

Industrial Decentralization Policies and Industrialization in Thailand

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Abstract

It can be concluded that although, industrial development in Thailand was successful as newly industrial country but the industrial geographical dispersion was fail, we can find that the industrialization of Bangkok metropolis region (BMR) is very high concentration that is one of causes of income disparity and poverty in Thailand. From the study, it found that industrial geographical concentration in BMR and surrounding area were high, even though the Thai Government has attempted to lure businessmen to locate their industries in the periphery or rural area, including moving their industries from the core by using several types of tax incentives, secondary city or growth pole, and supporting the sub regional development. It can conclude that, Thailand has not succeeded in rural industrialization.

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