Monthly Weather Summary in Thailand December 2010

The month of December continued a high pressure area from China that extended to cover Thailand. It brought cool and cold weather over upper Thailand especially during late December. In the mountainous areas and mountaintop, the weather was cold and very cold. Thailand's mean temperature of 25.1 °C was 1.2 °C above normal. In upper Thailand, rainfall was scanty but there were increasing rainfalls over short period during mid month, while southern Thailand received abundant rainfall almost the month, usually associated with the rather active northeast monsoon. Monthly rainfall was above normal in northern part 15.2 mm (188%), northeastern part 2.4 mm (69%), central part 18.6 mm (344%), eastern part 3.0 mm (39%), southern part (east coast) 123.9 mm (54%) and southern part (west coast) 120.2 mm (184%). The total rainfall over Thailand in December was 37.9 mm (82%) above normal.

- 1 10 December: The northern and northeastern parts experienced generally cool with cold weather in some areas. The lowest minimum temperature was 12.5 °C at Agrometeorological Station in Nakhon Phanom province on December 9 and dropped to 6.5 °C over the area of mountaintop at Doi Angkhang, Amphoe Fang in Chiang Mai province on December 4 and 6. Cool weather was in the upper portion of the central and eastern parts. For rainfall, unseasonably rainfall was found in the northern, central and eastern parts meanwhile it remained abundant rainfall in southern Thailand with heavy to very heavy rainfall along the east coast. The highest amount of rainfall was 182.5 mm at Amphoe Ron Phibun in Nakhon Si Thammarat province on December 6. Flash floods were reported at Chumphon and Nakhon Si Thammarat provinces, a landslide was also reported at Ko Samui in Surat Thani province on December 7.
- 11 20 December: During this period, temperature was generally increased especially in the first half of the period but cool weather persisted in most areas of northern and northeastern parts. The lowest minimum temperature was 13.0 °C at Agrometeorological Station in Nakhon Phanom province and Agrometeorological Station in Sakon Nakhon province on December 18 while the mountainous areas and mountaintop experienced generally cold and very cold weather in some places. The lowest minimum temperature dropped to 6.0 °C at Doi Angkhang, Amphoe Fang in Chiang Mai province on December 16. Affected by the westerly trough covering upper Thailand during early period, it became heavy to very heavy rainfall in some areas of upper Thailand during early and mid period with the highest rainfall amount 116.5 mm at Amphoe Wat Sing in Chai Nat province on December 16. For southern part, widely scattered to scattered rain with heavy rainfall was found in some areas during the first half of the period. After that, the northeast monsoon which prevailed over the Gulf of Thailand and southern part was strengthened. Resulted in increasing rainfall with heavy to very heavy rainfall. The highest amount of rainfall was 120.0 mm at Amphoe Thepha in Songkhla province on December 18.
- 21 31 December: Affected by the continuation of active high pressure area, the temperature fell sharply with generally cold weather in upper northern and northeastern parts mainly during mid and late period while the rest parts experienced cool weather in most areas. The lowest minimum temperature was 9.0 °C at Agrometeorological Station in Nakhon Phanom province on December 27 while the mountainous areas and mountaintop experienced generally cold to very cold weather and minimum temperature dropped to 2.0 °C at Doi Angkhang, Amphoe Fang in Chiang Mai province on December 30. Frost occurred at Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon in Chiang Mai province on December 26. In addition, the northeast monsoon which prevailing over southern part and the Gulf of Thailand weakened during early period then southeasterly wind prevailed over upper Thailand caused unseasonal rainfall in upper Thailand especially during the first half of the period. The maximum rainfall amount was 26.5 mm at Amphoe Sattahip in Chon Buri province on December 25. For southern part, rainfall decreased during the first half of the period with heavy rainfall in some places then the areas from Surat Thani province southward experienced abundant rainfall with the highest rainfall amount 210.0 mm at Amphoe Si Sakhon in Narathiwat province on December 30. Flood was reported in Phatthalung province and a landslide was also reported in Songkhla province on December 31.

<u>Note</u>: Rainfall, temperatures and natural disasters in this report were updated up to January 14, 2011.

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Monthly Current Report Rainfall and Accumulative Rainfall December 2010

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 | 21.8 | 2.9 | 2.0 | -16.5 | 1824.8 | 122.6 |
| Mae Hong Son | 22.3 | 1.6 | 1.8 | -12.5 | 1363.1 | 80.8 |
| Phayao | 22.0 | 2.2 | 5.8 | -5.7 | 1158.2 | 62.3 |
| Chiang Mai | 23.5 | 2.4 | 6.1 | -12.0 | 1156.0 | 22.0 |
| Tha Wang Pha | 22.6 | 2.5 | 8.4 | -0.9 | 1693.2 | 296.9 |
| Nan | 23.0 | 2.6 | 26.6 | 19.8 | 1456.8 | 219.5 |
| Lamphun | 22.9 | 1.8 | 12.2 | 5.0 | 1355.1 | 392.7 |
| Lampang | 23.0 | 2.0 | 20.4 | 12.8 | 986.4 | -73.6 |
| Mae Sariang | 22.8 | 1.9 | 26.7 | 17.9 | 1250.8 | 111.1 |
| Phrae | 23.4 | 1.8 | 21.3 | 14.3 | 1009.8 | -72.1 |
| Uttaradit | 24.8 | 1.4 | 13.1 | 9.0 | 1156.7 | -253.6 |
| Bhumibol Dam | 23.4 | 0.7 | 73.8 | 66.6 | 1153.4 | 117.5 |
| Tak | 24.2 | 1.6 | 14.4 | 9.2 | 1151.5 | 97.7 |
| Mae Sot | 23.7 | 2.0 | 21.1 | 16.9 | 1184.2 | -211.1 |
| Umphang | 21.8 | 2.4 | 11.8 | 8.6 | 1479.8 | 52.3 |
| Phitsanulok | 25.4 | 1.3 | 63.5 | 56.9 | 1368.6 | 33.0 |
| Lom Sak | 24.8 | 1.3 | 35.8 | 31.3 | 879.5 | -164.8 |
| Phetchabun | 24.8 | 1.6 | 36.3 | 29.7 | 1187.0 | 107.9 |
| Wichian Buri | 25.7 | 1.2 | 11.6 | 6.7 | 1655.6 | 451.4 |
| Kamphaeng Phet | 25.1 | 1.4 | 53.2 | 47.6 | 1594.4 | 314.1 |
| Over the area | 23.6 | 1.9 | 23.3 | 15.2 | 1303.2 | 85.4 |
| | | | | 188% | | 7% |

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 | 23.8 | 2.1 | 2.3 | -2.7 | 1591.8 | 52.5 |
| Loei | 22.4 | 1.6 | 76.6 | 71.1 | 1541.2 | 303.7 |
| Udon Thani | 23.6 | 1.5 | 2.6 | -2.4 | 1507.7 | 116.9 |
| Nakhon Phanom | 23.3 | 1.7 | 0.0 | -4.8 | 1944.5 | -311.3 |
| Sakon Nakhon | 23.2 | 1.5 | 3.0 | -3.3 | 1449.9 | -150.0 |
| Mukdahan | 23.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | -2.7 | 1740.6 | 233.5 |
| Khon Kaen | 24.4 | 1.8 | 0.0 | -5.1 | 1230.1 | 20.8 |
| Kosum Phisai | 24.6 | 1.5 | 2.2 | -2.2 | 995.1 | -223.5 |
| Roi Et | 24.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | -2.1 | 1156.2 | -189.1 |
| Chaiyaphum | 24.9 | 1.5 | 4.6 | -0.7 | 1506.3 | 388.3 |
| Ubon Ratchathani | 24.7 | 1.4 | 0.0 | -1.3 | 1563.6 | -17.8 |
| Tha Tum | 24.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | -0.9 | 1376.3 | -13.6 |
| Surin | 24.9 | 1.6 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 1321.9 | -29.7 |
| Nakhon Ratchasima | 25.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | -3.0 | 1386.2 | 351.5 |
| Chok Chai | 24.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 | -1.8 | 1505.2 | 408.6 |
| Nang Rong | 24.0 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 1129.2 | -59.0 |
| Over the area | 24.1 | 1.5 | 5.9 | 2.4 | 1434.1 | 55.0 |
| - | | | | 69% | | 4% |

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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 | 25.7 | 1.1 | 18.6 | 13.7 | 1575.5 | 498.1 |
| Bua Chum | 25.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | -2.9 | 1337.7 | 252.5 |
| Lop Buri | 26.8 | 1.2 | 3.7 | -0.7 | 1227.8 | 104.0 |
| Suphan Buri | 26.4 | 1.8 | 18.3 | 9.0 | 962.6 | -97.3 |
| Thong Pha Phum | 25.0 | 1.5 | 41.9 | 39.0 | 1535.6 | -227.9 |
| Kanchanaburi | 26.2 | 1.5 | 11.8 | 5.6 | 1120.4 | 65.1 |
| Bangkok Airport | 27.1 | 1.3 | 75.1 | 67.6 | 1902.7 | 670.8 |
| Bangkok Metropolis | 27.6 | 1.7 | 22.7 | 17.7 | 2023.7 | 480.5 |
| Over the area | 26.3 | 1.4 | 24.0 | 18.6 | 1460.8 | 218.2 |
| | | | | 344% | | 18% |

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 | 27.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | -6.9 | 2050.2 | 171.9 |
| Kabin Buri | 26.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | -5.3 | 968.1 | -683.5 |
| Aranyaprathet | 26.7 | 1.9 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 1385.7 | 9.1 |
| Chon Buri | 27.6 | 1.7 | 3.4 | -1.3 | 1376.4 | 77.6 |
| Ko Sichang | 26.9 | 0.9 | 13.2 | 5.7 | 1314.5 | 60.3 |
| Pattaya | 26.8 | 1.2 | 15.0 | 8.6 | 991.4 | -132.4 |
| Sattahip | 26.4 | 0.9 | 32.5 | 23.9 | 1554.9 | 268.9 |
| Rayong | 26.8 | 1.0 | 0.0 | -4.6 | 1716.1 | 314.8 |
| Chanthaburi | 27.0 | 1.5 | 28.2 | 20.0 | 2856.1 | 4.0 |
| Khlong Yai | 27.3 | 0.6 | 6.4 | -13.8 | 3686.2 | -1050.9 |
| Over the area | 26.9 | 1.2 | 10.6 | 3.0 | 1790.0 | -96.1 |
| | | | | 39% | | -5% |

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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 | 26.5 | 1.4 | 17.0 | 5.9 | 1179.1 | 191.7 |
| Hua Hin | 26.9 | 1.5 | 3.4 | -9.0 | 876.0 | -89.7 |
| Prachuap Khiri Khan | 26.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | -20.5 | 722.8 | -389.8 |
| Chumphon | 26.2 | 1.1 | 142.4 | 43.7 | 1549.2 | -327.1 |
| Surat Thani | 26.1 | 0.6 | 278.4 | 143.6 | 1993.6 | 473.8 |
| Ko Samui | 26.5 | 0.1 | 816.2 | 605.5 | 3008.3 | 1062.4 |
| Nakhon Si Thammarat | 25.8 | 0.2 | 479.7 | 63.9 | 2747.9 | 351.8 |
| Songkhla | 26.2 | -0.5 | 706.6 | 286.3 | 2850.9 | 856.0 |
| Hat Yai Airport | 25.4 | 0.0 | 315.9 | 46.5 | 2006.2 | 321.6 |
| Pattani Airport | 26.0 | 0.3 | 495.9 | 131.8 | 2094.2 | 250.8 |
| Narathiwat | 25.5 | -0.4 | 625.0 | 65.4 | 2590.2 | 105.0 |
| Over the area | 26.2 | 0.6 | 352.9 | 123.9 | 1965.3 | 255.1 |
| | | | | 54% | | 15% |

Southern Thailand, west coast

| | Temperature (°c) | | Rainfall (mm) | | Accumulative rainfall (mm Since 1 January | |
|----------------|------------------|----------|---------------|----------|--|----------|
| Station | 3.4 | Above | A . 1 | Above | A . 1 | Above |
| | Mean | or below | Actual | or below | Actual | or below |
| | | normal | | normal | | normal |
| Ranong | 26.3 | 0.3 | 162.1 | 126.5 | 3315.2 | -804.1 |
| Takua Pa | 26.2 | 0.0 | 261.8 | 205.9 | 3384.5 | -254.1 |
| Phuket | 27.6 | 0.2 | 149.5 | 90.1 | 2348.9 | 77.7 |
| Phuket Airport | 26.8 | 0.4 | 157.5 | 91.6 | 2804.4 | 307.6 |
| Ko Lanta | 26.5 | -0.3 | 162.5 | 114.1 | 1876.7 | -306.8 |
| Trang Airport | 25.8 | -0.2 | 194.0 | 83.6 | 2342.7 | 146.4 |
| Satun | 26.4 | -0.4 | 211.3 | 129.6 | 2549.1 | 269.4 |
| Over the area | 26.5 | 0.0 | 185.5 | 120.2 | 2660.2 | -80.5 |
| | | | | 184% | | -3% |

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