

Currently, foreign loans play an important part in accelerating the economic growth and development of Thailand. Due to its enormous scale, these loans should be properly recorded and controlled to ensure the all-important accountability. To efficiently and effectively accomplish this vital requirement, there should be a standardized system of recording and controlling these substantial amounts of loans. Nonetheless, up to now there is no such system exist, and the implementing and related agencies have no systematized data and information available to facilitate efficient and effective project management, monitoring and evaluation. This thesis, therefore has aimed at studying accounting practices, operating procedures, rules, regulations, requirements and conditions concerning projects financed by foreign loans from past to present in order to propose a standardized system to be used by all government implementing agencies.

As a result of the said study and based on the models propounded by the Comptroller-General's Department combined with the current practices, this thesis introduces a system which is in accordance with Agency Accounting System. Under this system, all major accounts and control registers necessary for foreign-loan projects are specified and standardized, the "Imprest Fund For Disbursement under Foreign-Loan Project" is controlled, and procedures in procurement and contracting consultant service are stated in order to assure compliance with loan conditions and requirements. In addition, forms of related registers and reports are modified and adjusted in order that the receipt, the disbursement and the fund balance together with the property and equipment and commitments of each project will be accounted for separately by the sources of funds.

The thesis also proposes that government operating agencies be allowed to directly disburse and control external loans acquired for their projects so as to increase efficiency and effectiveness of project financial management. Further, to achieve the project objectives within the specified timeframe, all agencies should prepare both financial and operating plans for each project annually. Besides, in requesting for annual national budget, all agencies should clearly specify all types of expenditures from all sources for each project. This should be done especially for foreign loans on which the parliamentary control is inadequate.