The Kingdom of Thailand is a country in Southeast Asia. There are about 65 million people living in an area of 513,000 km² (approximately the same size as Spain). Education in Thailand is provided mainly by the government and is controlled by the Thai Ministry of Education. Children are required to attend school until finishing the first three years of high school. Students may attend public or private school where education is divided into two levels with 6 years of elementary school (Prathomsuksa) and 6 years of high school (Muttayomsuksa).

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