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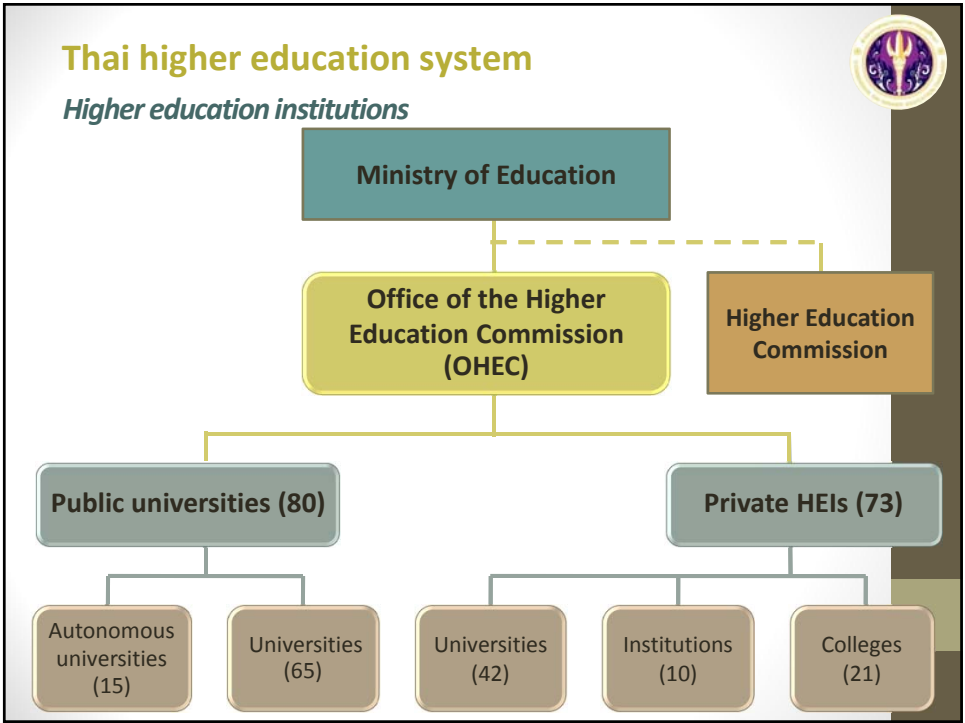
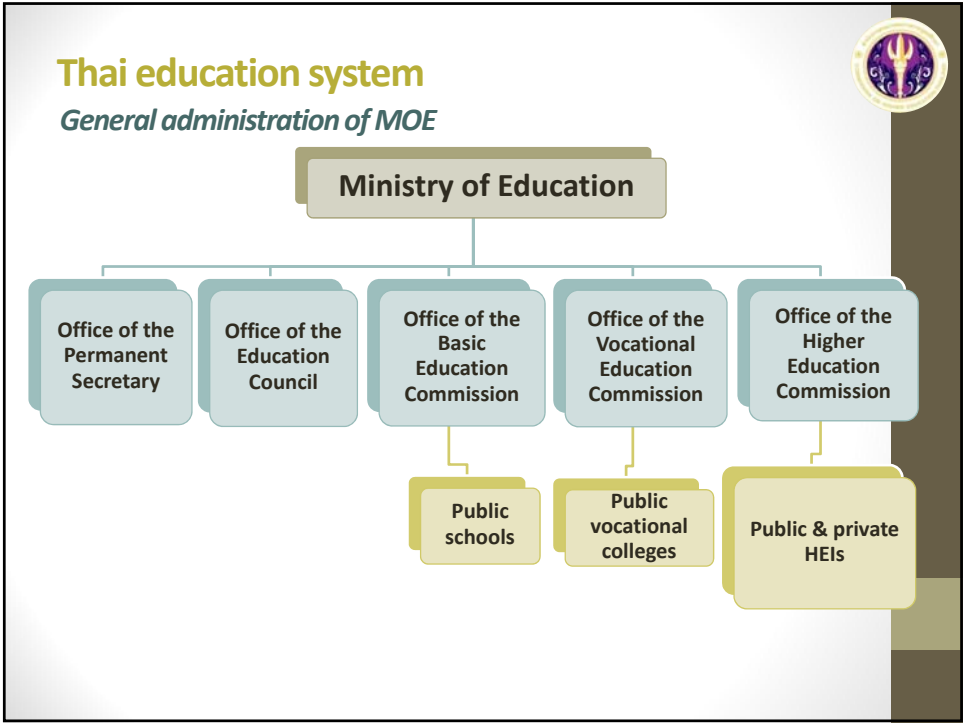
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## Outline



- Education policies
- Persistent problems
- Education reform mechanisms
- Education reform roadmap
- Higher education mega projects



## Education policies



### Government's Policy on Education

- **Conduct education and learning reform** by attaching importance to both formal and alternative education
- Adjust the allocation of educational budget to meet the needs of learners and education institutions
- Encourage civil organizations, private sector, local administrative bodies, and the general public to participate in providing quality and accessible education and conducting education and learning reform
- Develop potential of people of all ages by promoting lifelong learning
- Promote vocational and community college education to produce skilled labor force
- Enhance teacher production and professional development system
- Support learning of foreign languages and international cultures, and creation of international work of art and culture

## Education policies



### Ministry of Education's Policy

#### 5 general policies

1. **Education reform and development**
2. Increase greater educational opportunities
3. Develop educational management system and programs of study
4. Promote and upgrade teachers' status
5. Strengthen administrative system of government agencies at all levels

#### 7 specific policies

1. Enhance quality of education in the southern border provinces
2. Prepare Thai citizens for entry into the ASEAN Community and post-2015 continuation
3. Enhance and support country's competitiveness and sustainable development
4. Emphasize the production and development of high-quality teachers and education personnel
5. Develop and modernize ICT system for education
6. Enhance efficiency of the Ministry of Education's performances
7. Support the National Education Plan and education reform

## Higher education policies



### 11<sup>th</sup> Higher Education Development Plan (2012-2016)

- **L**eadership in change management for quality education  
Change of organization leading system to drive higher education holistically
- **E**ducator Professional  
Capacity building of teachers to become professionals & encouraging professional experts to become teachers
- **G**raduates with quality and social responsibility  
Elevation of Graduates' quality
- **S**atang Utilization  
Higher Education Financing Reform

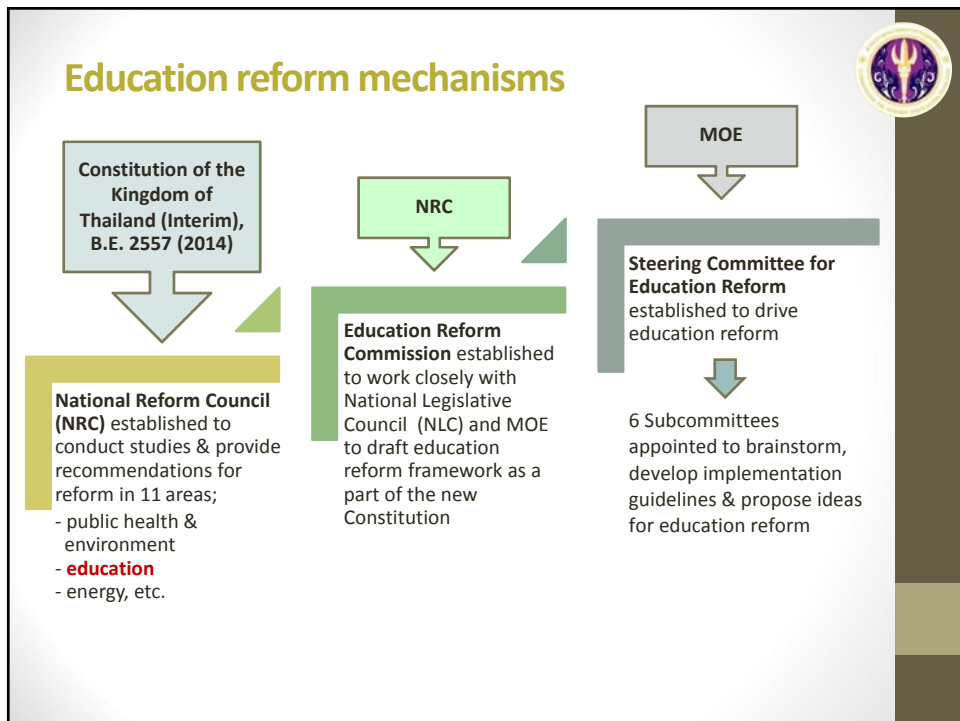
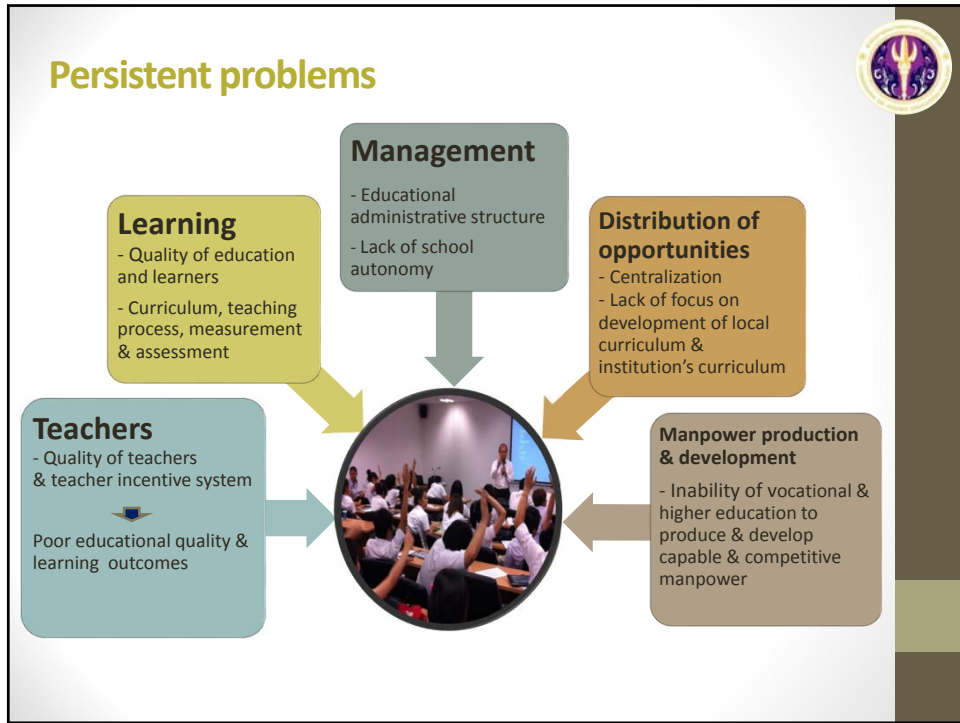
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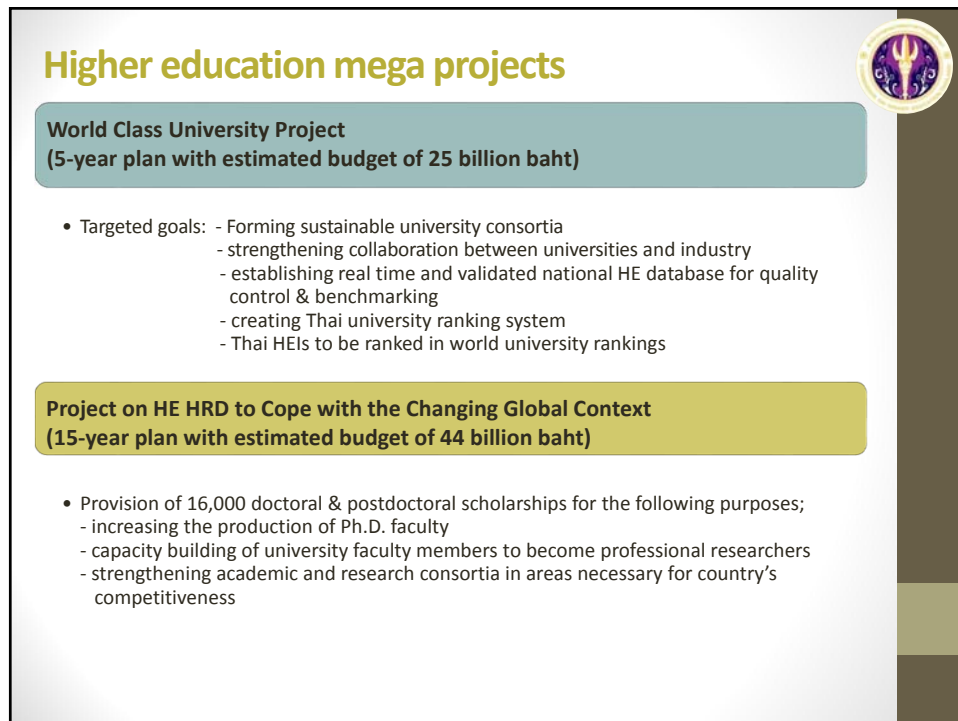
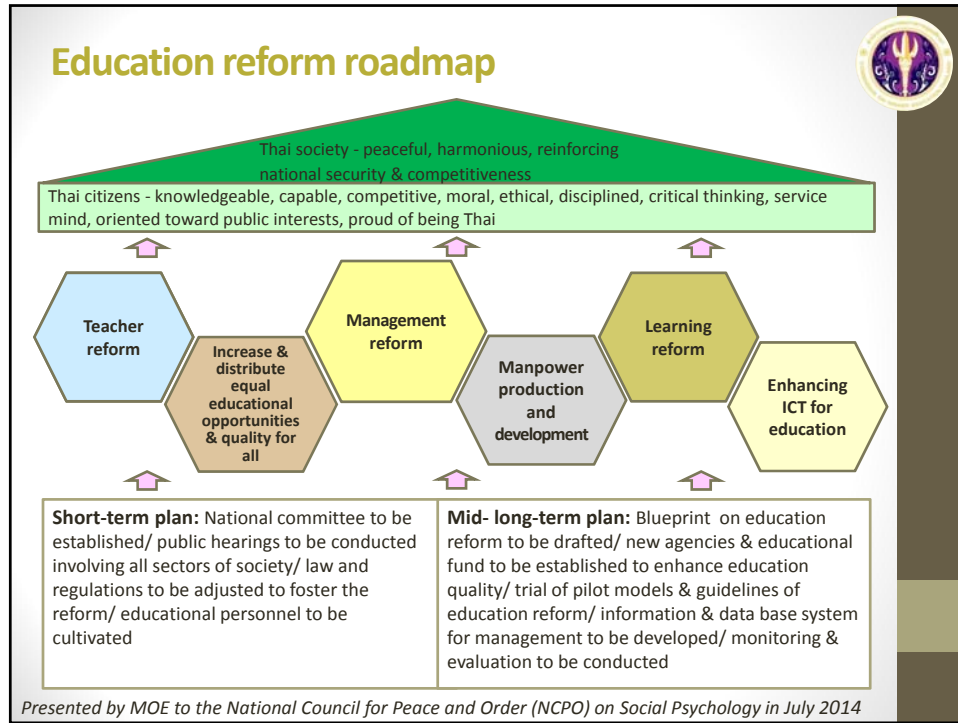


Enabling universities to produce and develop quality workforce into the labor market

Strengthening higher education capacity in generating knowledge and innovation

Fostering sustainable development of the communities





## Higher education mega projects



### Project on Standard Development of New Group of HEIs and Preparation for the ASEAN Community (5-year plan with estimated budget of 68 billion baht)

- Purpose: to allocate funding to enhance capacity of new group of HEIs including Rajabhat Universities and Rajamangala Universities of Technology
- Rajamangala Universities of Technology to focus on providing education in various fields of technology & operations while Rajabhat Universities emphasizing teacher production and community engagement

**Thank You**

