Monthly Weather Summary in Thailand August 2013

Due to the influence of the rather active southwest monsoon prevailing over the Andaman Sea, Thailand and the Gulf of Thailand during early and late August in addition with the remnants of two tropical storm namely "JEBI" (1309) over Myanmar and Laos during August 3-4 and "MANGKHUT" (1310) over Laos and upper northern Thailand on August 8 and the monsoon trough occasionally lying over the northern and upper northeastern parts of Thailand, downpour of rain occurred in much of Thailand during early and late month with flash flooding in some areas. However, with the weakening of the southwest monsoon and the disappearance of monsoon trough during the middle of the month, most areas of Thailand experienced decreasing in rainfall. Monthly rainfall was less than normal in most parts of Thailand i.e. northeastern part 52.6 mm (20%), central part 31.8 mm (18%), eastern part 2.7 mm (1%), southern part (east coast) 18.7 mm (15%) and southern part (west coasts) 47.5 mm (12%) while it was inversely above normal in northern part 24.5 mm (11%). The average rainfall over the whole area of Thailand was 7% lower than normal. Mean temperatures were slightly above normal in general.

1 - 10 August: The rather active southwest monsoon prevailed over the Andaman Sea, Thailand and the Gulf of Thailand almost the whole period. Moreover, the tropical storm "JEBI" in the middle South China Sea made landfall over upper Vietnam and downgraded into tropical depression on August 3 before heading to Laos and finally dissipated over Myanmar on the following day. Besides, the tropical storm "MANGKHUT" hit upper Vietnam and moved further to Laos. After weakening into the tropical depression and low pressure cell, the remnant of "MANGKHUT" persisted in upper northern Thailand on August 8. Under these influence, Thailand experienced abundant rainfall almost the whole period especially during August 7-10 when many areas of the northern and northeastern parts obtained widespread rain with heavy to very heavy rainfall with flash flooding at Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai and Lampang provinces on August 9 and Bueng Kan province on August 7. The maximum daily rainfall in upper Thailand was 174.3 mm at Amphoe Muang in Bueng Kan province on August 7. In southern part, plentiful of rainfall was found nearly the whole period especially along the west coast. It induced flash flooding at Surat Thani, Phang-nga and Satun provinces on August 2, Ranong province on August 3 and Trang province on August 2. The highest daily rainfall of 149.9 mm was measured at Trang Airport on August 1.

11 – 20 August: During early period, due to the monsoon trough lying across the northern and northeastern parts toward the low pressure cell in the middle South China Sea accompanied with the rather active southwest monsoon blowing across Thailand resulted in abundant rainfall in upper Thailand. The maximum daily rainfall was 150.8 mm at Wat Sub Samosorn School, Khet Nong Chok in Bangkok Metropolis on August 12. Flash flooding occurred at Pichit and Kamphaeng Phet provinces on August 13, Nakhon Sawan province on August 12 and the river overflowed its banks at Uttaradit province on August 11 with the occurrence of gusty wind at Chanthaburi province on August 14. After that, with the weakening of the southwest monsoon and disappearance of monsoon trough, a weather turned sunny period with a few rain patched. For southern part, scattered to fairly widespread rain with isolated heavy rainfall was observed during early period then rainfall generally decreased. The highest daily rainfall was 83.4 mm at Amphoe Muang, Ranong province on August 12.

21 – 31 August: Under the influence of the low pressure trough lying over the northern and upper northeastern parts coupled with more active southwest monsoon, bringing an increased in rainfall in upper Thailand, scattered to fairly widespread rain with heavy to very heavy rainfall in some areas was found nearly the whole period. The maximum daily rainfall, 125.0 mm, was measured at Ban Phaeng in Nakhon Phanom province on August 21 with flooding at Chaing Rai and Nong Khai provinces on August 22, Phitsanulok province on August 23 and Phetchabun province on August 25. Flash flood occurred at Surin province on August 27. Across southern Thailand, rainfall was mainly observed during the second half of the period, the highest rainfall amount was 119.0 mm at Bacho in Narathiwat province on August 28.

Note: 1. Rainfall, temperatures and natural disasters in this report were updated up to September 2, 2013.

2. JEBI (1309) mean swallow contributed by Republic of Korea.

3. MANGKHUT (1310) mean the kind of fruits (Mangosteen) contributed by Thailand.

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Northern Thailand

	Temperature (°c)		Rainfall (mm)		Accumulative rainfall (mm) Since 1 January	
Station		Above		Above		Above
	Mean	or below	Actual	or below	Actual	or below
		normal		normal		normal
Chiang Rai	26.7	0.2	423.2	64.8	1400.9	192.4
Mae Hong Son	27.0	0.1	320.6	81.3	824.6	-99.0
Phayao	26.6	-0.1	229.1	25.1	651.6	-111.0
Chiang Mai	27.3	0.5	299.4	82.5	776.8	45.0
Tha Wang Pha	27.1	0.2	291.0	-6.8	1076.8	2.2
Nan	27.5	0.2	224.7	-48.5	639.3	-294.3
Lamphun	27.3	0.0	142.5	-30.2	636.8	2.8
Lampang	27.3	-0.1	220.9	34.6	652.2	-46.9
Mae Sariang	26.2	0.0	207.0	-13.4	641.1	-172.7
Phrae	27.1	-0.3	365.2	159.7	923.8	122.9
Uttaradit	27.8	-0.2	392.4	129.0	1012.9	32.3
Bhumibol Dam	28.5	0.4	73.9	-38.1	315.9	-263.6
Tak	28.0	0.1	112.2	-3.6	599.6	12.9
Mae Sot	25.8	0.2	420.3	98.6	1393.6	243.1
Umphang	24.4	0.1	277.2	28.8	1210.3	182.7
Phitsanulok	28.1	0.0	197.5	-50.1	961.9	98.5
Lom Sak	27.2	-0.1	197.7	-0.4	628.9	-113.7
Phetchabun	27.4	0.1	164.0	-35.0	843.3	25.4
Wichian Buri	28.2	0.1	177.9	-31.3	925.7	107.4
Kamphaeng Phet	27.8	0.0	214.2	43.7	953.3	157.9
Over the area	27.2	0.1	247.5	24.5	853.5	6.1
				11%		1%

Northeastern Thailand

	Temperature (°c)		Rainfall (mm)		Accumulative rainfall (mm) Since 1 January	
Station		Above		Above		Above
	Mean	or below	Actual	or below	Actual	or below
		normal		normal		normal
Nong Khai	27.8	0.3	296.6	-26.6	1169.6	-71.0
Loei	27.4	0.3	227.1	42.2	1030.5	176.6
Udon Thani	27.8	0.0	290.8	5.7	932.4	-143.2
Nakhon Phanom	27.5	0.5	281.7	-298.6	1764.2	-180.9
Sakon Nakhon	27.6	0.2	263.2	-94.7	1609.3	283.5
Mukdahan	27.7	0.4	175.1	-175.6	1285.4	133.6
Khon Kaen	27.6	-0.1	172.3	-44.1	654.8	-222.3
Kosum Phisai	27.9	-0.1	217.9	-14.0	735.8	-154.7
Roi Et	27.8	-0.1	295.8	43.6	1148.9	151.3
Chaiyaphum	27.5	-0.1	108.8	-87.4	834.0	86.9
Ubon Ratchathani	27.6	0.0	164.8	-138.5	1107.2	-34.0
Tha Tum	28.2	0.0	292.1	64.2	853.2	-123.4
Surin	27.8	0.2	172.1	-84.1	879.8	-138.2
Nakhon Ratchasima	28.1	0.0	167.8	10.6	599.1	-71.2
Chok Chai	28.0	0.1	120.1	-33.4	691.9	25.6
Nang Rong	27.8	0.0	171.8	-9.9	724.1	-55.7
Over the area	27.8	0.1	213.6	-52.6	1001.3	-21.1
				-20%		-2%

NOTES: 1) Mean temperature is the average of daily dry-bulb temperature

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Central Thailand

	Temperature (°c)		Rainfall (mm)		Accumulative rainfall (mm) Since 1 January	
Station		Above		Above		Above
	Mean	or below	Actual	or below	Actual	or below
		normal		normal		normal
Nakhon Sawan	28.9	0.5	84.0	-94.3	569.5	-157.8
Bua Chum	28.2	0.2	158.0	-11.2	774.9	93.2
Lop Buri	28.5	0.2	98.9	-52.0	438.2	-230.1
Suphan Buri	28.7	0.2	197.5	79.1	577.1	72.6
Thong Pha Phum	26.6	0.3	227.5	-116.2	1336.1	-6.6
Kanchanaburi	29.1	0.7	72.8	-25.5	516.4	-45.5
Bangkok Airport	29.4	0.6	121.9	-49.0	818.6	-36.4
Bangkok Metropolis	28.7	-0.1	233.6	14.3	935.0	-31.0
Over the area	28.5	0.3	149.3	-31.8	745.7	-42.7
				-18%		-5%

Eastern Thailand

	Temperature (°c)		Rainfall (mm)		Accumulative rainfall (mm) Since 1 January	
Station		Above		Above		Above
	Mean	or below	Actual	or below	Actual	or below
		normal		normal		normal
Prachin Buri	28.3	0.0	380.4	21.9	1296.6	20.3
Kabin Buri	27.5	-0.2	235.8	-54.6	1051.2	-54.8
Aranyaprathet	28.1	0.3	325.3	116.7	1195.2	317.2
Chon Buri	29.4	0.4	201.5	47.4	985.7	222.2
Ko Sichang	28.7	0.0	130.4	-6.4	784.6	111.1
Pattaya	28.5	0.1	75.0	-22.6	453.2	-156.3
Sattahip	-	-	-	-	419.6	-281.6
Rayong	28.5	-0.3	166.4	34.1	1101.8	224.9
Chanthaburi	27.8	0.3	498.7	1.5	2632.7	495.0
Khlong Yai	27.2	0.2	684.3	-356.1	3798.7	106.2
Over the area	28.2	0.0	299.8	-2.7	1371.9	100.3
				-1%		8%

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Southern Thailand, east coast

	Temperature (°c)		Rainfall (mm)		Accumulative rainfall (mm) Since 1 January	
Station		Above		Above		Above
	Mean	or below	Actual	or below	Actual	or below
		normal		normal		normal
Phetchaburi	28.8	0.2	68.5	-23.8	344.5	-105.4
Hua Hin	28.5	0.0	87.1	15.9	453.3	-26.1
Prachuap Khiri Khan	28.1	0.3	57.9	-41.2	543.8	-51.2
Chumphon	27.6	0.5	63.6	-143.9	1012.0	-19.6
Surat Thani	27.1	0.1	66.2	-73.4	724.5	-13.4
Ko Samui	28.5	0.3	52.7	-58.2	685.7	-126.0
Nakhon Si Thammarat	27.6	-0.2	125.1	-4.7	1140.8	191.8
Songkhla	28.3	0.1	208.7	99.3	931.5	249.4
Hat Yai Airport	26.8	-0.6	122.8	9.8	835.1	78.7
Pattani Airport	27.7	0.2	75.3	-58.7	714.2	-2.7
Narathiwat	27.4	0.0	231.8	73.5	1251.0	347.9
Over the area	27.9	0.1	105.4	-18.7	785.1	47.4
				-15%		6%

Southern Thailand, west coast

	Temperature (°c)		Rainfall (mm)		Accumulative rainfall (mm) Since 1 January	
Station		Above		Above		Above
	Mean	or below	Actual	or below	Actual	or below
		normal		normal		normal
Ranong	27.1	0.3	583.0	-206.1	3284.5	484.9
Takua Pa	26.8	-0.6	413.6	-131.4	3400.9	1159.2
Phuket	28.3	0.2	250.6	-36.2	1487.2	198.8
Phuket Airport	28.1	0.1	274.8	-55.0	1745.2	297.9
Ko Lanta	28.1	-0.1	348.2	44.0	1579.6	261.4
Trang Airport	27.4	0.4	342.0	66.9	1397.2	168.6
Satun	27.4	0.0	244.6	-14.7	1372.6	70.9
Over the area	27.6	0.0	351.0	-47.5	2038.2	377.4
				-12%		23%

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