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Recycling & Waste Management Business Overview and Industry Situation





Recycling and Waste Management Business – Overview

The recycling business tends to expand. This is in line with the increasing amount of waste and the trend to reuse more waste. The Pollution Control Department predicts that the waste reuse rate will reach 51% by 2024. In addition, the government sector is driving national development with the new economic model (BCG economy), and entrepreneurs are becoming increasingly concerned about the environment and the trend towards solving the world's waste problems are factors supporting the expansion of the recycling business.

Recycling businesses are businesses that process or improve the quality of waste or used materials so that the waste is returned to the same or close to the original quality or obtain new raw materials or new products.

Recycling businesses can be divided into 4 types:



1) Non-hazardous waste collection business: The business of collecting general and industrial waste, including waste segregation and management. This group of businesses uses low technology and a lot of labor.



2) Wholesale of Waste and scrap business: A business that collects and purchases waste, sorts it by type of metal, and compresses the waste before selling it to recycling plants. It does not require much investment and technology compared to recycling.

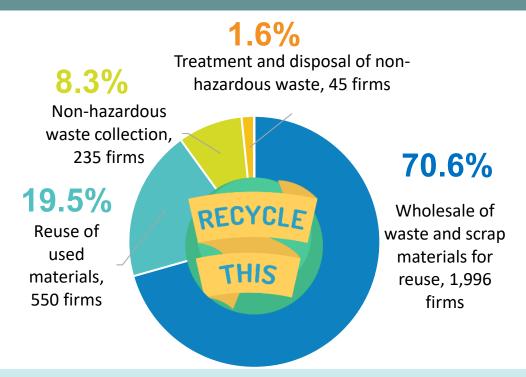


3) Treatment and disposal of non-hazardous waste business: A business that treats and disposes of non-hazardous waste by sanitary landfill, incineration, biological reduction and other treatments



4) Recycling of used materials through the processing business: A business that takes waste and puts it through a process to turn it into a raw material. This group of businesses requires high investment and advanced technology.

Number of Legal Entities Classified by Business Mode

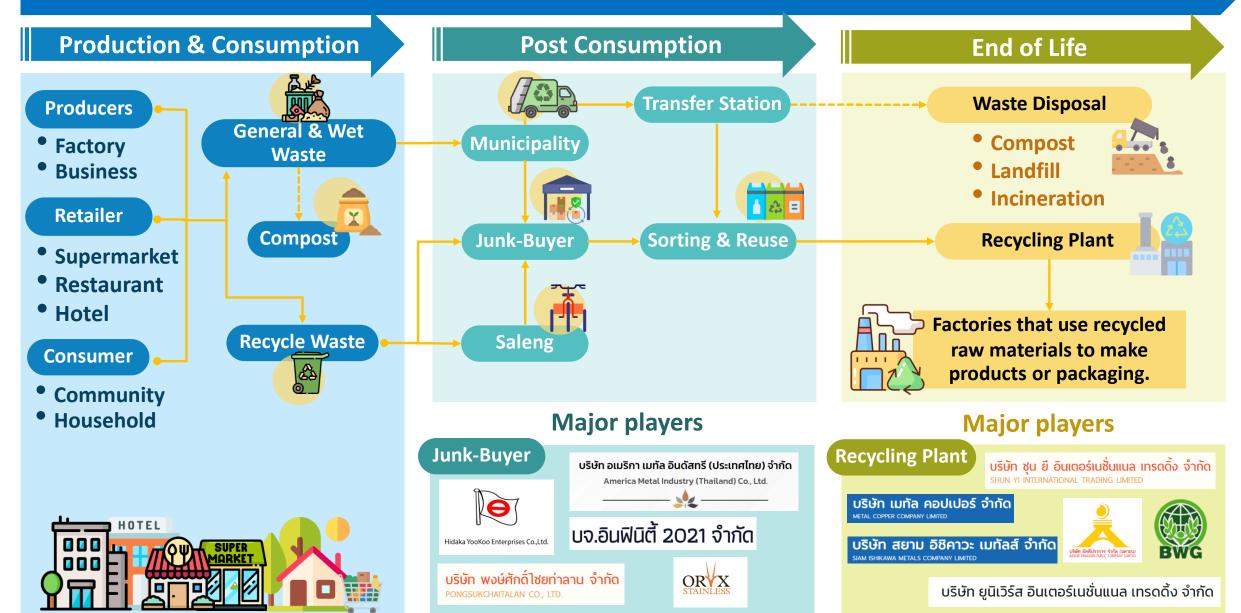


In 2021, there were a total of 3,040 legal entities active in recycling. And when classified by business model, it was found that the most of recycling business models were wholesale of waste and scrap materials for reuse, or 65.7% of the total number of entrepreneur.





The Journey of Waste Management in Thailand

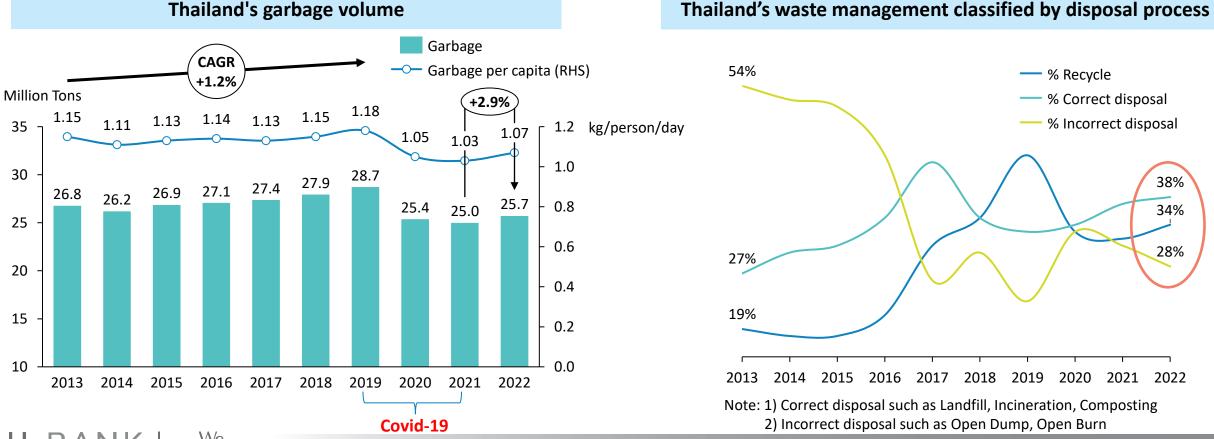






Recycling and Waste Management Business – Industry Situation

- Thailand's garbage volume tends to increase continuously from 2013 to 2019, but has decreased during the COVID-19 outbreak, from a
 decrease in the number of foreign tourists, while the lockdown measures have affected economic activities. However, the amount of
 garbage increased again in 2022 after the COVID-19 situation was resolved following the recovery of domestic economic activity and the
 gradual return of foreign tourists.
- Over the past 10 years (2013-2022), **Thailand has continued to manage waste more properly**, partly due to the trend of society becoming more environmentally conscious. **As a result, the demand for recycling and waste management business services has also increased.**





Recycling & Waste Management Outlook and Policy

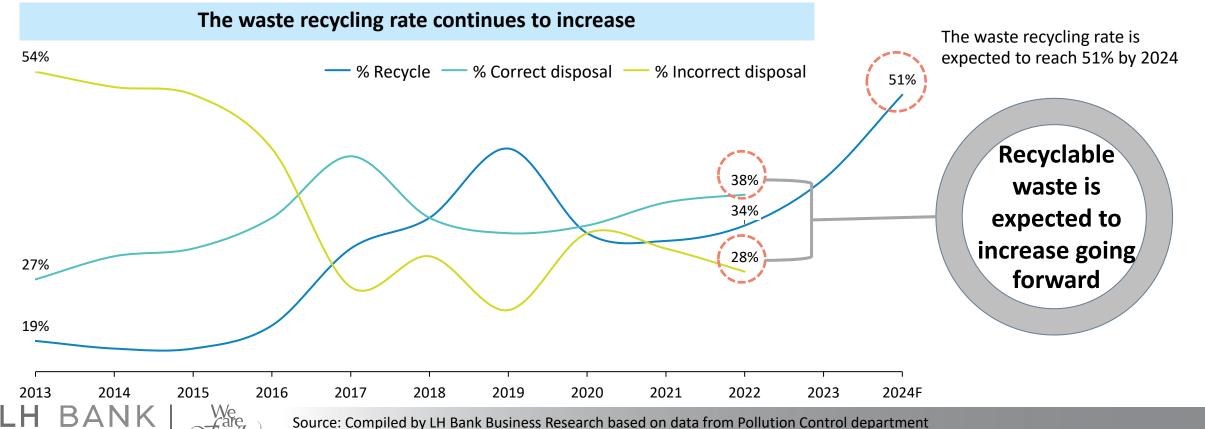




Recycling and Waste Management Business - Industry Outlook

- The recycling and waste management industry typically grows along with the rise in waste quantities and the growing trend towards waste reuse.

 The Pollution Control Department projects that the recycling rate will reach 51% by 2024. Additionally, it was discovered that both correctly and incorrectly disposed waste contain reusable components. However, Thailand's deficient waste management system and the public's lack of knowledge about how to separate waste have hindered the recycling process, resulting in suboptimal amounts of waste being recycled.
- Furthermore, businesses benefit from government policies aimed at promoting national development through the circular economy model (BCG Economy), leading entrepreneurs to prioritize environmental concerns in their operations. With the government now permitting the use of recycled plastic in the food industry and committing to achieving zero plastic waste by 2027, these developments will bolster the sustained growth of the recycling sector.



Recycling and Waste Management Business – Government Support Policy



Thailand's Roadmap on Plastic Waste Management 2018 – 2030



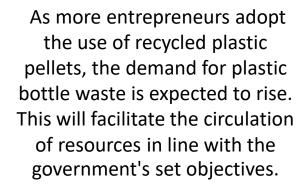
The aim is to achieve a 100% plastic waste reuse rate by 2030.



Set a goal to eliminate the use of single-use plastic and switch to 100% eco-friendly alternative materials by 2030.



Allowing recycled plastics to be used in the food industry





BOI's Investment Incentives for recycling industries

Provide tax exemptions for plastic and paper recycling businesses, as well as businesses that incorporate recycled materials in their production processes.









Recycling and Waste Management Business – Supporting factors and challenges



Waste Collection

Tailwind

- Economic growth, particularly the increase in private consumption, is a direct result of fiscal stimulus measures and a surge in international visitor arrivals.
- Low operating expenses and no need for advanced tech make it easy to get into the business.

Headwind

- The country's waste management process is inefficient, leading to inadequate recycling of waste.
- Labor shortage in waste separation process.



Wholesale of Waste and Scrap

Tailwind

- The expansion of the recycling industry has raised the need for waste.
- Increased demand for recycled plastics and paper aligns with the circular economy development plan (BCG Economy) and government business incentives.

Headwind

- Due to the large number of players in the market, competition is likely to become more intense.
- A shortage of raw materials, especially
 plastic and recycled paper, due to the policy
 of reducing the use of plastic, including the
 relocation of production bases of some
 industries and the export of recycled paper
 to the Chinese market.



Recycling and Waste Treatment

Tailwind

- Consumers are increasingly concerned about the environment and the efficient use of resources.
- Manufacturing companies tend to send more waste for recycling.
- The government has measures to support recycling businesses.
- Thailand has an opportunity to become a recycling hub in the CLMV region, as Myanmar and Cambodia have large amounts of waste that is not recycled.

Headwind

- Some waste disposal processes have an impact on the environment.
- The quality of the materials obtained from the recycling process will decrease progressively with the number of times the material is recycled.





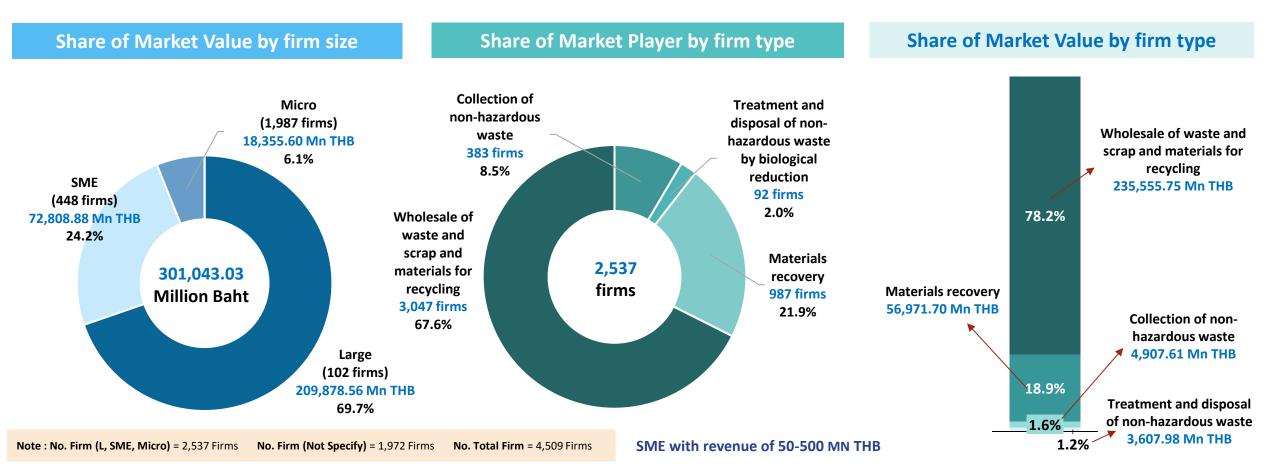
Recycling & Waste Management Market Overview and Key Financial Performance





Recycling and Waste Management Business - Market Overview

In 2021, Thailand's recycling and waste management market was valued at 301,043.03 Million Baht, with the large firm size accounting for 69.7% of the market share. Furthermore, The most recycling firms operate as wholesale businesses, with accounting for 78.2% of the total market.

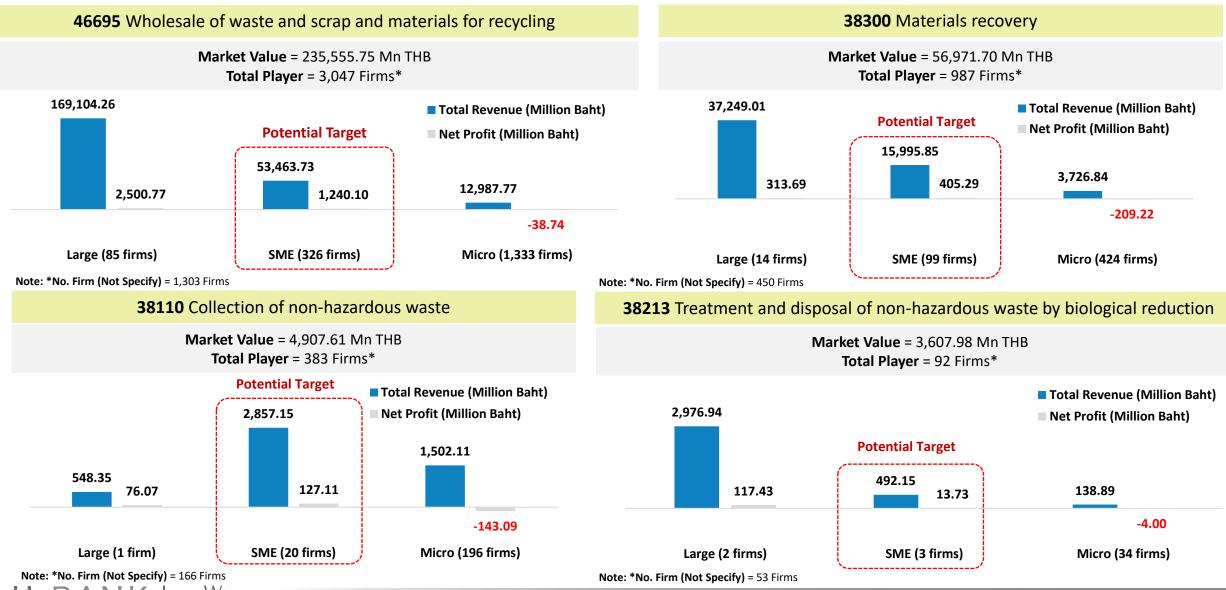


Note: Recycling business market value is determined by aggregating the total revenue of enterprises listed under TSIC codes 38110, 38213, 38300, and 46695.





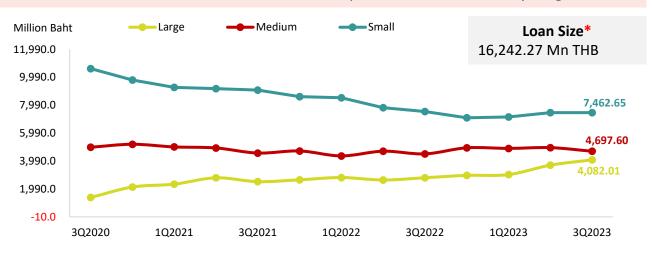
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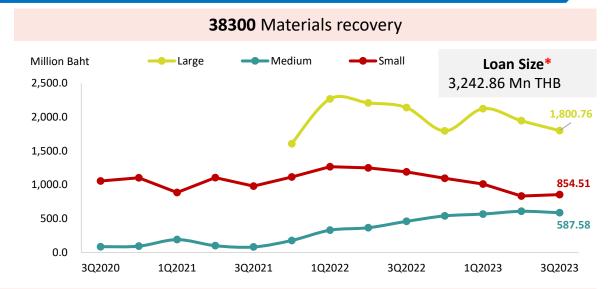




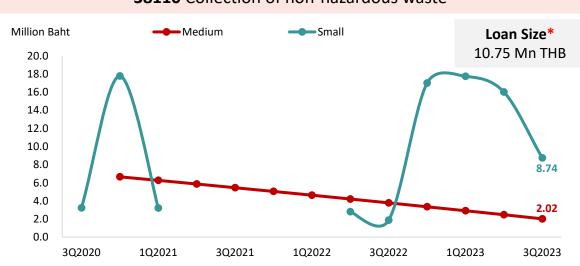
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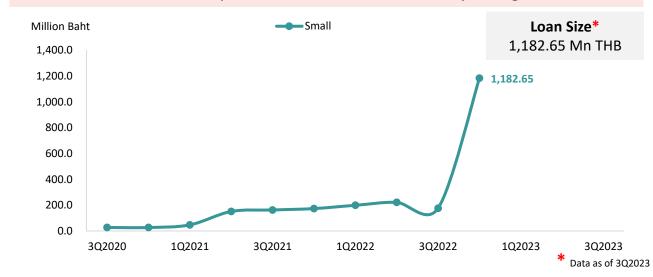




38110 Collection of non-hazardous waste



38213 Treatment and disposal of non-hazardous waste by biological reduction







Overview of Green Energy and Recycle Businesses in Thailand

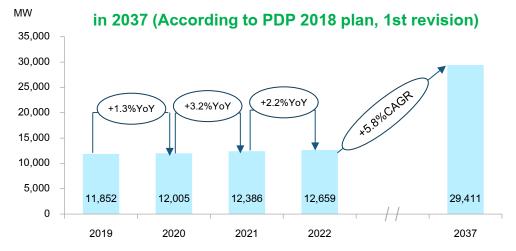




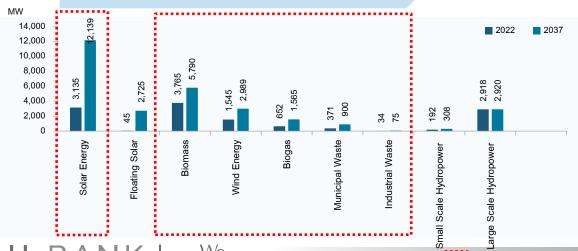
Green Energy

energy' because it comes from renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, water, biomass, etc. The use of green energy is a result of the problems of environmental degradation and global warming. It is a solution for sustainable development, reducing the use of fossil fuels and reducing carbon gas emissions.

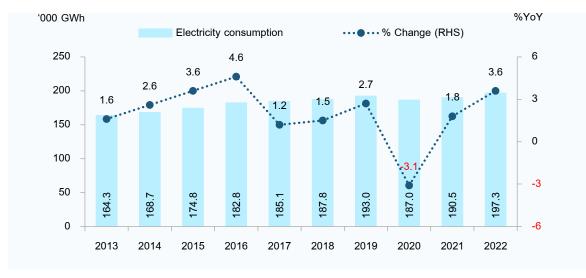
Amount of electricity produced from renewable energy and targets



Divided by type of renewable energy



Overview of Thailand's electricity consumption

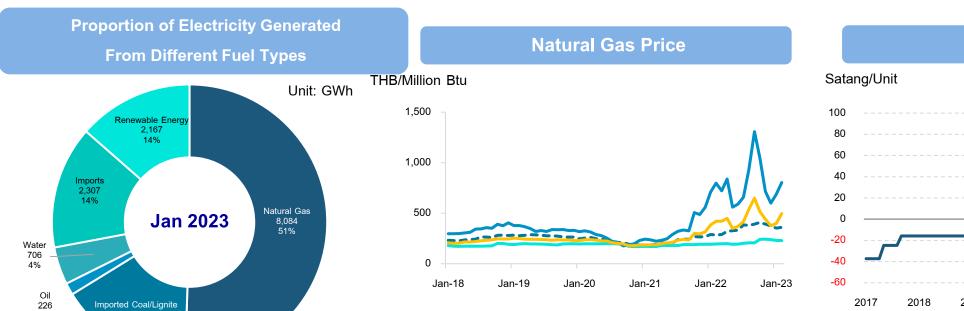


Clean energy is a business with good potential for expansion. This is because the cost of producing clean energy has declined significantly. Meanwhile, electricity consumption continues to rise. In addition, the use of clean energy in Thailand is supported by the government in both the short and long term.

When the price of clean energy is lower, consumers tend to use more clean energy products and services. For example, Thai people are increasingly installing solar panels in their homes and factories to save on electricity bills.

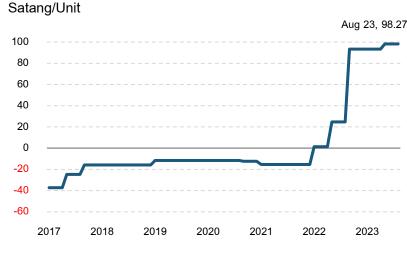


The solar rooftop business is expected to continue to grow. The average electricity rate is expected to continue to rise due to the increase in energy costs and the cost of electricity generation, while production and installation costs tend to fall. This will encourage entrepreneurs to turn to the business of installing solar panels for households and SMEs.



Gulf of Thailand

Retail Ft value



Total 16,003 GWh

1.4%

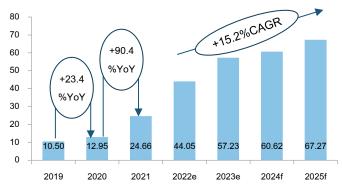
Note: (1) Electricity generation excludes electricity generated by Independent Power Supply (IPS). (2) Electricity generation from oil includes electricity generation from palm oil by the Bang Pakong power plant.



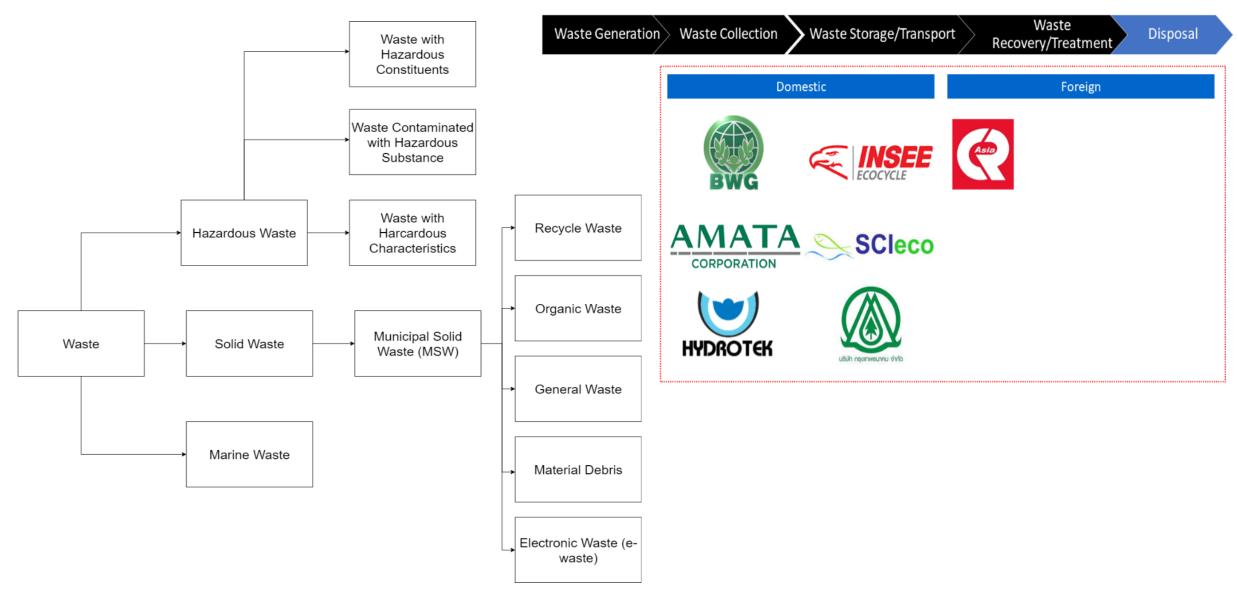
Sectors	Electricity Usage			2022	
	2020	2021	2022	%YoY	Share (%)
Household	52,860	54,290	53,738	-1.0	28
Business	43,950	41,529	46,094	11.0	23
Industry	82,158	86,427	88,563	2.5	45
Others*	8,078	8,223	8,829	7.4	4
Total	187,046	190,469	197,224	3.5	100

Pool

The Market Value of Solar Rooftop in Thailand THB bn



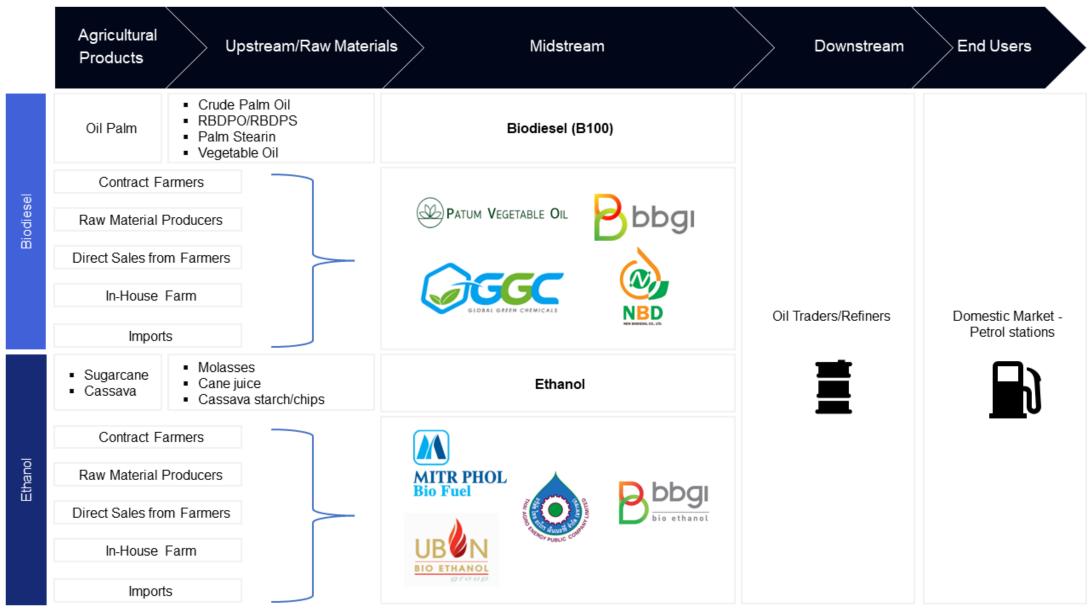
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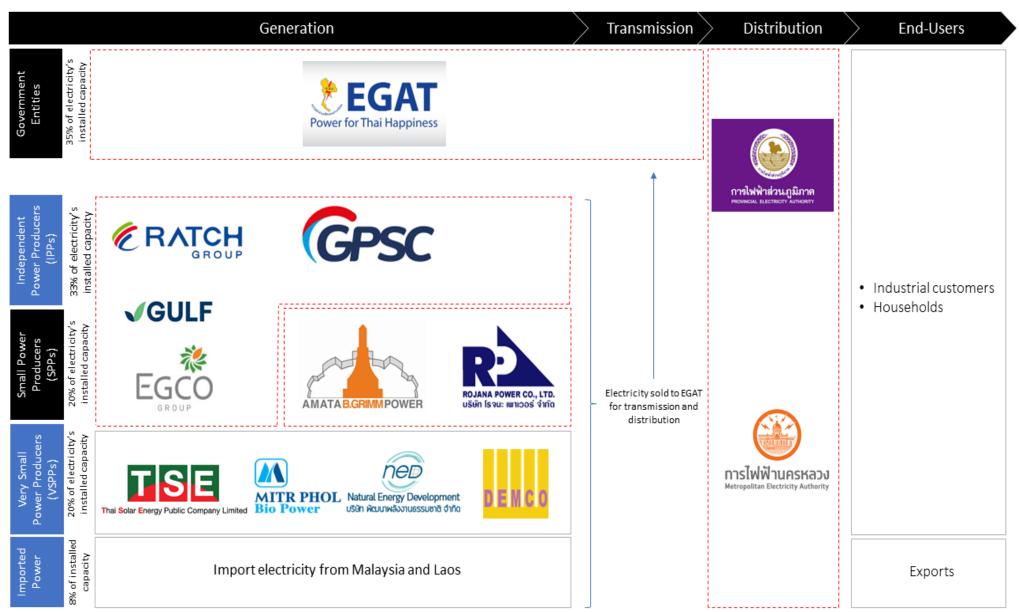
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Thailand's Thermal Power Industry Value Chain: Overview







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