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## **Thailand National Plan for Digital Radio Broadcasting Services**



Act on Organization to Assign Radio Freque ncy and to Regulate the Broadcasting and Telecommunication Service (aka NBTC Org. Act.) B.E. 2553, 2560,2562 (2010/2017/2019) NBTC: The first Thailand Broadcas ting Master Plan (2012-2016, exte nded) Strategic No. 6 Transition from An alog to Digital Broadcasting



Thailand Digital Economy and Society Development Plan(2016-2020) Strategic No. 1 Develop digital infrastructure Goal: Deployment Digital TV and Digital Radio broadcasting cover nationwide, providing digital radio broadcasting services with in 3 years





## NBTC work done on Digital Radio Broadcasting in Thailand



Reports are available on NBTC website https://broadcast.nbtc.go.th/home/

Develop Roadmap and Strategies to deploy Digital Radio Services



Radio User Survey, Develop Radio Broadcasting Indicators, Cost Base Analysis to deploy Digital Radio



Draft Radio Development Plan (Policy Paper), Social &Economics impact to deploy Digital Radio, Draft Radio Broadcasting Roadmap



Frequency Planning for Digital Radio Trial



Capacity Building: Workshops/Conferences



Handbook: Guideline Digital Radio Broadcasting services (Regulatory Framework, Technology, Network Planning, Country Benchmarking, Guideline for trial) Completed: 2020

Project: DAB+ Digital Radio Trial in Bangkok

Project: Study Radio Broad casting Trend and Develop Guideline for regulation for future





4 transmission standards for VHF Band III (DAB+, DRM, ISDB-T, T-DMB):

ISDB-T & T-DMB radio services are part of TV multiplex

Thailand has opted for DVB-T2  $\rightarrow$  ISDB-T/T-DMB no option  $\rightarrow$  only DAB+ and DRM are optio ns  $\rightarrow$  only for DAB+ receivers are widely available

Refer to : Project NBTC/ITU Roadmap for the Introduction of Digital Terrestrial Radio Service in Thailand

# NBTC Notification on Frequency Plan for DAB+ Digital Radio Trial



#### **Some Technical Parameters** DAR+ System: (ETSI EN 300 401 v2.1.1 (2017-01)) **Frequency Range :** VHF Band III (174-230 MHz) Multiplex: OFDM Audio Coding: MPEG4 HE AAC v2 (ETSI TS 102 563 v1.2.1 (2010-05)) Mode: DAB+ Mode1 **Bandwidth**: 1,536 MHz Max ERP: 10 kW **Protection Level:** 3A Code Rate: 1/2 C/N: 11.8 dB Bit Rate: 1,152 kbps

ITU-R BS.1160-7 (10/2015)

Source: NBTC

#### **Frequency Plan for Digital Radio Trial : 10 cities**





### **Digital Radio Trial in Bangkok and Vicinity**



<b>ตารางที่ 6</b> ตารางแผนความถัวทยุกิจการกระจายเสียงระบบติจิตอลเพื่อการทดลองหรือทดสอบ										
No.	Sub No.	Station Name	Lat (N)	Long (E)	Ch.	Block	Center Freq. (MHz)	Max. ERP (kW)	POL	Ht (m)
1.	1.1	Bangkok #1	13.790514	100.525346	6	В	183.648	1.00	v	185
	1.2	Bangkok #2	13.790514	100.525346	6	С	185.360	5.00	v	185
	1.3*	Bangkok #3	13.790514	100.525346	10	С	213.360	2.00	v	185
2.	2.1	Chiang Mai #1	18.853972	98.959528	6	С	185.360	10.00	V	120
	2.2	Chiang Mai #2	18.853972	98.959528	8	С	199.360	10.00	v	120
	2.3	Chiang Mai #3	18.853972	98.959528	10	С	213.360	10.00	v	120
3.	3.1+	Pattaya #1	12.921483	100.866270	10	В	211.648	0.50	>	60
	3.2*	Pattaya #2	12.921483	100.866270	10	С	213.360	1.00	v	60
	3.3 <sup>y</sup>	Pattaya #3	12.921483	100.866270	10	D	215.072	0.50	>	60
4.	4.1+	Sriracha #1	13.189822	100.950564	10	в	211.648	0.40	v	43
	4.2*	Sriracha #2	13.189822	100.950564	10	С	213.360	2.00	v	43
	4.3 <sup>7</sup>	Sriracha #3	13.189822	100.950564	10	D	215.072	0.50	v	43
5.	5.1	Khon Kaen #1	16.453378	102.950160	6	в	183.648	2.00	v	136
	5.2	Khon Kaen #2	16.453378	102.950160	6	С	185.360	10.00	v	136
	5.3	Khon Kaen #3	16.453378	102.950160	10	C	213.360	10.00	v	136
6.	6.1	Nakhon Ratchasima #1	14.947722	102.003760	9	С	206.352	0.50	v	153
	6.2	Nakhon Ratchasima #2	14.947722	102.003760	11	С	220.352	1.00	v	153
	6.3	Nakhon Ratchasima #3	14.947722	102.003760	11	D	222.064	0.25	v	153
7.	7.1	Nakhon Sri Thamarat #1	8.366633	99.977356	6	С	185.360	0.20	v	97
	7.2	Nakhon Sri Thamarat #2	8.366633	99.977356	8	С	199.360	0.20	v	97
	7.3	Nakhon Sri Thamarat #3	8.366633	99.977356	10	С	213.360	0.20	v	97
8.	8.1	Phuket #1	7.898639	98.395630	8	в	197.648	0.20	v	70
	8.2	Phuket #2	7.898639	98,395630	8	С	199.360	0.25	v	70
	8.3	Phuket #3	7.898639	98,395630	10	С	213.360	0.20	v	70
9.	9.1	Prachuap Khiri Khan #1	12.565142	99.935176	6	D	187.072	10.00	v	55
	9.2	Prachuap Khiri Khan #2	12.565142	99.935176	8	в	197.648	2.00	v	55
	9.3	Prachuap Khiri Khan #3	12.565142	99.935176	8	C	199.360	10.00	v	55
10.	10.1	Song Khla #1	7.037696	100.518640	9	С	206.352	0.20	v	80
	10.2	Song Khla #2	7.037696	100.518640	9	D	208.064	0.10	v	80

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### Block 6C: 185.36MHz for trial

Source: Broadcasting Technology and Engineering Bureau, NBTC







## **Coverage Prediction: DAB+ Trial Bangkok**





Example: Coverage Prediction , Antenna Direction 135
Power: 10 kW ERP
Center Freq.: 185.35MHz (Block 6C)

**Mobile Reception** : Pop Coverage 10.4 millions **Portable Reception**: Pop Coverage 9.5 millions

Simulate model: Vary Tx power, Antenna direction (0,45,135,315 degree)

Source: Broadcasting Technology and Engineering Bureau, NBTC















Head End: Factum DAB+ Transmitter: One Stat ANTENNA SYSTEM: KATHREIN



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Digital Radio Multiplexing Platform Functional Diagram for 18x National Services

Reference : RTA, PS&Son

# Radio Broadcasters: 13 stations joined DAB+Trial





+ 2 Stations (KU Radio, Look Tung Network) <u>http://radio.ku.ac.th/</u> <u>http://www.looktung.net/</u>



**Service On Air** 







### DAB+ Trial Plan in Thailand (Bangkok): 3 Phases



#### DAB+ Trial On-Air: April 2019



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## )) Service Test









## **Feature Test**

Audio (vary audio bit rate)
Text Scrolling (DLS text)
Slide Show (SLS)
Service Linking (DAB+,FM)
TPEG Traffic : Traffic Status, Incident
Hybrid (DAB+, Online)
Emergency Warning(Annoucement)
Pop up Service: NBTC Test Channel









## **Field Test: Drive Test**

•Toll Way •Main Road, Inner/Outer Ring •Business Areas •Coverage Boundary







## **Field Test : Stationary Test**



Test Location: Landmarks, Office Buildings proposed by Broadcasters, NBTC
More than 50 locations
Finding: Signal Loss from outdoor, signal loss from electronic devices













## **User Survey: DAB+ Trial**



Survey 2,000 users, 3 times
Content: News, Song
Location: Car, Home
Problem Found: Signal unstable in some areas nearby coverage boundary
Variety of Contents: Meta Data Software Management
Recommend: Add more Tx sites, more Services





To create awareness, and let student and public involve in trial











Thailand



**Collaboration and Capacity Building** 

NBTC/RTA/PRD/WorldDAB Workshop on Digital Radio Services Implementation and Business Models 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 The Century Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



## )) Lesson Learned



•Coverage /Filed Test : Drive test to tune network simulation model, finding coverage holes / problematic areas, field test in different environment cover main roads, CBD, landmark a nd community area

- •Stationary Test: To verify and improve coverage inside building
- •Adjust TX site: Adjust power, antenna direction to improve signal quality, coverage
- •Features Test: Have to verify audio services/all new features work well
- Connection between Transmitter site and Studio: VPN or dedicated link, QoS concerned Se rvices Channel: Allocate more than 64 kbps for broadcasters to provide new service
   Software Management for Radio Broadcaster: To manage metadata/dynamic content Delivery such as RAPID

•Announcement Service: Apply for Emergency or Diaster Warning such as Air poluttion PM 2.5, Flooding

•TPEG Traffic: Cooperate with Traffic Management Agency, Traffic Police, Radio Station
 •Collaboration: Engage more Broadcasters, Car Manufacture and Associations
 •Project evolution and Conducting User Survey to get feedback from userss

# **THANK YOU**



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