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Foreign direct investment is one of important sources of fund for country's development. Besides it has affected to Thailand's economy. The objectives of this study are to understand the general situation and the impact of net foreign direct investment in Electronics Industry of Thailand which were divided into two items : one was final products , the other was parts and components item . This study used annually secondary data from the period of 1972 to 1995. A descriptive analysis prescribed general situation and impact of foreign direct investment in Electronics Industry , whereas multiple regressions is used to find the impact of foreign direct investment in Electronics Industry.

The result of the study indicated that foreign direct investment have a significant impact on investment in Electronics Industry of Thailand. Because multinational firm produces parts and components in various countries. These items are sent to other countries to be processed into final products or more advanced intermediate products. The Electronics Industry of Thailand is characterised by producing sets or components on an assembly basis , whereas basis components and materials mainly relied on imports. Foreign direct investment , therefore creates exports of parts and components , or relatively less-advanced final products for Thailand. It also induces imports of parts for earlier stages of production from the investing country or other countries

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