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Legal Execution Department (LED) announces its key achievements in the second quarter of 2017 - expediting the turnover of properties more than 32,426 million Baht, settling more than 6,000 cases in the post-judicial mediation to promote fairness, and ready to enhance legal awareness to the public and integrate working with all sectors

Today (24<sup>th</sup> April 2017), at 10.00 am, Miss Ruenvadee Suwanmongkol, Director-General of the Legal Execution Department (LED) announces the LED's performance for the second quarter of the fiscal year 2017 (January - March 2017) that the LED could expedite the turnover of seized properties at the amount of 32,426,569,877 Baht, 60.33% higher than the result in the same period of the fiscal year 2016. 6,109 cases out of 6,796 cases entering to the post-judicial mediation process have been successfully resolved with value of 1,787,461,464.56 Baht. The success rate is 90.24%, which is 176.18% higher than the result in the same period of the last year.

Miss Ruenvadee Suwanmongkol, Director-General of the LED reveals that key achievements of the fiscal year 2017 are as follows;

- 1. Primary mission
- 1.1 Expediting the Turnover of Seized Properties

More than 62,382,216,525 Baht in value of the turnover properties has been expedited, of which the target is 100,000 million Baht. It is 60.33% higher than the result in the same period of the fiscal year 2016. In the first 6 months of this fiscal year, the LED has already achieved more than 50% of the target due to the application of the "4As" policy, the public auction on weekends and off-site public auctions for public convenience, and the use of electronic system in facilitating the offering of bidding price via electronic system (E-Offering Auction). Moreover, the turnover result at 12,589,401,775 Baht in March 2017 is considered as the highest amount in the past 16 months.

The LED plans to conduct off-site public auctions of seized properties from the Civil Case Enforcement Bangkok Office 1 – 6, Nonthaburi Legal Execution Office, Pathum Thani Legal Execution Office, and Pathum Thani Legal Execution Office Thanyaburi Branch at IMPACT Muang Thong Thani in May 2017.

1.2 Post-Judicial Mediation under the "Proactive, In-depth, and Comprehensive" strategies



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The LED has cooperated with new groups of creditors by collaborating with financial institutions, governmental and private sectors for the post-judicial mediation service can cover more target groups, without cost, in order to promote fairness and reduce inequality. In the second quarter of the fiscal year 2017, the LED jointly organized mediation fairs across Thailand with 16 agencies from public and private sectors. The LED also proactively organized the mediation fairs to facilitate the judgment debtors residing in southern Thailand who were affected 286 judgment debtors attended the project with the claim value of 181,419,380.17 Baht. 236 cases were successfully settled with the total value of 124,546,166.56 Baht. The success rate is 82.51%. Moreover, the LED collaborated with the Student Loan Fund in the mediation fairs in eight provinces of Southern Thailand - Pattani, Yala, Songkhla, Surat Thani, Phuket, Phatthalung, Trang, and Satun, during 18<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017. There were 1,859 cases entering the mediation process with the value of 250,219,610.08 Baht. 1,853 cases were successfully settled with the total value of 249,617,367.23 Baht. The success rate is 99.68%. As a result, the liquidity of the Student Loan Fund was increased and the Fund can bring money gained from the mediation to offer loans to other students in need. In addition, the judgment debtor's properties are freed from enforcement and the judgment debtors have a better quality of life. Directors of all LED offices in Thailand are assigned to take a proactive role in helping debtors and promoting fairness.

The proactive strategies of the LED have caused 6,769 cases entering the mediation process and 6,109 cases were successfully settled with the total value of 1,787,461,464.56 Baht. The success rate is 89.88% and it is 176.18% higher than the rate in the same period last year. From October 2016 to March 2017, the LED was able to settle 8,965 cases out of 9,974 cases, or 89.88% of all cases entering to post-judicial mediation.

From mediation fairs from October 2016 to March 2017, 7,215 cases has entered the process with the value of 1,728,608,136.13 Baht. 6,594 cases has been successfully settled with the value of 1,433,919,086.33 Baht. The success rate is equal to 91.39%.

The LED will collaborate with companies and financial institutions in organizing the post-judicial mediation fair for consumer debt and credit card debt at IMPACT Muang Thong Thani in May 2017.



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In addition, the LED integrated with Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Prime Minister Office, Government Savings Bank, and Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives in a consultation clinic for loan shark-related cases that was recently opened on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

### 2.2 Enforcement of judgment in civil and penal actions

The LED has proactively operated and integrated with various agencies in cooperating in helping and providing legal advice and related information to the related persons, especially plaintiffs in civil and penal actions such as the case of Wealth Ever World Co., Ltd. (Shogun case).

#### 2.3 Enhancing Legal Awareness

The LED has been proactive in enhancing legal awareness; particularly the laws on guarantee, mortgage, pledge, sale with right of redemption, and enforcement of civil judgment and bankruptcy to people across the country, especially vulnerable groups which are farmers, household debtors, and SME entrepreneurs. In the second quarter of the fiscal year 2017, the programs to enhance legal awareness of the people were jointly held by the provincial LED offices and Provincial Farmers Council nationwide.

- 3. Project under the 20-year national strategy
- 3.1 The establishment of private trustee in accordance with the LED's project plan under the 20-year national strategy

The LED initiates the establishment of private trustee system, which is one of the flag-ship projects in the 20-year strategy of the LED. The LED held a public hearing on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with an honor of Mr. Suwaphan Tanyuvardhana, Justice Minister, to preside the hearing. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017, the LED attended the hearing seminar with the Sub – Committee on State Organizational Structure Reform under the National Reform Steering Committee on State Administration of the National Reform Steering Assembly. The Sub - Committee proposed the report to the Committee and on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 the Committee approved the development of private trustee system. It is scheduled as the agenda for the meeting of the National Reform Steering Assembly on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

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