**The Executive Summary and Recommendations**

This situation report on significant crimes and drugs offences is an analysis of statistical data obtained from various departments of the Royal Thai Police. The analysis gives an overall picture and, in turn, indicate trends and significant situations that the police executives in all departments should bring into consideration in order to prepare appropriate measures and to improve police capability to be able to perform their duties more effectively.

The analysis on significant crimes and drugs offences contained in this report have led to some interesting points and recommendations as follows:

1. There should be a more in-depth study to determine the cause of the decrease in numbers of occurrences of such crime as violent crime, murder, bodily and sexual assault as well as theft and robbery. The statistical data on reports of crime in the 3 significant types i.e. 1) violent crime; 2) murder, bodily and sexual assault; and 3) theft and robbery indicate a steadily decline which is due to the Royal Thai Police’s policy on crime prevention and suppression of fiscal year 2015, which focus on the following issues:

- Focusing on controlling and reducing the severity of crime which is a direct threat to life and property of the people with emphasis on thefts and robberies committed in public places, which could heighten public fear of crime such as crimes committed at convenience stores, banks and goldsmiths.

- Focusing on preventing environment-based crime by enforcing law at the risk areas and gathering places for illegal activities in order to reduce chances of crime occurring.

- Improving police patrol system to be fully competent and ready to respond to emergency situation and to provide rapid service to the people.

- Developing the 191 emergency center to be responsible for managing emergency calls and incidents at the provincial and police station level. The Center will represent another access to the people and function as a coordination center between various departments.

- Applying technology to crime prevention and investigation, for example the closed circuit television (CCTV), global positioning system (GPS), social media and applications on the mobile phone.

- Enforcing law and applying strict measures against all vices.

- Police must work on a people-based approach with active public participation while promoting integration of all concerned parties in crime prevention and suppression and building public awareness to embrace the concept of “People are the first police officers”

- In preparation for the ASEAN community of the Royal Thai Police, importance is given to enhancing police capability in countering significant crimes.

Considering the decline in numbers of significant crime cases, an interesting issue to be considered in terms of police administration is that the decline reflects police efficiency in crime prevention and suppression or that it is due to the situation in which crime occurrence is low but its level of severity is high, which, in turn, affects the people’s lives and property even more. Nevertheless, this report only presents the preliminary findings, and no in-depth study has been conducted as yet to identify the real cause for the decrease in numbers of crime cases.

2. Some interesting points from the significant crime situation which should be taken into account to optimize police efficiency in crime prevention and suppression.

This report indicates the difference in types of crime occurrence as well as the level of severity in crime situation in each area. This should be taken into consideration in formulating crime prevention and suppression policies in response to the different crime situation in each area.

Other important findings include the fact that the decrease of criminal case reports may be due to victims’ inconvenience in traveling to police stations or they may consider that their lives and properties are slightly affected by such crime. These issues should be taken into consideration in adding more channels in receiving criminal case reports by applying modern technology for the utmost benefit of the people.

3. Drugs Offences

The areas where large amount of drugs are seized are mostly in the border areas near neighboring countries which are primary channels for importing drugs. Drug abuse is mostly found in the inner area of the country. Furthermore, there are also arrests made at checkpoints with large amount of drugs, some of which are seized when they are on their way to the third country.

According to the recent report on drug offenses, it is revealed that the types of drug that are most trafficked and abused are Amphetamine, Ice and Cannabis, respectively. However, in the fiscal year 2015, it is found that there is a decrease in numbers of drug seizures and arrests on the five primary offences, which is considered a significant decrease. The drug situation was less severe at the first stage of the National Council for Peace and Order’s ruling. In fact, it was due to the strict and urgent measures in suppressing and preventing the spread of drugs imposed by the National Council for Peace and Order, which temporarily stopped the movements of drug dealers, especially the kingpins.

**Conclusion**

This situation report on significant crimes and drugs offences presents an overview picture of crime situation, of which the analysis is based on statistical data collected from various departments of the Royal Thai Police to establish significant links and trend of such crimes. Furthermore, the report also presents productive results of significant police operations or measures aimed at supporting crime suppression and prevention policies of the Royal Thai Police. Information from this report are expected to be useful for the general public as well as government executives responsible for maintaining order and promoting well-being of the people in the sense that they will learn about the trend and types of crime that can be used in developing their organizations and formulating plans and strategies for the effective crime prevention and suppression.