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## **I. Report on the Thai Petrochemical Industry**

# Thai Petrochemical Industry – Current State and Issues

## I-1. Business Environment

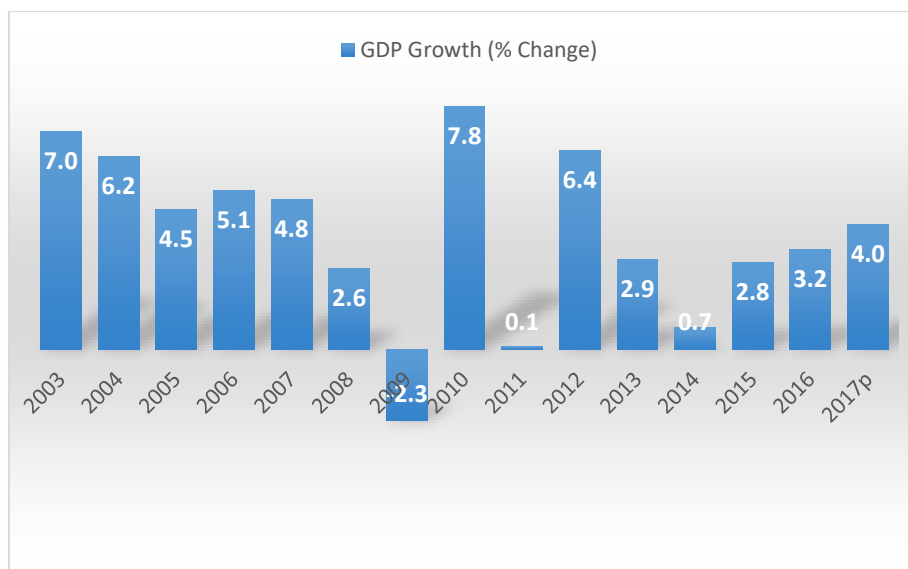
Global economic growth remain moderate in 2016, the IMF's Statistics Department estimated the growth of the world economy at 3.1%. The number is nearly as growth rate in 2015. In addition, weaker-than-expected growth in the United States, U.K. vote in favor of leaving the European Union (Brexit), the global crude oil price which remained.

## I-2. Present Situation and Future Prospect of the Thai Economy

In 2016, The Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) of Thailand announced GDP growth of by 3.2% improved from 2.9% in 2015 supported by private consumption and investment, government expenditure, household consumption continued to grow while export slowed down and the drought affecting agriculture.

Thai economy projected GDP to 3.0-4.0% in 2017, supported by export sector from recovery of the manufacturing production and private investment, government has infrastructure development plant, development projects under Eastern Economic Corridor, and special border economic zones, promoting border trade and linkage with CLMV,

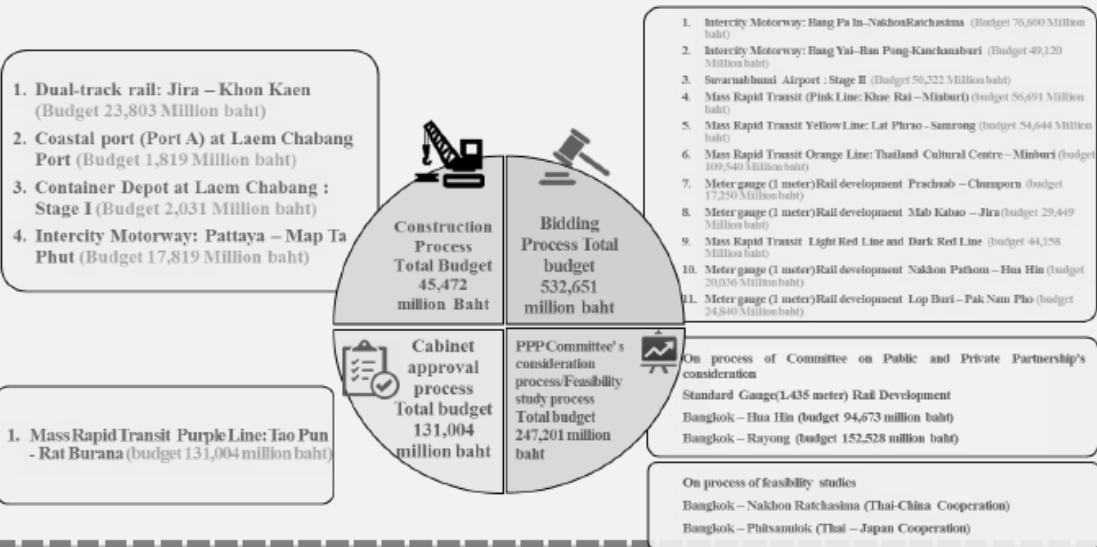
Figure-1 Thailand's GDP Growth 2003-2017



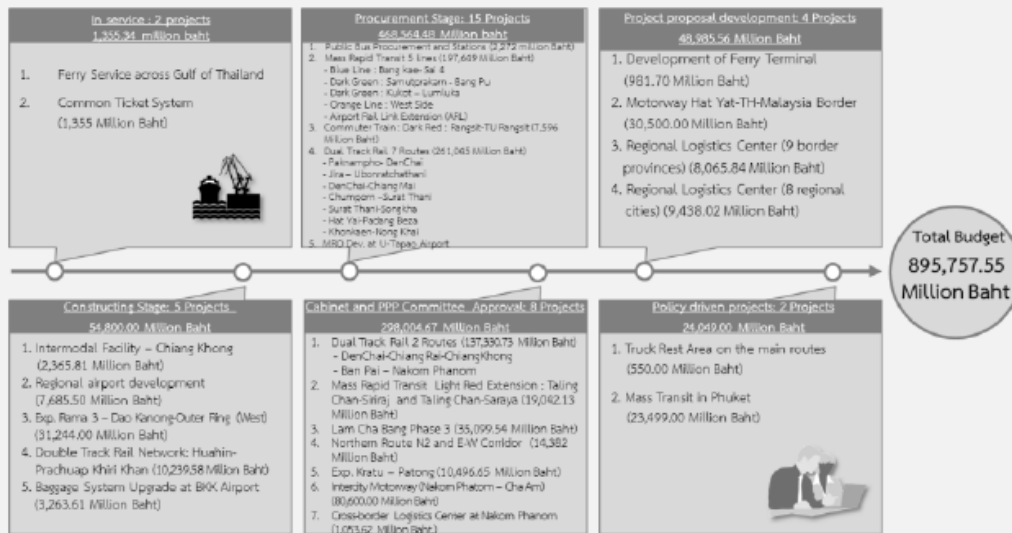
Source: NESDB, BOT

## Transport Infrastructure Investment Action Plan in 2016-2017

**Progress of 20 public investment projects under Transport Action Plan Year 2016 Total budget 1,410,763.35 Million Baht**



**36 projects of Action Plan 2017 36 (Total budget 895,757.55 Million Baht)**



Source: Ministry of Transport

### *I-3. Present Situation and Future Prospect of the Thai Petrochemical Industry*

The petrochemical industry in Thailand continued to expand from the previous year. As a result, the GDP growth in 2016 significantly increased from previous year at 3.1% to 2.9%. Automotive and real estate segment were two major segment which mainly affect by these factors, automotive has production increased at 1.94 million car from 1.91 million car in previous year. Strong expansion of construction sector, as well as favorable expansion of hotel and restaurants and other services sector. The expansion of consumption expenditure on non-durable goods. However, demand of petrochemical product used in packaging segment still relatively stagnated by strong demand in food industry.

The overall picture of petrochemical production and consumption are as follows:

- Ethylene production decreased by 4% in 2016 as the some cracker has shutdown maintenance. Propylene production increased 5% as the demand of derivative.
- The production of major polymer in 2016 increased by 5% from the previous year. The gain was the result of strong demand of both domestic and export market especially PP resin. Domestic demand of PP were increased by 10% a result of upward trend in packaging segment. On the other hand, domestic demand of PVC resin in relatively increased from the previous year from strong demand of construction segment.

Table-2 Production/ Consumption and Import/ Export Figures of Five Major Products 2012-2016

(Unit:'000 T/Y)

| Products                                         | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ethylene                                         |       |       |       |       |       |
| Production                                       | 4,093 | 4,116 | 4,345 | 4,458 | 4,277 |
| Import                                           | 115   | 85    | 46    | 23    | 93    |
| Export                                           | 59    | 17    | 66    | 70    | 22    |
| Consumption by derivative product <sup>(1)</sup> | 4,148 | 4,184 | 4,324 | 4,411 | 4,348 |
| Propylene                                        |       |       |       |       |       |
| Production                                       | 2,226 | 2,220 | 2,410 | 2,361 | 2,468 |
| Import                                           | 5     | 17    | 5     | 21    | 3     |
| Export                                           | 139   | 208   | 225   | 181   | 212   |
| Consumption by derivative product <sup>(2)</sup> | 2,092 | 2,029 | 2,190 | 2,207 | 2,260 |
| PTA                                              |       |       |       |       |       |
| Production                                       | 2,469 | 2,167 | 2,084 | 2,020 | 2,194 |
| Import                                           | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Export                                           | 1,242 | 996   | 892   | 854   | 940   |
| Consumption by derivative product <sup>(3)</sup> | 1,227 | 1,171 | 1,192 | 1,166 | 1,254 |
| PE (including EVA)                               |       |       |       |       |       |
| Production                                       | 3,453 | 3,455 | 3,692 | 3,755 | 3,662 |
| Import                                           | 437   | 418   | 321   | 414   | 459   |
| Export                                           | 2,450 | 2,379 | 2,486 | 2,574 | 2,394 |
| Consumption <sup>(4)</sup>                       | 1,441 | 1,495 | 1,527 | 1,593 | 1,727 |
| PP                                               |       |       |       |       |       |
| Production                                       | 1,756 | 1,767 | 1,843 | 1,843 | 1,933 |
| Import                                           | 242   | 229   | 212   | 240   | 270   |
| Export                                           | 732   | 767   | 818   | 856   | 858   |
| Consumption <sup>(4)</sup>                       | 1,266 | 1,229 | 1,237 | 1,174 | 1,346 |

Note: Data shown as " 0 " means less than 0.5 ton.

(1) Consumption netbacked from PE, VCM, EG and SM production.

(2) Consumption netbacked from PP, Cumene and PO production.

(3) Consumption netbacked from polyester polymer (PET) production.

(4) Consumption figure is different from calculation (Production + Import – Export) due to inventory change

Table-3 Capacity of Major Petrochemicals 2016 (as of March 2017)

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

### Ethylene

| Company      | Capacity     |
|--------------|--------------|
| IRPC         | 360          |
| MOC          | 900          |
| PTTGC        | 2,376        |
| ROC          | 800          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4,436</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

### Polyethylene

| Company                     | Capacity   |              |            |              | Total        |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | LDPE/EVA   | LLDPE        | LLDPE/MDPE | HDPE         |              |
| IRPC                        |            |              |            | 140          | 140          |
| PTTGC                       | 300        | 400          |            | 800          | 1,500        |
| Siam Polyethylene           |            | 650          |            |              | 650          |
| SSLC (Specialty Elastomers) |            | 220          |            |              | 220          |
| TPE                         | 100        |              | 120        | 960          | 1,180        |
| TPI Polene                  | 158        |              |            |              | 158          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>558</b> | <b>1,270</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>1,900</b> | <b>3,848</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

### Vinyl Chloride Monomer

| Company      | Capacity   |
|--------------|------------|
| TPC          | 590        |
| VNT          | 400        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>990</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

### Polyvinyl Chloride

| Company         | Capacity   |
|-----------------|------------|
| TPC             | 530        |
| TPC Paste Resin | 36         |
| VNT             | 280        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>846</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

### Propylene

| Company      | Capacity     |
|--------------|--------------|
| HMC          | 310          |
| MOC          | 800          |
| IRPC         | 412          |
| PTTGC        | 487          |
| ROC          | 400          |
| SPRC         | 130          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,539</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017



Table-3 Capacity of Major Petrochemicals 2016 (as of March 2017)

(Unit:'000 T/Y)

### Polypropylene

| Company      | Capacity     |
|--------------|--------------|
| HMC          | 775          |
| IRPC         | 475          |
| TPP          | 720          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,970</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

### Styrene Monomer

| Company      | Capacity   |
|--------------|------------|
| IRPC         | 260        |
| SSMC         | 280        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>540</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

### Polystyrene

| Company          | Capacity   |
|------------------|------------|
| Siam Polystyrene | 150        |
| IRPC (Thai ABS)  | 130        |
| Thai Styrenics   | 90         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>370</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

### Butadiene

| Company      | Capacity   |
|--------------|------------|
| BST          | 140        |
| IRPC         | 50         |
| PTTGC        | 75         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>265</b> |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

### Synthetic Rubber

| Company               | Capacity   |    |
|-----------------------|------------|----|
|                       | ESBR       | BR |
| BST Elastomer         | 72         |    |
| Thai Synthetic Rubber |            | 72 |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>144</b> |    |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, March 2017

## **II. Committee Meetings**

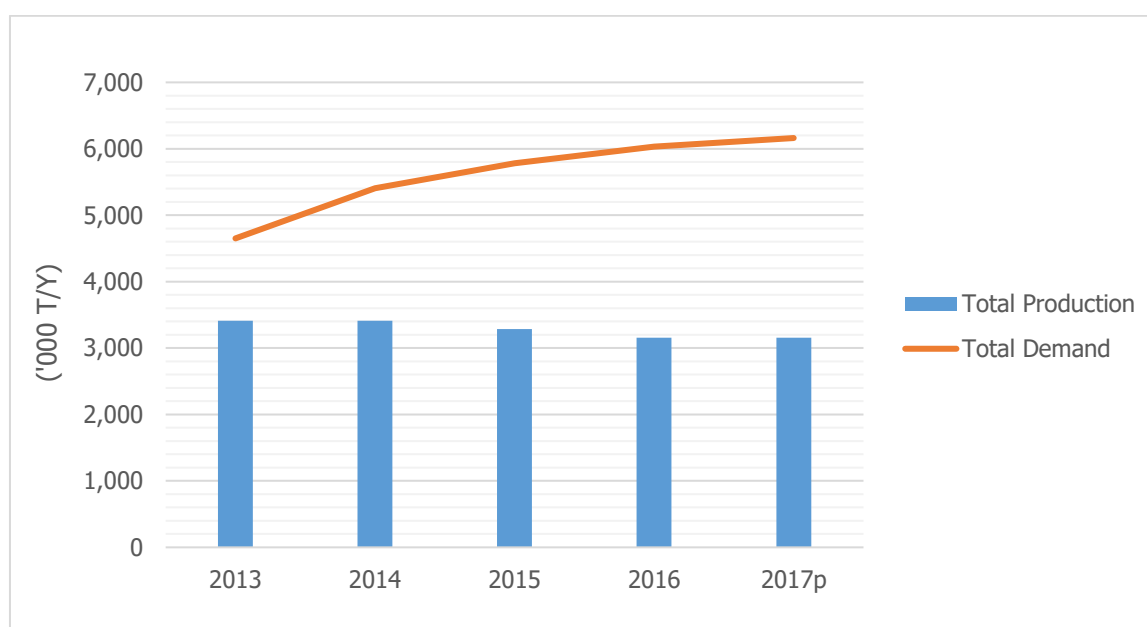
## **General Matters & Raw Materials Committee**

## II-1. General Matters & Raw Materials Committee

### Capacity, Production and Demand of Light Naphtha

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                         | Historical   |              |              |              | Estimated    |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                         | 2013         | 2014         | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         |
| <b>Total Production</b> | <b>3,412</b> | <b>3,411</b> | <b>3,287</b> | <b>3,157</b> | <b>3,157</b> |
| Feedstock               | 4,536        | 5,330        | 5,690        | 5,917        |              |
| Solvents                | 115          | 76           | 93           | 116          |              |
| <b>Total Demand</b>     | <b>4,651</b> | <b>5,406</b> | <b>5,783</b> | <b>6,033</b> | <b>6,162</b> |



#### 1. Review of 2016

Thailand's light naphtha production in 2015 decreased by 4% from the previous year due to strong demand for gasoline blending. Meanwhile, domestic demand for light naphtha as petrochemical feedstock and solvent increased by 4% following a strong demand for ethylene and propylene production which utilized less gas-based feedstock.

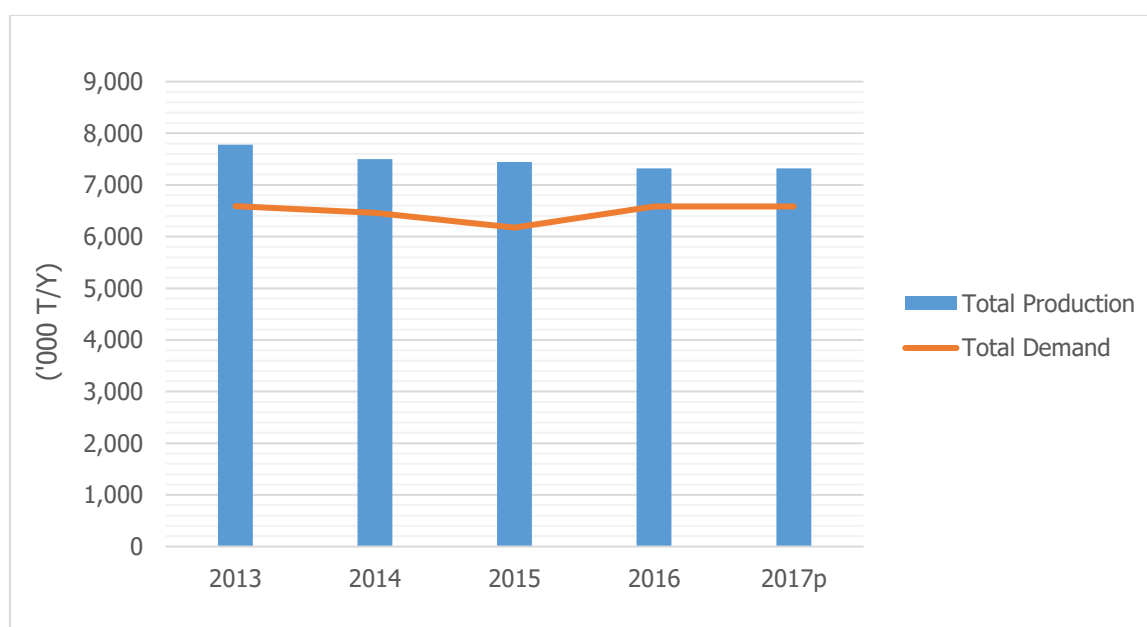
#### 2. Outlook for 2017

Production of light naphtha is expected to remain unchanged from that of 2016, while domestic consumption for light naphtha in Thailand is projected to slightly increase from that of 2016 coinciding with the expected increase in ethylene and propylene production.

## Capacity, Production and Demand of Heavy Naphtha

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                         | Historical   |              |              |              | Estimated    |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                         | 2013         | 2014         | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         |
| <b>Total Production</b> | <b>7,780</b> | <b>7,501</b> | <b>7,446</b> | <b>7,321</b> | <b>7,321</b> |
| Feedstock               | 6,589        | 6,462        | 6,174        | 6,584        |              |
| <b>Total Demand</b>     | <b>6,589</b> | <b>6,462</b> | <b>6,174</b> | <b>6,584</b> | <b>6,584</b> |



### 1. Review of 2016

Domestic production of heavy naphtha slightly dropped from that of 2015 due to a strong demand for gasoline blending. Meanwhile, domestic demand for petrochemical feedstock increased by 7% following an increase in aromatics production.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Thailand's domestic production and consumption of heavy naphtha is expected to remain unchanged from that of 2016.

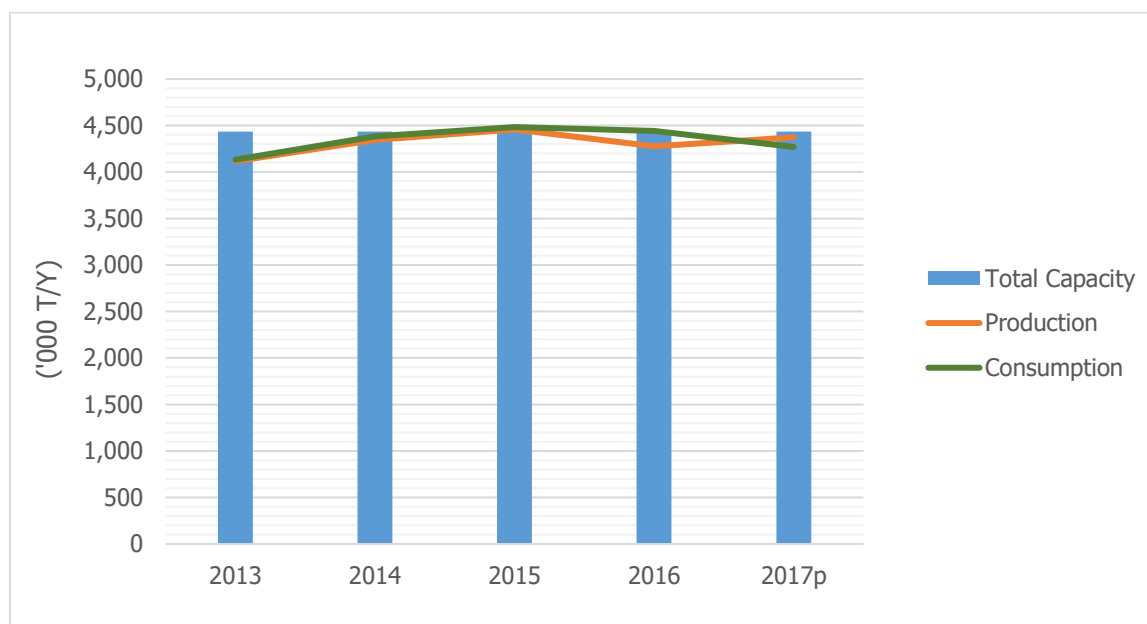
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Olefins: Ethylene

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 4,436      | 4,436 | 4,436 | 4,436 | 4,436     |
| Production                         | 4,116      | 4,345 | 4,458 | 4,277 | 4,374     |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 4,184      | 4,324 | 4,441 | 4,348 | 4,271*    |
| Export                             | 17         | 66    | 70    | 22    |           |
| Import                             | 85         | 46    | 23    | 93    |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \* Consumption netbacked from PE, EDC/VCM, EG and SM production which is projected by assuming a 90% operating rate except EG which is projected by assuming a 97% operating rate.



### 1. Review of 2016

Ethylene production decreased by 4% in 2016 due to some plant has shutdown maintenance and problem technical shutdown. In addition, ethylene import rise up to supported demand in derivative market.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Ethylene consumption is expected to slightly decrease following demand from downstream market especially export market which tends to decrease from high market competition especially PE resin.

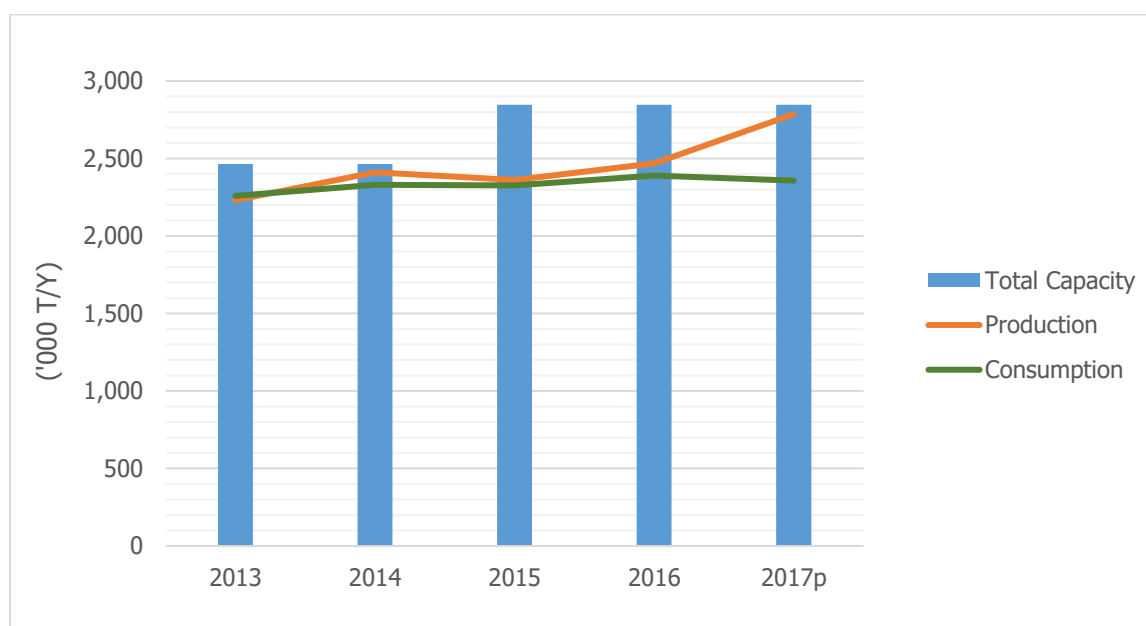
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Olefins: Propylene

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 2,464      | 2,464 | 2,847 | 2,847 | 2,847     |
| Production                         | 2,231      | 2,411 | 2,361 | 2,468 | 2,786     |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 2,259      | 2,330 | 2,326 | 2,390 | 2,358*    |
| Export                             | 208        | 225   | 181   | 212   |           |
| Import                             | 17         | 5     | 21    | 3     |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from PP, Cumene and PO production which is projected by assuming a 90% operating rate.



### 1. Review of 2016

Propylene production increased from the previous year by 5% and consumption and 3% respectively supported by high demand of derivative.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Assuming a 90% operating rate, propylene production in 2017 is expected to be 2,358,000 tons supporting by demand from downstream marker.

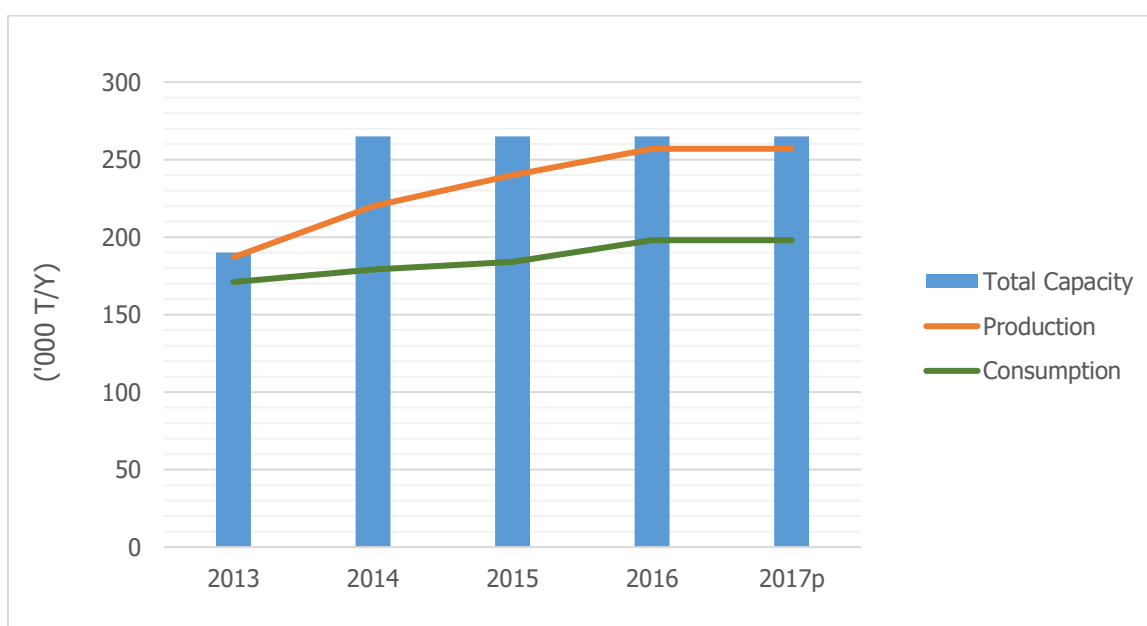
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Olefins: Butadiene

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                 | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|---------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                 | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                  | 190        | 265  | 265  | 265  | 265       |
| Production                      | 187        | 220  | 240  | 257  | 257       |
| Consumption by Derivative Prod. | 171        | 179  | 184  | 198  | 198*      |
| Export                          | 71         | 51   | 80   | 105  |           |
| Import                          | 30         | 18   | 13   | 41   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from SBL, SBR, BR, NBL and ABS/SAN (assumed 100% ABS) production, which is projected by assuming a 90%, 90%, 90%, 90% and 85% operating rate, respectively.



### 1. Review of 2016

Butadiene production surged by 7% from the year 2015 supported by 96% operating rate of production capacity. Meanwhile, butadiene consumption remain stagnated from strong demand of derivatives products and export market.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Butadiene production assumption on 90% operation rate is base of automotive production in Thailand.



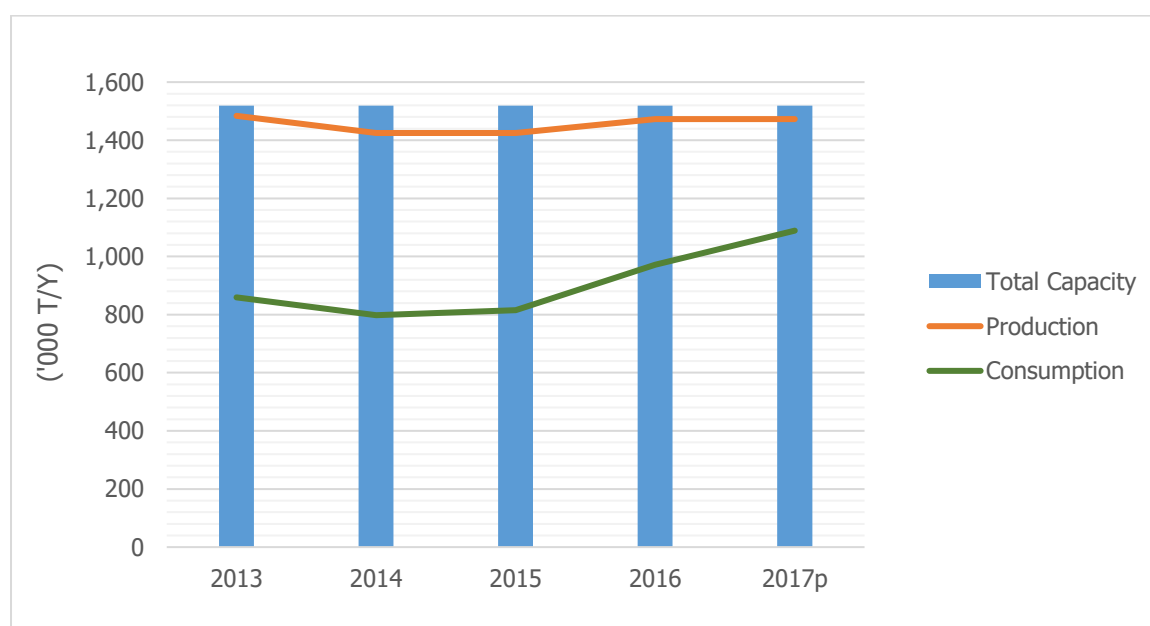
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Aromatics: Benzene

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                 | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                 | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                  | 1,519      | 1,519 | 1,519 | 1,519 | 1,519     |
| Production                      | 1,484      | 1,425 | 1,425 | 1,473 | 1,473     |
| Consumption by Derivative Prod. | 859        | 798   | 815   | 972   | 1,089     |
| Export                          | 766        | 672   | 592   | 516   |           |
| Import                          | 0          | 0     | 0     | 0     |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from SM, cumene and cyclohexane production, which is projected by assuming 97%, 90% and 90% operating rate, respectively.  
'0' means below 500T/Y



### 1. Review of 2016

Benzene production at 1,473,000 T/Y, increased by 5% compare in 2015 support by strong demand in derivative including Caprolactum.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Benzene production and consumption in 2017 is expected to dramatically increase supported by bullish demand from full production capacity of 332,000 ton/year cumene of PTT Phenol, has star up in 2015.

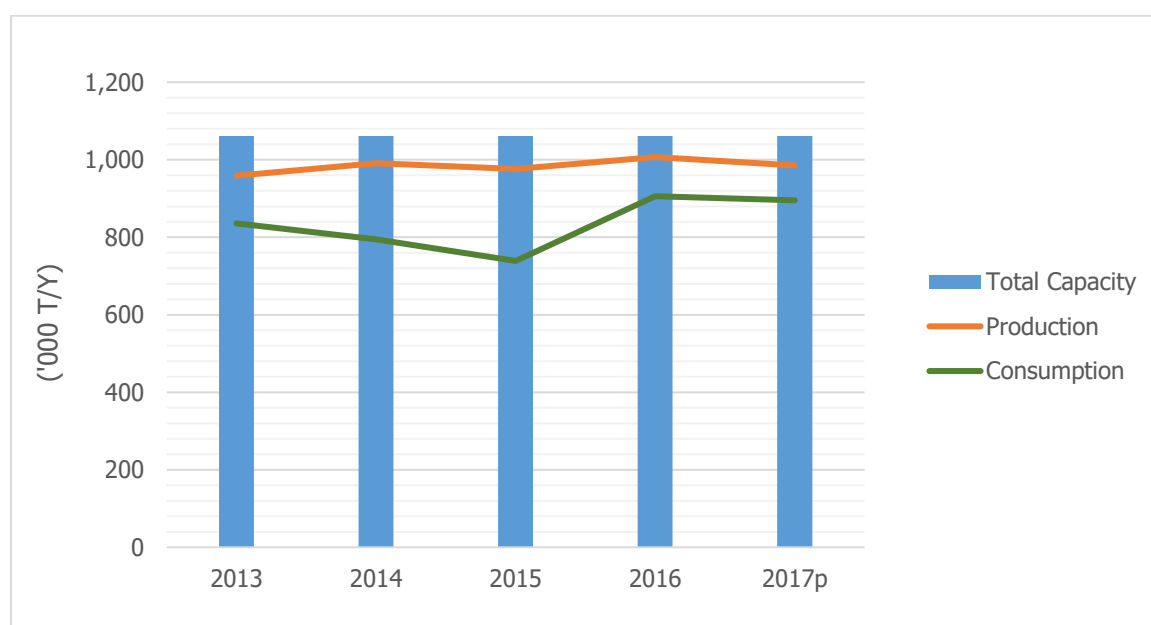
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Aromatics: Toluene

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 1,061      | 1,061 | 1,061 | 1,061 | 1,061     |
| Production                         | 959        | 991   | 976   | 1,007 | 985       |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 836        | 795   | 739   | 906   | 895       |
| Export                             | 135        | 196   | 237   | 263   |           |
| Import                             | 12         | 0     | 0     | 0     |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Including consumption netbacked from benzene/xylene production, solvents, etc, which is projected by assuming a 90% operating rate  
'0' means below 500T/Y



### 1. Review of 2016

Toluene production and consumption in 2016 increased supported by strong demand of domestic derivative products. Thailand's toluene production figures also included toluene volume which PTT Global Chemical (PTTGC) used in its Benzene and P-Xylene production process. China is a major export market of toluene.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Toluene production in 2017 is expected to decrease by assuming a 90% operating rate while demand of domestic consumption especially p-xylene, benzene and mixed xylenes is expected to same with 2015.

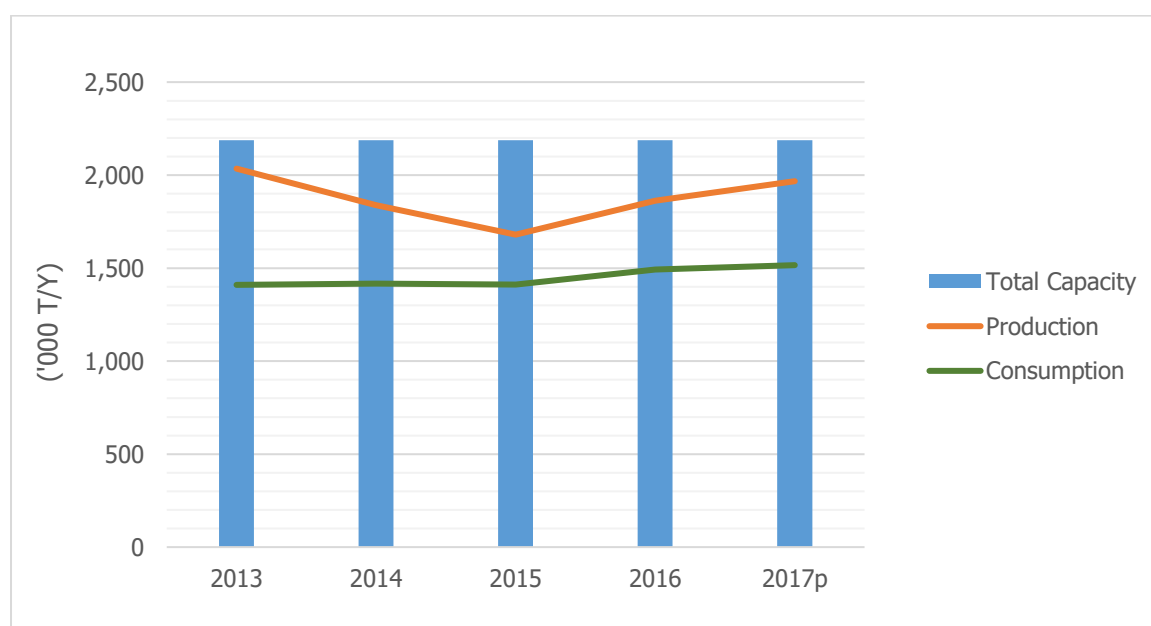
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Aromatics: P-Xylene

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 2,187      | 2,187 | 2,187 | 2,187 | 2,187     |
| Production                         | 2,035      | 1,839 | 1,680 | 1,862 | 1,968     |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 1,410      | 1,417 | 1,412 | 1,492 | 1,516*    |
| Export                             | 708        | 549   | 443   | 505   |           |
| Import                             | 83         | 151   | 142   | 54    |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from PTA production, which is projected by assuming a 80% operating rate



### 1. Review of 2016

Thailand p-xylene production in 2016 increased by 8% compared to the previous year. In the meantime, domestic p-xylene consumption slightly decreased supported by low demand of derivative PTA product, meanwhile export increased from China demand.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Thailand p-xylene production is expected to increase; meanwhile, domestic consumption is also forecasted to recover supported by strong growth in packaging industry and textile.

## **Polyolefins Committee**

## II-2. Polyolefins Committee

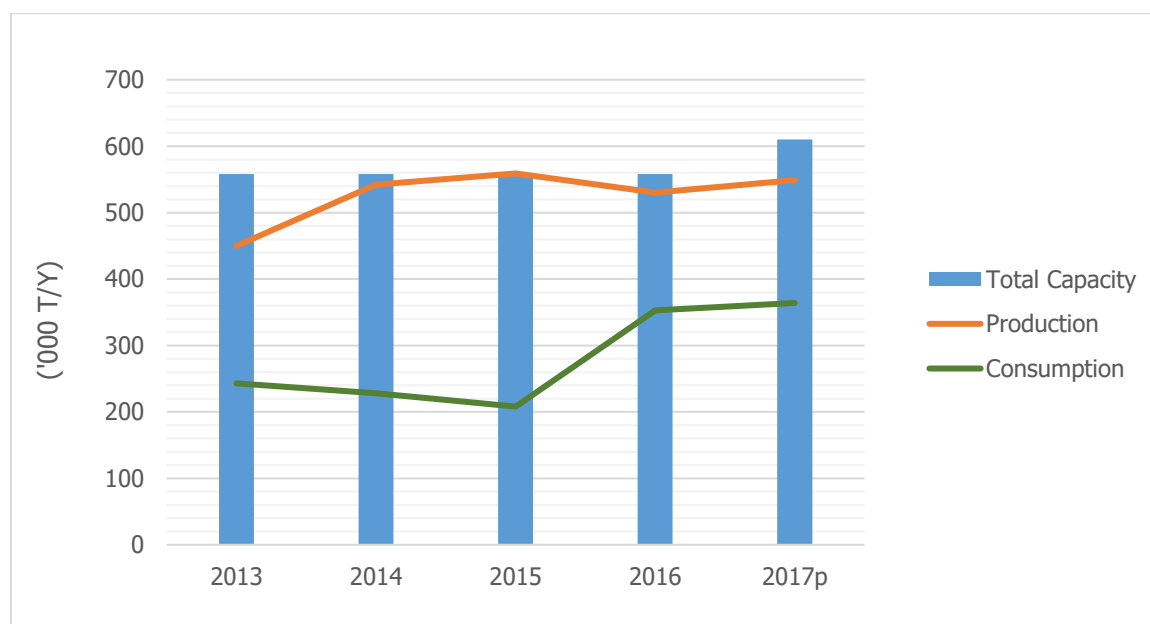
### Capacity, Production and Consumption of LDPE/EVA

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 558        | 558  | 558  | 558  | 610       |
| Production                         | 450        | 542  | 559  | 530  | 549       |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 243        | 228  | 208  | 353  | 364       |
| Export                             | 271        | 415  | 450  | 298  |           |
| Import                             | 64         | 100  | 99   | 121  |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Projected production figures : assume 90% operating rate. Some consumption figures are deviated from normal calculation (Production + Import – Export) because of its inventory change



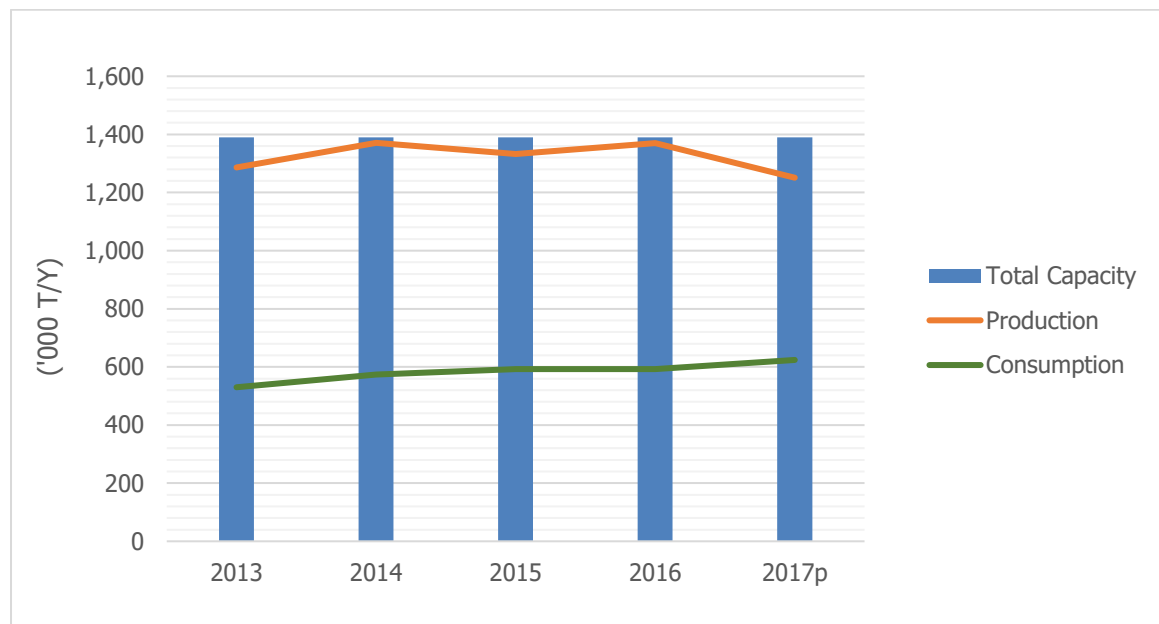
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of LLDPE

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 1,390      | 1,390 | 1,390 | 1,390 | 1,390     |
| Production                         | 1,286      | 1,371 | 1,333 | 1,370 | 1,251     |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 530        | 576   | 592   | 592   | 624*      |
| Export                             | 966        | 954   | 920   | 971   |           |
| Import                             | 210        | 159   | 179   | 193   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Projected production figures : assume 90% operating rate. Some consumption figures are deviated from normal calculation (Production + Import – Export) because of its inventory change



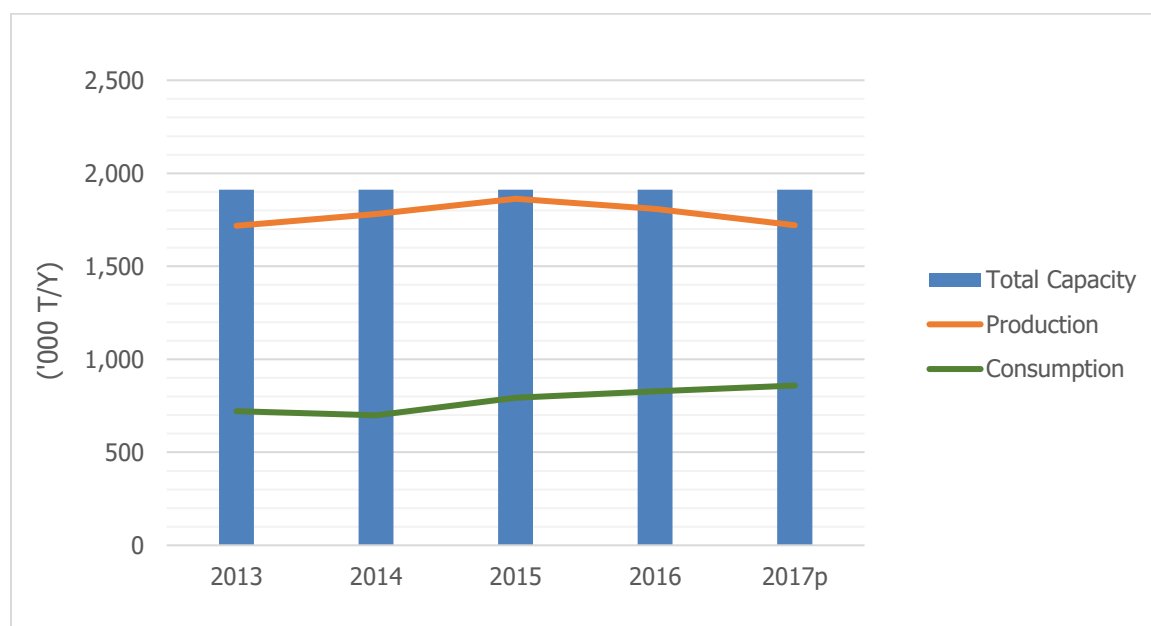
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of HDPE

(Unit:'000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 1,912      | 1,912 | 1,912 | 1,912 | 1,912     |
| Production                         | 1,718      | 1,781 | 1,863 | 1,808 | 1,721     |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 721        | 699   | 793   | 828   | 859*      |
| Export                             | 1,142      | 1,206 | 1,205 | 1,125 |           |
| Import                             | 144        | 124   | 135   | 145   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Projected production figures : assume 90% operating rate. Some consumption figures are deviated from normal calculation (Production + Import – Export) because of its inventory change



### 1. Review of 2016

PE production and consumption slightly remained with 2015 supported by low demand. Export volume of HDPE slightly dropped from high market competition in the region.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Thailand PE production is expected to increase support by TPE has expansion production capacity of 52,000 ton/year in early 2017. The overall domestic demand of PE resin tends to increase supported by growth in packaging segment.

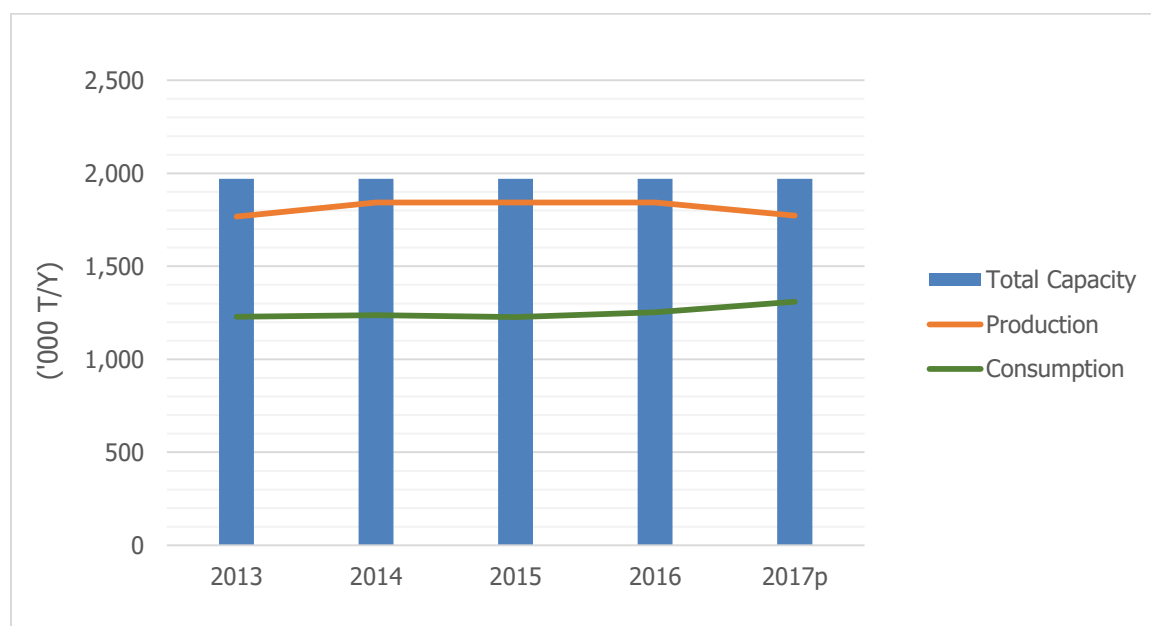
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of PP

(Unit:'000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 1,970      | 1,970 | 1,970 | 1,970 | 1,970     |
| Production                         | 1,767      | 1,843 | 1,843 | 1,843 | 1,773     |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 1,229      | 1,237 | 1,227 | 1,252 | 1,309*    |
| Export                             | 767        | 818   | 856   | 839   |           |
| Import                             | 229        | 212   | 240   | 249   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Projected production figures : assume 90% operating rate. Some consumption figures are deviated from normal calculation (Production + Import – Export) because of its inventory change



### 1. Review of 2016

Polypropylene production in 2016 same the previous year. Consumption slightly increased from strong demand in downstream packaging segment.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

PP consumption is projected to increase from strong demand of automotive segment. On the other hand, the internal end-user market demands tend to increase supported by recovered in packaging segment.



## **Styrenics Committee**

## II-3. Styrenics Committee

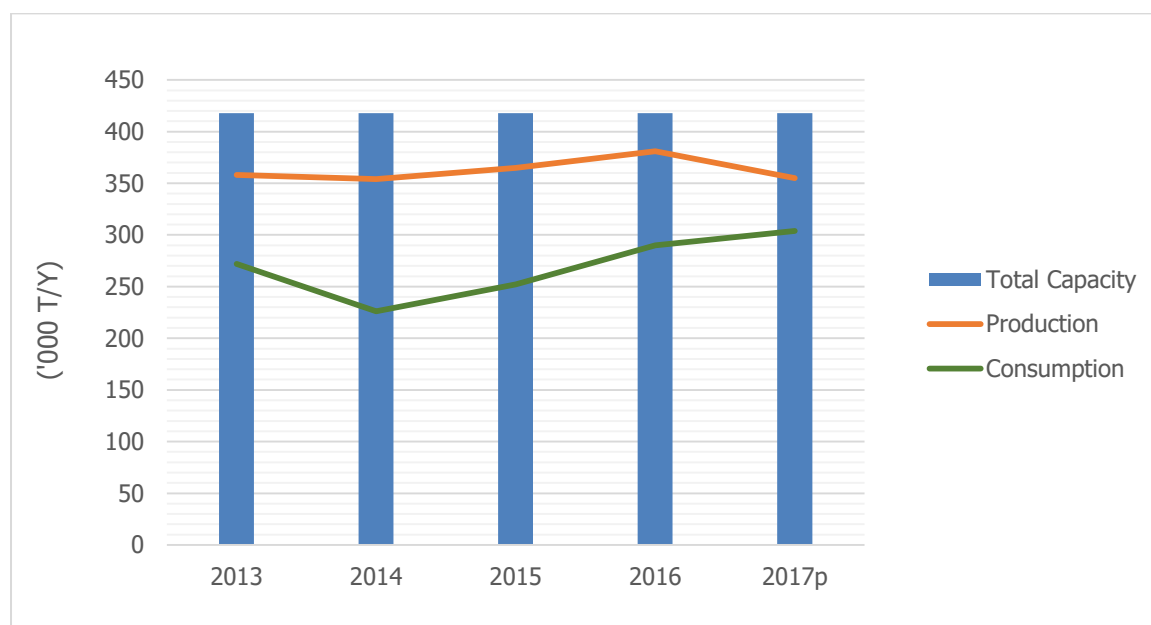
### Capacity, Production and Consumption of PS/EPS

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 418        | 418  | 418  | 418  | 418       |
| Production                         | 358        | 354  | 365  | 371  | 355       |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 272        | 226  | 252  | 290  | 304*      |
| Export                             | 132        | 98   | 162  | 169  |           |
| Import                             | 46         | 41   | 48   | 88   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Projected production figures: assume 85% operating rate



#### 1. Review of 2016

Domestic production of PS/EPS in 2016 slightly increased while domestic consumption of these resin increased around 2% following a surging in demand from end-user markets.

#### 2. Outlook for 2017

PS/EPS consumption is expected to slightly increase while domestic consumption is projected to decrease from weak demand in electrical appliances.

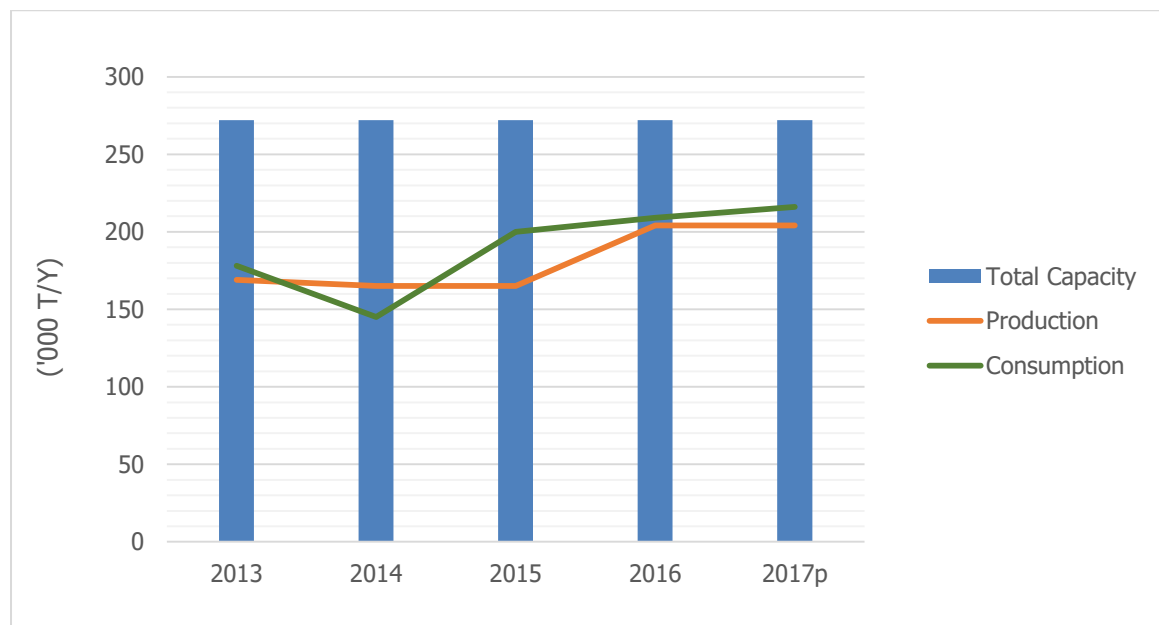
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of ABS/SAN

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|----------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity | 272        | 272  | 272  | 272  | 272       |
| Production     | 169        | 165  | 181  | 182  | 204       |
| Consumption    | 178        | 145  | 200  | 209  | 216*      |
| Export         | 116        | 146  | 135  | 167  |           |
| Import         | 124        | 126  | 200  | 168  |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Projected production figures: assume 75% operating rate



### 1. Review of 2016

Domestic production ABS/SAN increased compare with the previous year. Meanwhile, export market slightly increased from China demand.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Domestic production and consumption of ABS/SAN is expected to be increased due to automotive sector slightly increased demand of domestic and export auto part.

## Capacity, Production and Consumption of SM

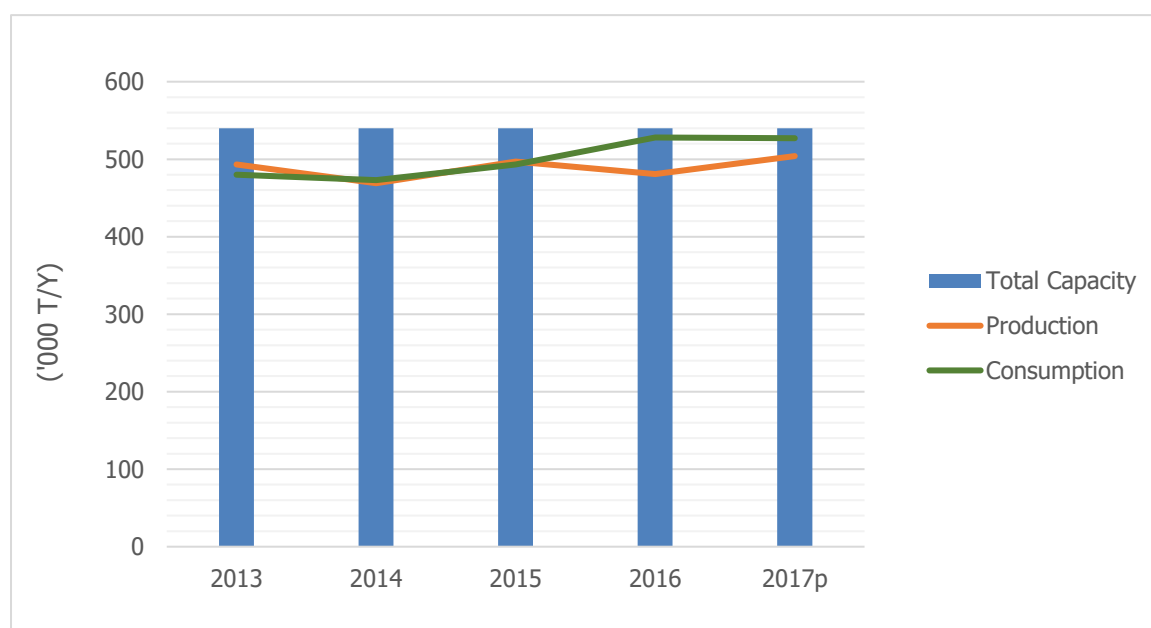
(Unit:'000 T/Y)

|                                 | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|---------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                 | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                  | 540        | 540  | 540  | 540  | 540       |
| Production                      | 493        | 469  | 497  | 481  | 504       |
| Consumption by Derivative Prod. | 480        | 473  | 493  | 528  | 527*      |
| Export                          | 39         | 21   | 53   | 15   |           |
| Import                          | 77         | 47   | 81   | 90   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from PS+EPS, ABS/SAN, SBL and SBR (assumed ABS 100%) production, which is projected by assuming a 85%, 85%, 90%, 90% operating rate respectively.

'0' means below 500 T/Y



### 1. Review of 2016

SM production slightly decreased from last year. However, consumption slightly up from soft demand of the key derivatives products, especially PS/EPS and ABS/SAN which are widely used to produce packaging product, food containers and automotive.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Assuming a 90% operating rate, SM production is expected to increase. Consumption is forecasted to rise on the back of growing trend in domestic and export of automotive markets.

## **PVC Committee**

## II-4. PVC Committee

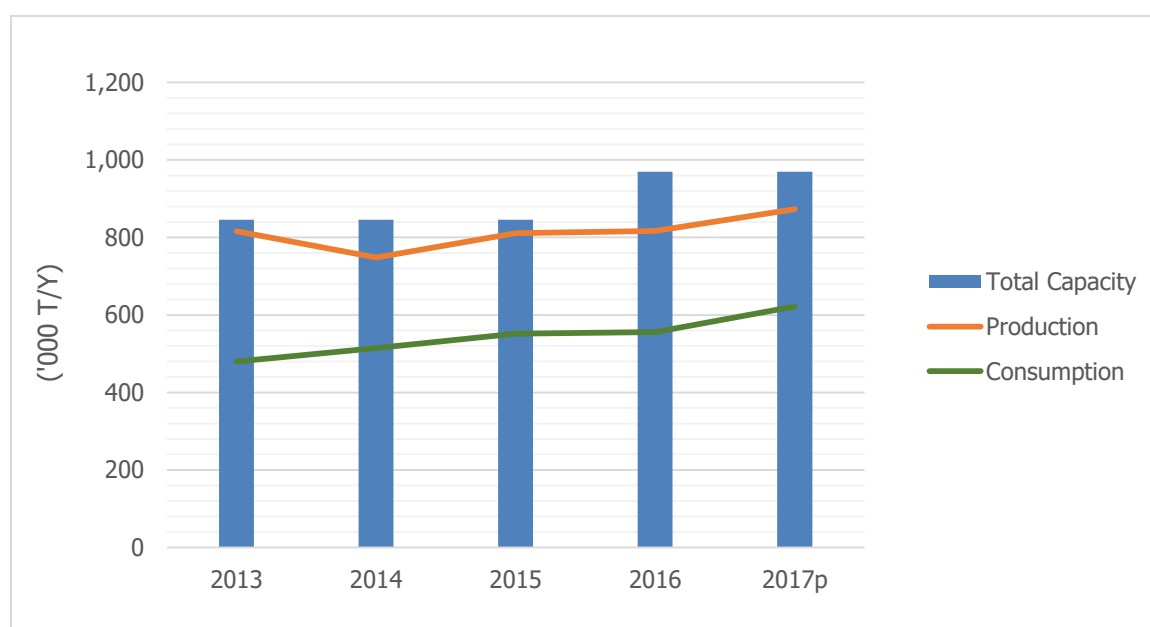
### Capacity, Production and Consumption of PVC

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|----------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2016      |
| Total Capacity | 846        | 846  | 846  | 970  | 970       |
| Production     | 816        | 748  | 811  | 817  | 873       |
| Consumption    | 480        | 515  | 552  | 615  | 622*      |
| Export         | 422        | 334  | 313  | 366  |           |
| Import         | 86         | 101  | 113  | 164  |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Projected production figures: assume 90% operating rate



#### 1. Review of 2016

Thailand's PVC production in 2016 increased by 1% from 2015 from soft demand of exported market. However, Thailand's PVC consumption recovered as a result of strong demand of real estate sector and demand of CLMV.

#### 2. Outlook for 2017

Thailand's domestic PVC consumption in 2016 is forecasted to slightly increase from policy of real estate and government promoting border trade and linkage with CLMV.

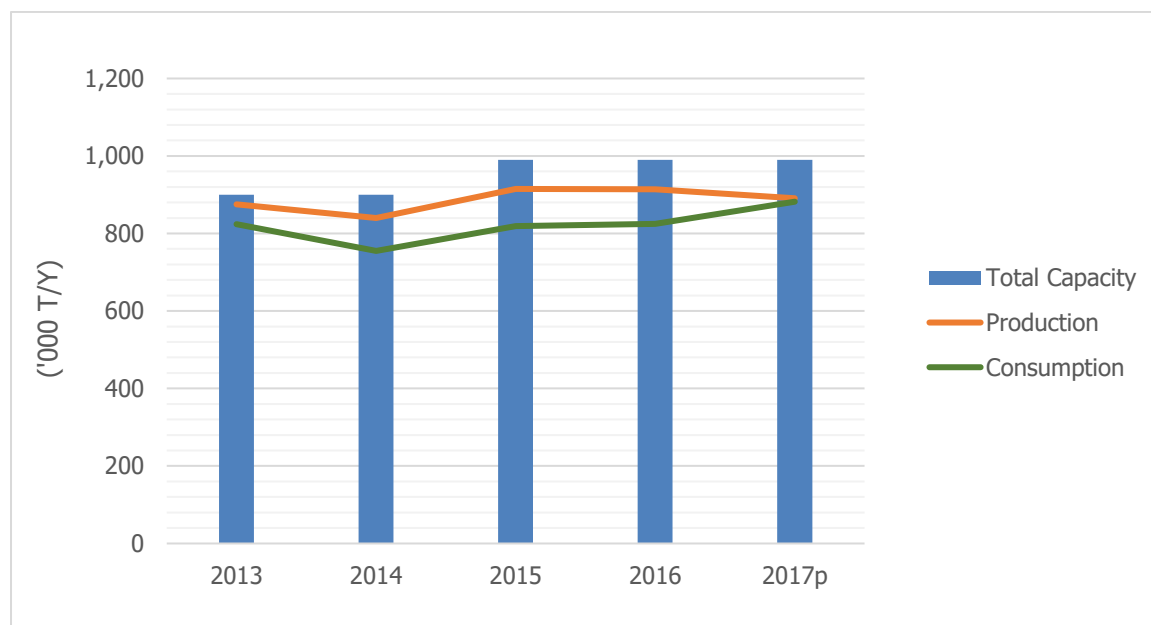
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of VCM

(Unit:'000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 900        | 900  | 990  | 990  | 990       |
| Production                         | 875        | 840  | 915  | 914  | 891       |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 824        | 755  | 819  | 825  | 882*      |
| Export                             | 111        | 72   | 86   | 96   |           |
| Import                             | 0          | 1    | 0    | 0    |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption by derivative netbacked from PVC production, which is projected by assuming a 90% operating rate.



### 1. Review of 2016

Thailand's VCM production in 2015 slightly remained. Meanwhile import volume increased.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Domestic demand is forecasted to increase supported by strong demand of derivative market.

## **Synthetic Rubber Committee**



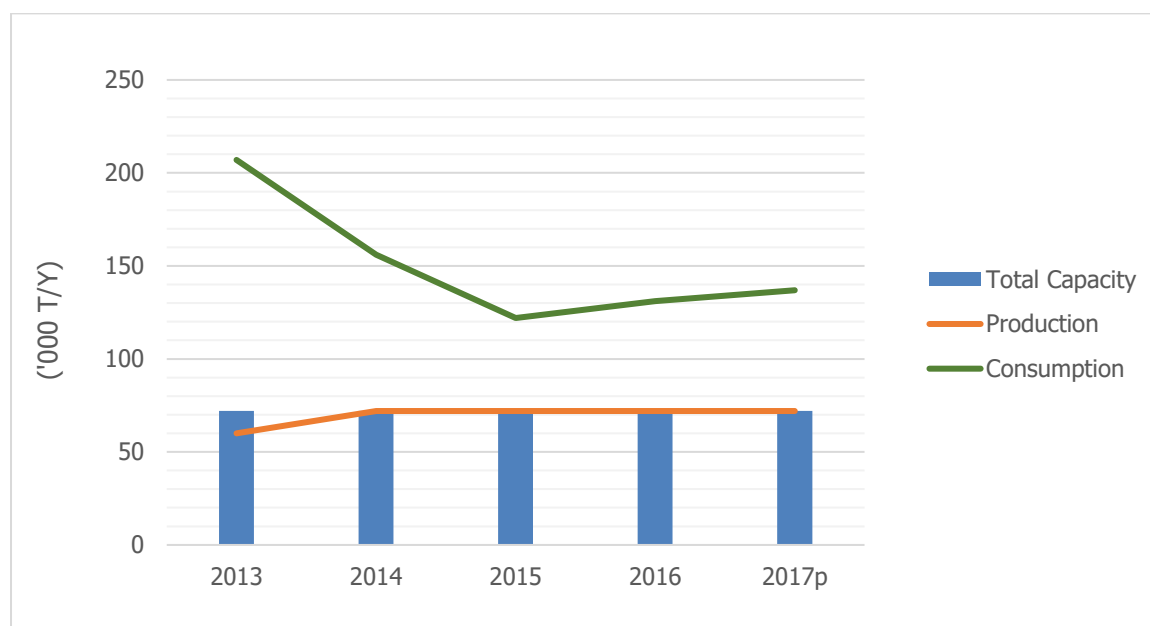
## II-5. Synthetic Rubber Committee Capacity, Production and Consumption of ESBR

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|----------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity | 72         | 72   | 72   | 72   | 72        |
| Production     | 60         | 72   | 72   | 72   | 72        |
| Consumption    | 207        | 156  | 122  | 131  | 137*      |
| Export         | 39         | 61   | 86   | 91   |           |
| Import         | 174        | 145  | 136  | 150  |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Some consumption figure is different from calculation (Production + Import – Export) due to inventory change.



### 1. Review of 2016

ESBR production remained stable while domestic consumption, meanwhile slightly increased automotive production.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

ESBR domestic consumption is expected to improve compared to 2016, support by policy of transportation and logistics.

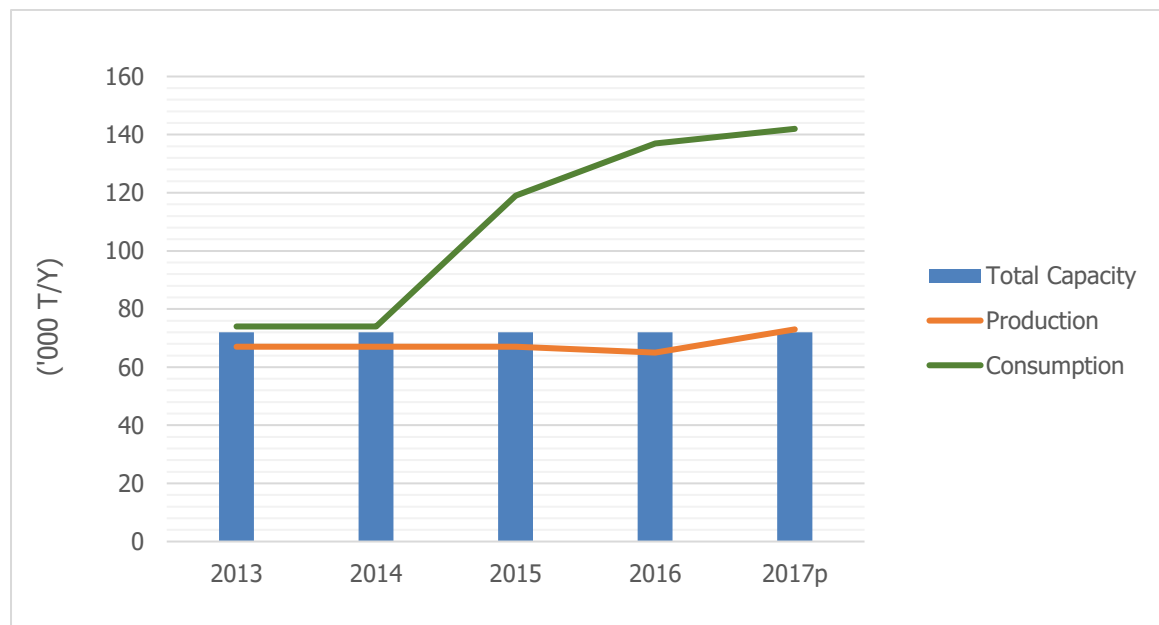
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of BR

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|----------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity | 72         | 72   | 72   | 72   | 72        |
| Production     | 67         | 67   | 67   | 73   | 65        |
| Consumption    | 74         | 74   | 119  | 137* | 142*      |
| Export         | 42         | 44   | 40   | 41   |           |
| Import         | 49         | 20   | 92   | 105  |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: Projected production figures: assume 90% operating rate



### 1. Review of 2016

The production and domestic consumption of BR in 2016 increased compared with the previous year as a result high domestic demand.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Domestic BR consumption is expected to slightly increase with the strong demand from automotive industry especially export market.

## **Synthetic Fiber Raw Materials Committee**

## II-6. Synthetic Fiber Raw Materials Committee

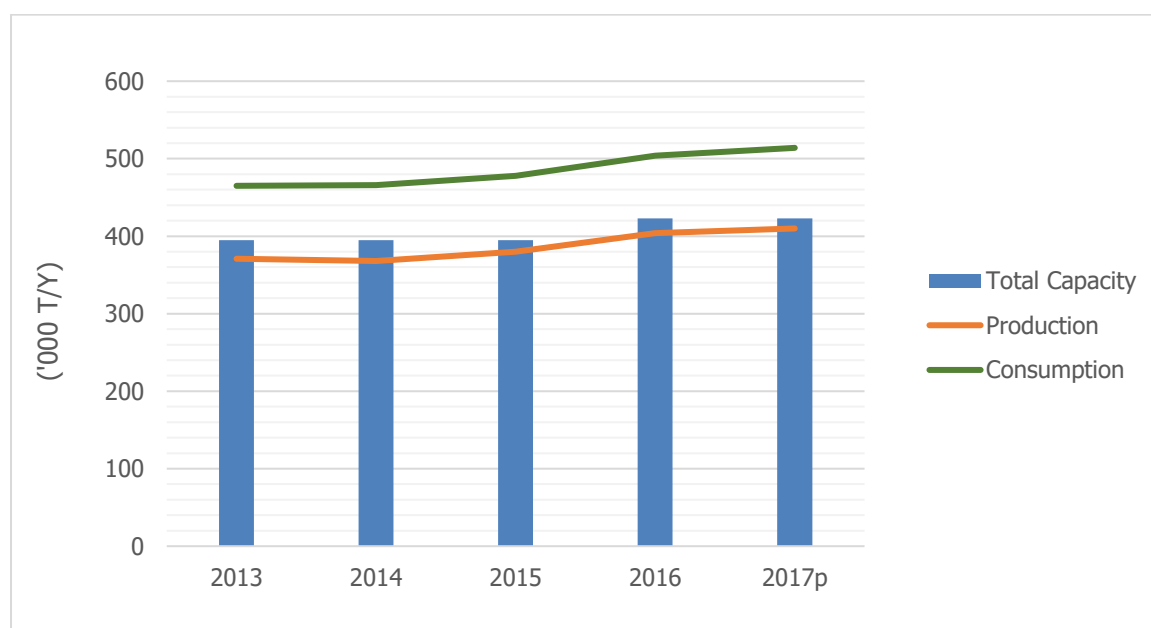
### Capacity, Production and Consumption of Ethylene Glycol

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|----------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity | 395        | 395  | 423  | 423  | 423       |
| Production     | 371        | 368  | 380  | 404  | 410       |
| Consumption    | 465        | 466  | 478  | 504  | 514*      |
| Export         | 34         | 48   | 65   | 22   |           |
| Import         | 157        | 169  | 183  | 139  |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from polyester polymer production, which is projected by assuming a 88% operating rate.



#### 1. Review of 2016

The production and domestic consumption in 2016 increased compared with the previous year. Domestic demand of PET in downstream market supported by downward trend of textiles production and PET bottle.

#### 2. Outlook for 2017

In 2017, MEG production and consumption is forecasted to recover supported by higher demand of downstream segment in this region.

## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Acrylonitrile

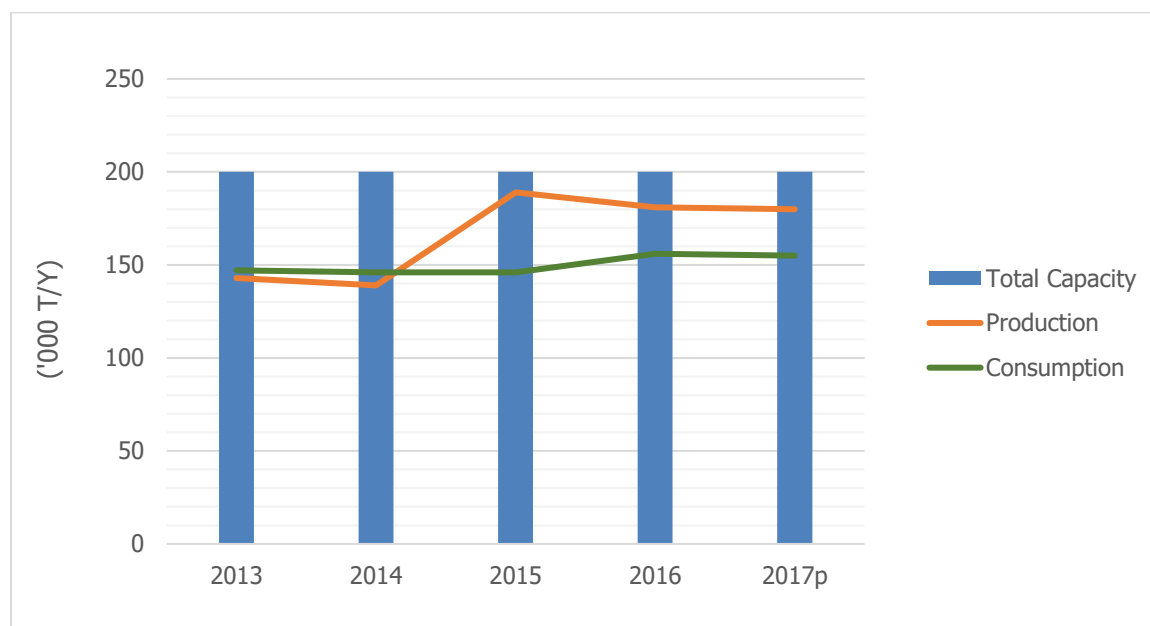
(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 200        | 200  | 200  | 200  | 200       |
| Production                         | 143        | 139  | 189  | 181  | 180       |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 147        | 146  | 146  | 156  | 155*      |
| Export                             | 46         | 55   | 56   | 53   |           |
| Import                             | 68         | 62   | 34   | 26   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from ABS/ SAN and acrylic fibre production with an assumed operating rate of 87%.

'0' means below 500T/Y



### 1. Review of 2016

Thailand's ACN production in 2016 remain stagnate compared with the previous year. Meanwhile, domestic consumption slightly increased demand of ABS/SAN which mainly used in automotive segment.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Production and domestic consumption of ACN are expected to increase as in automobile industries. ACN is used as feedstock to produce ABS/SAN resins which is widely used in various parts and components of electrical and electronic especially air conditioner, automobile parts products.

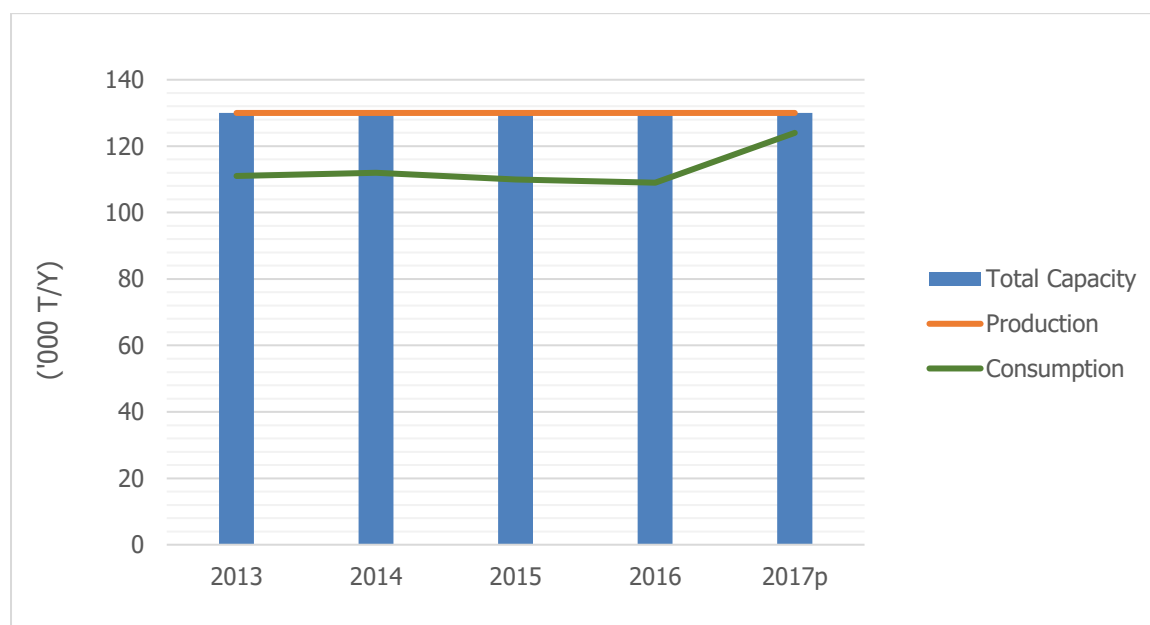
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Caprolactam

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 130        | 130  | 130  | 130  | 130       |
| Production                         | 130        | 130  | 130  | 130  | 126       |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 111        | 112  | 110  | 109  | 124*      |
| Export                             | 28         | 27   | 27   | 27   |           |
| Import                             | 9          | 9    | 7    | 6    |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption is netbacked from Nylon 6 production, which is projected by assuming a 75% operating rate.



### 1. Review of 2016

Domestic production and consumption of caprolactam in 2016 remain stagnant at maximum production capacity at 130,000 ton/year supported by strong demand of Nylon 6 production in domestic market and export market.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Caprolactam production and consumption is projected to relatively stagnate in line with the demand from downstream derivative Nylon 6 which is the key market for caprolactam.

## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Terephthalic Acid

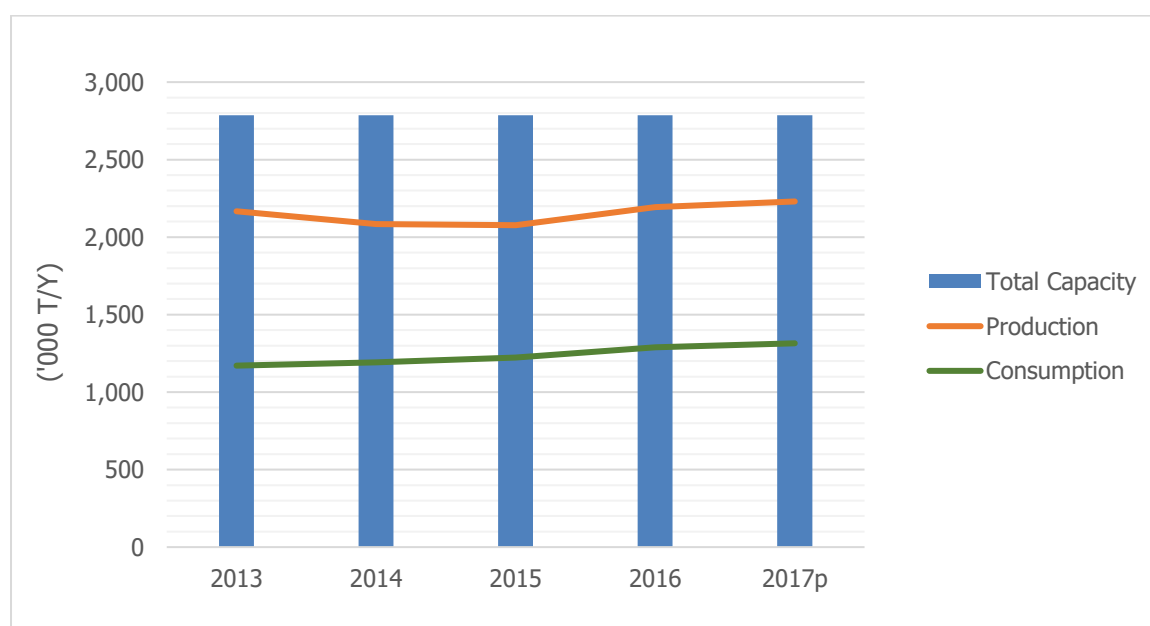
(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |       |       | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     | 2,787      | 2,787 | 2,787 | 2,787 | 2,787     |
| Production                         | 2,167      | 2,084 | 2,077 | 2,194 | 2,230     |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 1,171      | 1,192 | 1,223 | 1,290 | 1,315*    |
| Export                             | 996        | 892   | 854   | 940   |           |
| Import                             | 0          | 0     | 0     | 0     |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from polyester polymer production, which is projected by assuming a 88% operating rate.

'0' means below 500T/Y



### 1. Review of 2016

Thailand's PTA production inflated from strong polyester's demand of regional markets especially China and Middle East. Domestic PTA consumption slightly increased supported stable demand in polyester product.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

In 2017, domestic PTA production and consumption are expected to increase supported by projection of economic recovery in domestic market.

## **Chemicals Committee**



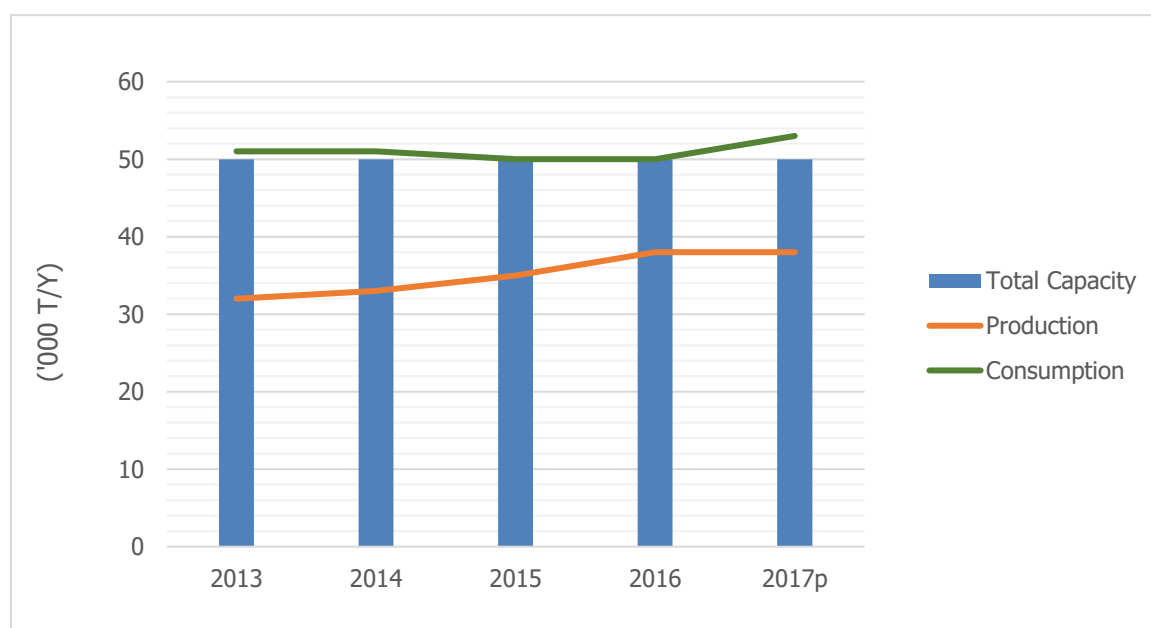
## II-7. Chemicals Committee Capacity, Production and Consumption of Phthalic Anhydride (PA)

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                 | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|---------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                 | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                  | 50         | 50   | 50   | 50   | 50        |
| Production                      | 32         | 33   | 35   | 38   | 38        |
| Consumption by Derivative Prod. | 51         | 51   | 50   | 50   | 53*       |
| Export                          | 6          | 9    | 19   | 21   |           |
| Import                          | 18         | 24   | 24   | 31   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption by derivative netbacked from plasticizer, UPR and alkyd resins production, which is projected by assuming 50%, 60%, 65% operating rate, respectively.



### 1. Review of 2016

Domestic PA production and consumption in 2016 relatively stagnated, supporting by strong exported market, plasticizer demand especially construction industries in ASEAN.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Assuming 50%, 60%, 65% operating rate for plasticizer, UPR and alkyd resins respectively, Thailand PA production is expected to increase follow strong demand of export market. In addition, domestic consumption is expected to increase supported by strong demand of construction industry.

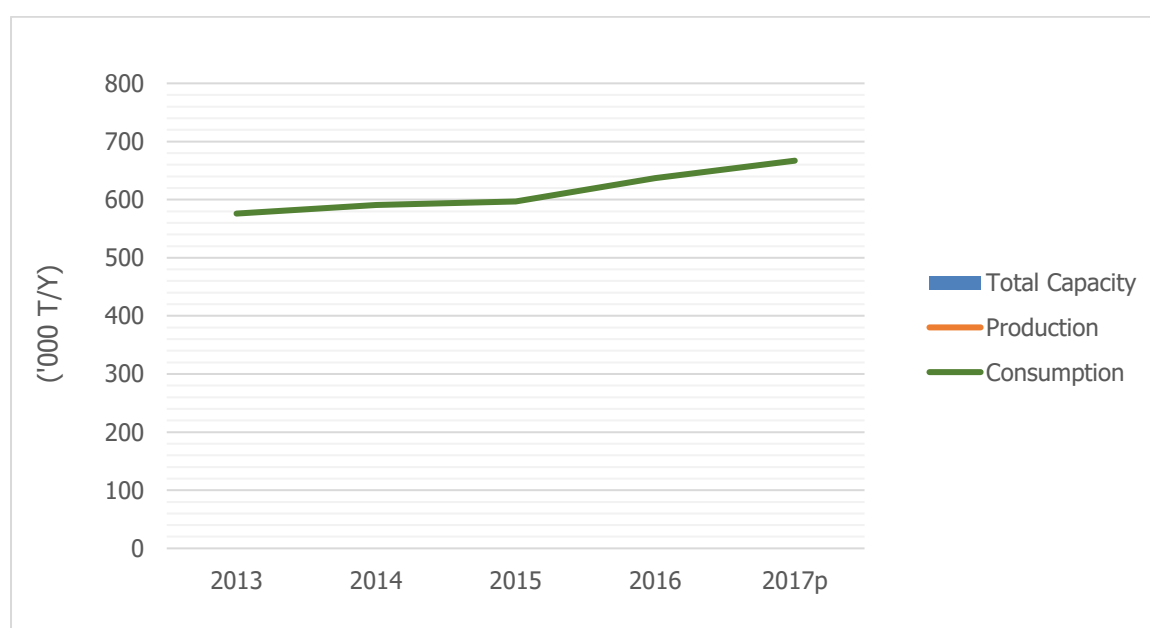
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Methanol

(Unit:'000 T/Y)

|                                    | Historical |       |      |      | Estimated |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|------|------|-----------|
|                                    | 2013       | 2014  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                     |            |       |      |      |           |
| Production                         |            |       |      |      |           |
| Consumption by<br>Derivative Prod. | 586        | 596   | 597  | 635  | 667*      |
| Export                             | 0          | 0     | 0    | 0    |           |
| Import                             | 596        | 2,557 | 664  | 706  |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from MTBE, MMA, POM and formaldehyde production, which is projected by assuming 90% operating rate.



### 1. Review of 2016

Domestic consumption of methanol increased in demand from derivative products especially demand from biodiesel production.

Thailand has no methanol production facility. All methanol usage is imported.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Methanol consumption in Thailand is expected to relatively increase assuming a 90% operating rate for MMA, POM, formaldehyde, MTBE including expansion plan of biodiesel production plant in Thailand.

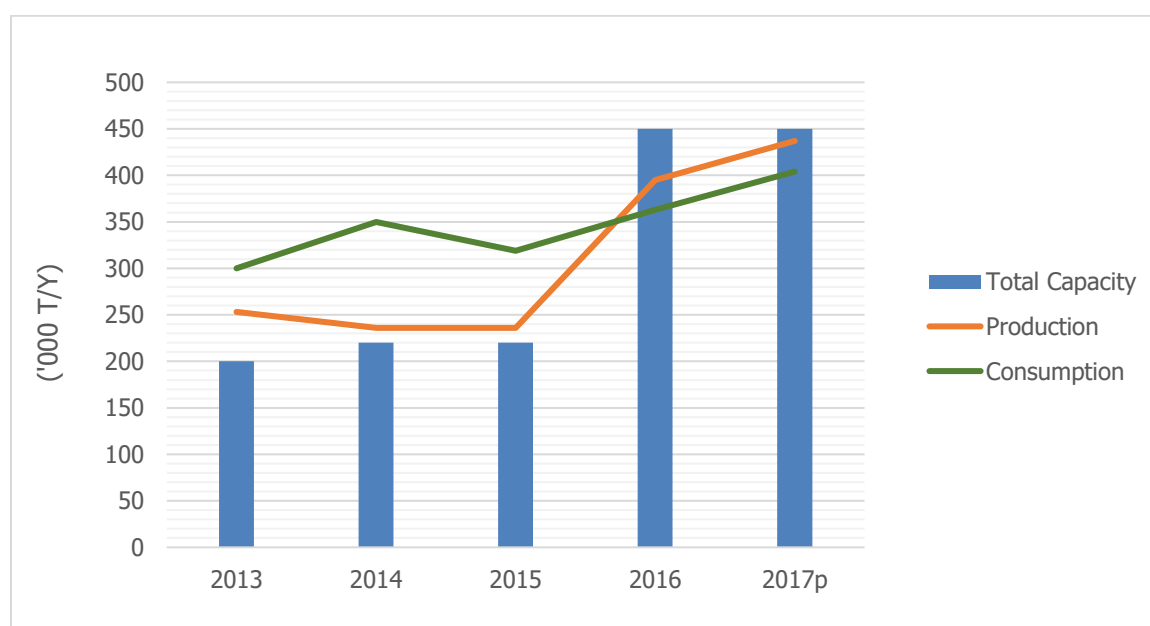
## Capacity, Production and Consumption of Phenol

(Unit: '000 T/Y)

|                                 | Historical |      |      |      | Estimated |
|---------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                 | 2013       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017      |
| Total Capacity                  | 200        | 220  | 220  | 450  | 450       |
| Production                      | 253        | 236  | 236  | 395  | 437       |
| Consumption by Derivative Prod. | 300        | 350  | 319  | 363  | 404*      |
| Export                          | 103        | 53   | 49   | 120  |           |
| Import                          | 149        | 166  | 138  | 88   |           |

Source: PTIT Industrial Survey, The Customs Department

Note: \*Consumption netbacked from bisphenol A and phenolic resin production, which is projected by assuming a 97% operating rate



### 1. Review of 2016

Domestic phenol production increased due to PTT Phenol Co,Ltd. start production capacity in Q2 2016. Export market rise of growth from China.

### 2. Outlook for 2017

Phenol production in Thailand is expected to continue increase from expansion since 2016 consumption is forecasted to increase from demand of derivatives products.