

The OIE revealed MPI grew by 3.8%, the highest ever since the past 43 months.

***The Office of Industrial Economics (OIE) disclosed that the Manufacturing Industry Index (MPI) in November 2016 grew by 3.8% which is the highest index ever since the past 43 months. This made the MPI of the first 11 months of 2016 expanded by 0.4%. The industries effecting the positive MPI included iron and steels, electronic parts, canned frozen seafood and petroleum.***

Mr.Verasak Supprasert, Deputy Director General of the Office of Industrial Economics (OIE) revealed that the Manufacturing Industry Index (MPI) of the first 11 months of 2016 expanded by 0.4% while the MPI in November 2016 grew by 3.8%. The industries which resulted in the plus MPI included those iron and steels, electronic parts, canned frozen seafood, petroleum and automotives.

**The major products in the industry made positive MPI were :**

**Iron and Steel.** The production in November 2016 expanded by 19.92%, higher than the same period of last year. The higher global steels prices were the major reason. The growth of sheet steels were from chrome sheet, hot roll sheet and galvanized sheet steels due to increasing prices and the accelerating production in automobile industry after Motor Expo exhibition.

**The electronics parts.** The production in November 2016 expanded by 12.26%, higher than the same period of last year. This was the result of the demand of Other ICs and Monolithic ICs for electronic parts in automotives, machineries and equipments industries, especially sensor, analog and microprocessor.

**Canned frozen seafood.** The production in November 2016 expanded by 7.42%, higher than the same period of the previous year. This was the result of the demand of frozen fish, frozen shrimp and frozen squid, mainly from US and Japan markets. Also the overcoming the problem of Shrimp Early Mortality Syndrome (EMS) increased the volume of raw materials for production.

**Petroleum.** The production in November 2016 expanded by 4.90%, higher than the same period of last year. This was the result of the increasing use of gasohol 95 and kerosene from the higher fuel consumption and the increasing prices of CNG and LPG that made consumers turned to use gasohol more.



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**Automobiles.** The production in November 2016 increased by 1.77%, higher than the same period of the previous year.

**The major products in the industry with negative MPI were:**

**Plastic Pellets.** The production in November 2016 dropped by 19.1%, lower than the same period of last year. This was the result of decreasing production of LLDPE, HDPE and PP resulting from shutdown of production facilities during maintenance period.

**Glass and glass products.** The production in November 2016 dropped by 14.56%, lower than the same period of last year. This was the result of the reducing production of sheet glass from the shutdown of glass furnace.

**Beverage.** The production in November 2016 dropped by 12.87%, lower than the same period of the previous year. During the commemoration period, the sales and production of soft drink and soda drink was dropping due to the limitation of organizing parties .

Manufacturing Production Index and Capacity Consumption Rate

Index	2015												2016											
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY.	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY.	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	
Manufacturing Production Index	111.18	110.58	118.07	98.08	108.68	107.99	108.91	103.67	107.14	107.41	105.58	105.15	107.30	108.65	120.66	98.95	111.62	109.46	103.47	106.97	108.35	107.39	109.61	
Change Rate (MOM) %	7.23	-0.54	6.78	-16.93	10.81	-0.64	0.85	-4.82	3.35	0.25	-1.71	-0.41	2.05	1.26	11.05	-17.99	12.80	-1.93	-5.47	3.38	1.29	-0.89	2.07	
Change Rate (YOY) %	0.71	1.69	-1.03	-0.06	-0.14	-0.57	2.65	0.50	-0.31	-0.99	0.28	1.41	-3.49	-1.74	2.19	0.89	2.70	1.37	-4.99	3.18	1.13	-0.02	3.81	
Capacity Consumption Rate	68.79	68.31	72.19	59.21	65.51	66.08	66.43	63.70	65.79	64.94	64.80	63.95	65.12	66.86	74.30	59.52	67.54	66.70	62.38	64.42	65.46	65.35	66.71	

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