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The international trade under economic integration has played an important role in economic development of country. The Free Trade Agreement between Thailand and India (TIFTA) is a very important economic agreement to Thai exports, particularly India, which is the largest export market and the first market of Thailand in South Asia. The main objectives of this study are to study important ingredients of the free trade agreement between Thailand and India (TIFTA) and to analyze the impact of TIFTA on automobile part industry of Thailand. - -selected to study the automobile parts in Early Harvest Product, employed Ordinary Least Square technique and used a descriptive analysis to the affecting of employment, export and import of automobile part industry.

The result of the study indicated that the factors affecting to the export quantity other articles of iron or steel wire were export prices (f.o.b), gross domestic product at constant prices of India. The factor affecting to the export quantity parts suitable for use solely or principally with spark-ignition internal were gross domestic product at constant prices of India and imported tax rates of India. The factor affecting to the export quantity lighting or visual signaling equipment of a kind used for cycles were gross domestic product at constant prices of India and exchange rates (Baht/Rupee). The Factor affecting to the export quantity automatic regulating or controlling instruments and apparatus were export prices (f.o.b) and gross domestic product at constant prices of India. The affecting to employment, export and import of automobile parts industry of Thailand indicated that the employment gets the positive effects and increasing. For the part of export and import indicated that Thailand was balance of trade deficit with India in automobile part products in Early Harvest Products. Therefore, to automobile part industry of Thailand can complete with foreign. The Royal Thai Government and the entrepreneurs should support and improve in the products standard to matching with the demand of partner countries, to expand automobile part markets and develop the industry's potential to prepare to be the Detroit of Asia.

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