

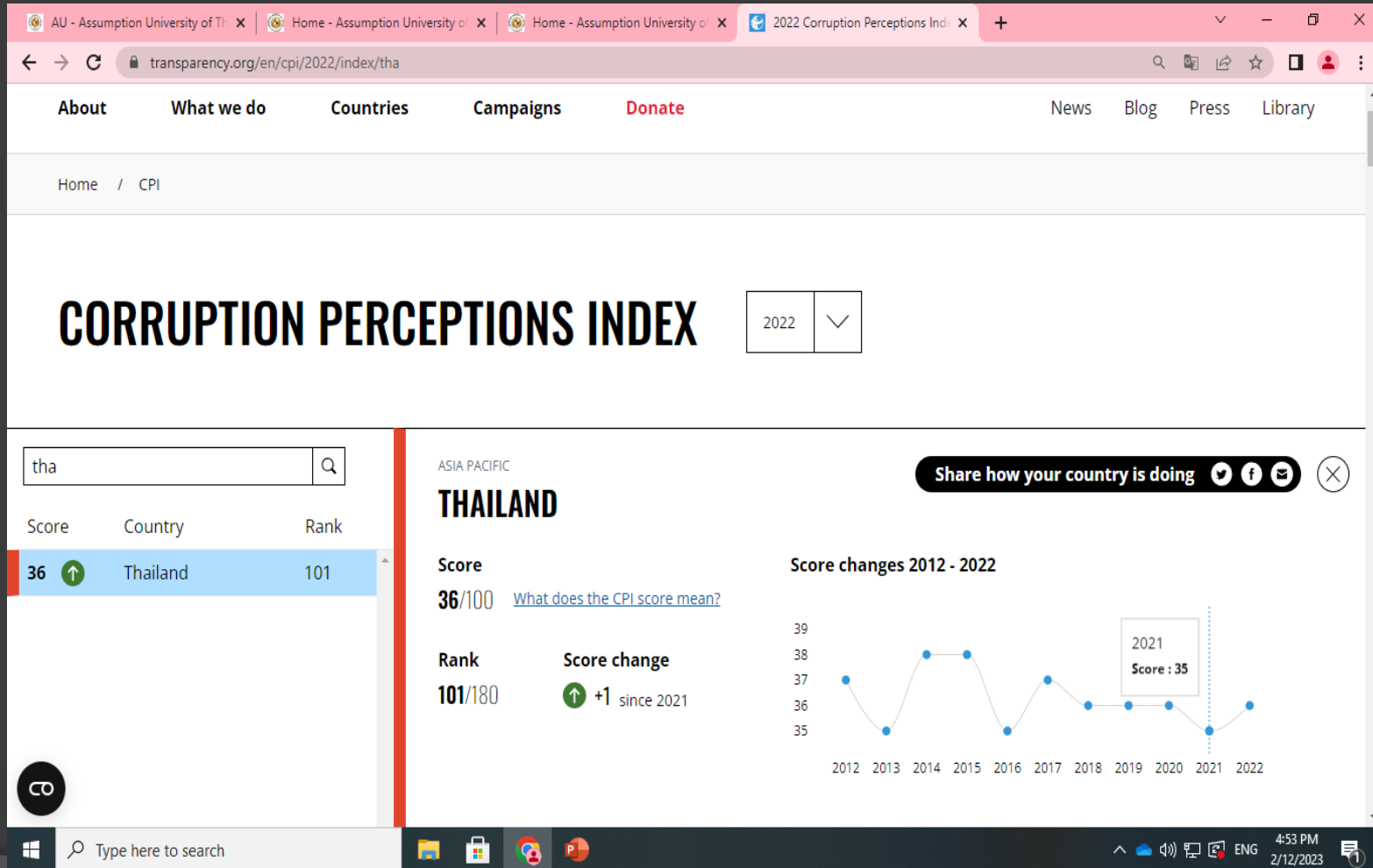
CHAPTER 15 : CORRUPTION



None of a single country is corruption free.

- CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX (CPI) is to measure the perception levels of corruption. The score of 0 is highly corrupted and 100 is very clean.
- From the CPI ranking table, THAILAND CPI ranking is at the 99th in the year 2018, at the 104th in 2020 with the score of 36/100. In the year 2022, Thailand's corruption rank goes lower to the 101th of 180 with the score of 36 which means more corruption cases are found.
- Leaders and top-level officials are involved of the abuse of power, bribery and shed light on secret deal power to get public funds for personal gain.

CPI for Thailand



The top rank country

- In 2021, The top countries are Denmark, Finland and New Zealand with scores of 88. Conversely, The bottom countries are South Sudan, Syria and Somalia with scores of 11, 13 and 13, respectively.
- Among Asia Pacific countries, Singapore, the fourth of 180 is the most clean with the score 85/100.
- Among European country, Denmark is the least corrupted one with press freedom, information access, high standard of integrity and independent law system.
- Top CPI countries earn bragging rights for lower bribery levels, better safeguard against misappropriation of public funds and greater accountability of the government corruption.

Data sources are drawn upon in the assessment for the CPI index, including:

- ⦿ Effectiveness of suppression of corruption and law enforcement against offenders.
- ⦿ Transparency and accountability in public sector spending.
- ⦿ Corruption in the executive, legislative and judicial branches.
- ⦿ The involvement of business operations in corruption.
- ⦿ The use of political power in corruption, patronage.
- ⦿ Bribery involved in the various processes of doing business.

CORRUPTION IN THAILAND

- Is corruption a vital problem in Thailand?
- Discuss and share your opinion





“The biggest weakness in our anti-graft effort is that some people still think justice can be bought,” Mr Vicha said, stressing the importance of educating the public about the impact of corruption in society.

Corruption in Thailand

- ◎ It is a part of **our mindset** being formed since childhood.
- ◎ Most people think it is tolerated or slightly wrong.
- ◎ For an example, cheating is common since they were young.
 - Student cheating such as copying exam answer or homework
 - Bribing for official pass

The talk and research on corruption

- From the survey, Mr. Chalermchai as the president of Srinakarinwirot University found most students did it and felt no guilty.
- Of 640,000 students, 34% found this slightly wrong; 30.7 % pretended nothing happened; only 7.2 would inform a teacher.

The mindset is from the external influences.

- ⦿ Friends
- ⦿ Media
- ⦿ Family
- ⦿ News sources
- ⦿ Etc.
 - “justice” is used to point out that “Other people are doing it, so why pick on me?” This attitude is worrisome, but it stems from the laws or measures not being applied indiscriminately.

How to stop corruption???



Fighting with corruption

- Mr.Sompol from the anti corruption org. of Thailand said that **transparency, a strong investigation system and strict punishment** are necessary.
- Prof.Vicha as a former NACC member said we need investigative journalism. The civil society can help by having **investigative journalism, and social media report.**
- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1995035/vicha-proposes-justice-revamp>

Anti-Corruption Agency

- The 2007 Constitution provided the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) with the power to investigate and prosecute, including cases involving politicians and state officials, and shifts the burden of proof to the defendant. The NACC's duty is to carry out inspections and investigations of cases of "unusual wealth".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPJ8Zi8jM1g>

Gen. Prem Tinsulanont as state thieves

- ⦿ “Those involved with corruption are thieves. They robbed the country.”
- ⦿ Employing ethics and good governance, he hopes companies can be successful without bribery and fraud.
- ⦿ Anyone having corruption deals must be sanctioned.

Measures to reduce corruption

⦿ Super Board Roles

- To monitor state-owned enterprises and the center of NAC
- To use section 44 on state officials dealing with fraud.

⦿ National Legislative Assembly

- The License Facilitation Act for those failing to meet corruption free standard
- A new bill on public procurement to allow external observers to scrutinize the procurement process in large deals which may relate to the conflict of interest.

Research on corruption

⦿ Topic : PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIGITALIZATION AND CORRUPTION IN THE EU MEMBER STATES : A COMPARATIVE AND CORRELATIVE RESEARCH ANALYSIS

⦿ the study area :

- the degree of digitization associated with corruption,
- The investment of digitization in the states
- Is it a success factor in the fight against corruption?

Research results

- The results of our research show that the place recorded in the CPI in 2020 is linked to how a country meets the challenges posed by the pandemic. States with a good ranking seem to invest more in the healthcare system and are less likely to violate democratic and institutional rules or the rule of law.

Research results

- Preventing or reducing corruption in public institutions is significantly influenced by public managers and elected politicians. They can develop anti-corruption strategies, policies, and tools and make internal changes to control and reduce corruption.

Research results

- Digitizing the administration is one of the most effective ways to reduce corruption in the public sector.
- State administrations should design and implement appropriate strategies and policies for the integration of large-scale digital applications. The countries that do not prioritize the cross-cutting integration of technology at all levels of the economy and society will lose important opportunities and will suffer.

Internal and external anti-corruption measures implemented in public institutions by civil servants and politicians

1. Establishing the core values and integrity codes for effective and honest preventive conduct
2. Elaborating the codes of conduct for civil servants as a component of the employment contract
3. Creating internal commissions to identify the acts of corruption of officials and to prosecute them

Internal and external anti-corruption measures implemented in public institutions by civil servants and politicians

4. Collaborating with specialized institutions involved in the procedure of investigating corruption in the public institution
5. Developing strategies for both repression and prevention of corruption and others
6. Blocking the participation of corrupt organizations in public tenders by public managers and politicians

Internal and external anti-corruption measures implemented in public institutions by civil servants and politicians

7. Organizing training programs for officials to prevent acts of corruption and to know the sanctions applied for corruption

8. The behavior of public managers and politicians regarding digitalization and corruption significantly influences both the content of the changes determined by digitalization and the intensity of corruption in the public institutions they lead.

Discuss one of corruption cases in any country around the world such as Pandora Paper (the link provided below)

- ① <https://www.transparency.org/en/news/cpi-2021-trouble-at-the-top>
- ② What is Pandora Paper ?
- ③ Discuss one of the story you think it is unethical
- ④ What are internal and external anti-corruption measures?

Transparency international calls on all Governments

- ◎ To make real progress against corruption and strengthen democracy around the world, they should
 - maintain checks and balances over political power
 - close the implementation gap between anti-corruption legislation, practice and enforcement
 - support a free and independent media, and ensure the safety of journalists
 - support civil society organisations which enhance political engagement and public oversight over government spending

Links for further study

- <https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2022>
- Study Corruption Perception Index around the world