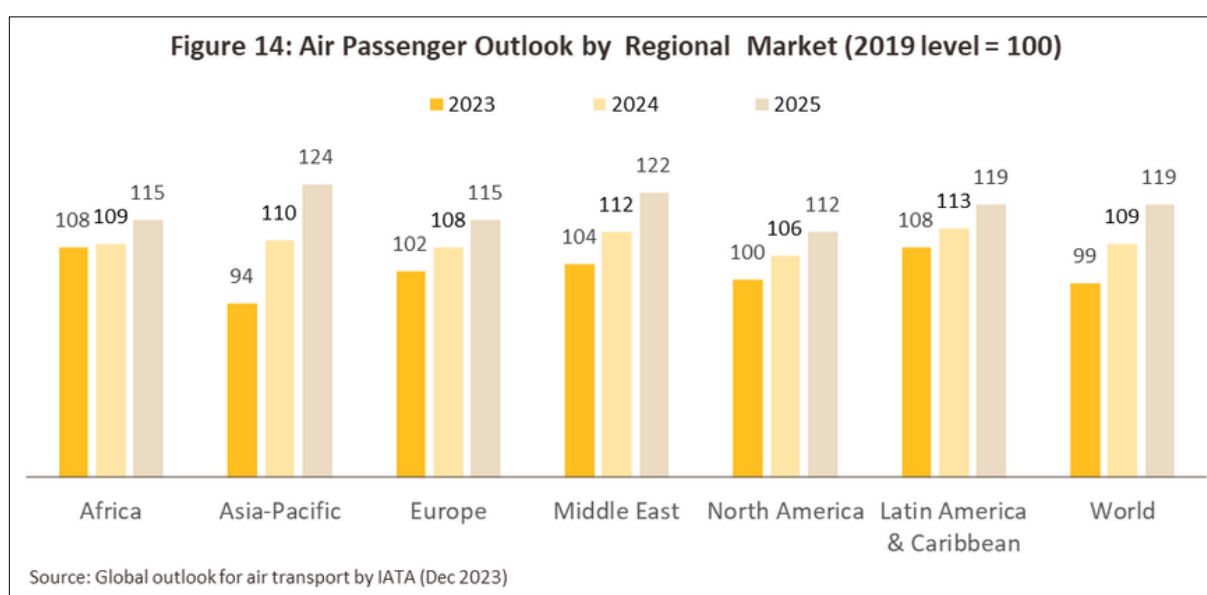


**Airfreight volume were up 0.5% YoY to 1.2 million tonnes. Domestic freight volume** contracted -3.1% YoY to 30,000 tonnes, Nevertheless, **international airfreight** was up 0.6% YoY to 1.2 million tonnes (Figure 13), airfreight volume increased in line with the export growth which rebounded in August and so the outlook is positive for the remainder of 2023. In addition, the recovery in passenger travel in fact expanded total freight capacity.



## Outlook

The International Air Travel Association (IATA) estimates that in 2023 and 2024, the global airline business will generate net profits of respectively USD 23 billion and USD 26 billion. The outlook is somewhat mixed at the moment, and although air travel numbers are expected to hit a historic high of over 4.7 billion in 2024 (against the 2019 total of 4.5 billion), the costs of financing are currently high and tourism has yet to recover in some parts of the world (Figure 14), most notably in China, which lagged the rest of the world in lifting pandemic restrictions. In addition, global imbalances and especially ongoing geopolitical tensions may push up the price of crude, and with fuel accounting for 31% of airlines' operating costs, this would have serious consequences for the industry.



**Air freight volume is expected to grow by 3-5% per year over the next 3 years.** The **domestic air freight market** will benefit from the development of the infrastructure needed to facilitate transshipping using road, rail and sea travel modalities, and this will then support an expansion in the options available for goods freight. Players will also partner with other businesses to improve the coverage and integration of their air cargo service offerings and to build joint business possibilities (see for example the partnership between Thai Airways and PTT). **International air freight** will benefit from improving prospects for the global economy, growth in world trade, and ongoing expansion in e-commerce sales, with Euromonitor seeing the Thai e-commerce industry enjoying an average annual 16% expansion over 2024 and 2025. In particular, using air cargo services for the delivery of food and express parcels is increasingly popular. More broadly, the government is pushing forward with plans to establish Thailand as a regional hub for the air freight of agricultural goods, and to this end, a distribution center for the handling of these was opened in the duty-free section of Suvarnabhumi Airport in September 2023. This combines a perishable goods distribution center and a facility for carrying out quality control and goods processing prior to export, and it is hoped that by 2027, this will have boosted the volume of these perishable goods passing through the system by 25%.