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3-month Climate Prediction of Thailand

During March – May 2023

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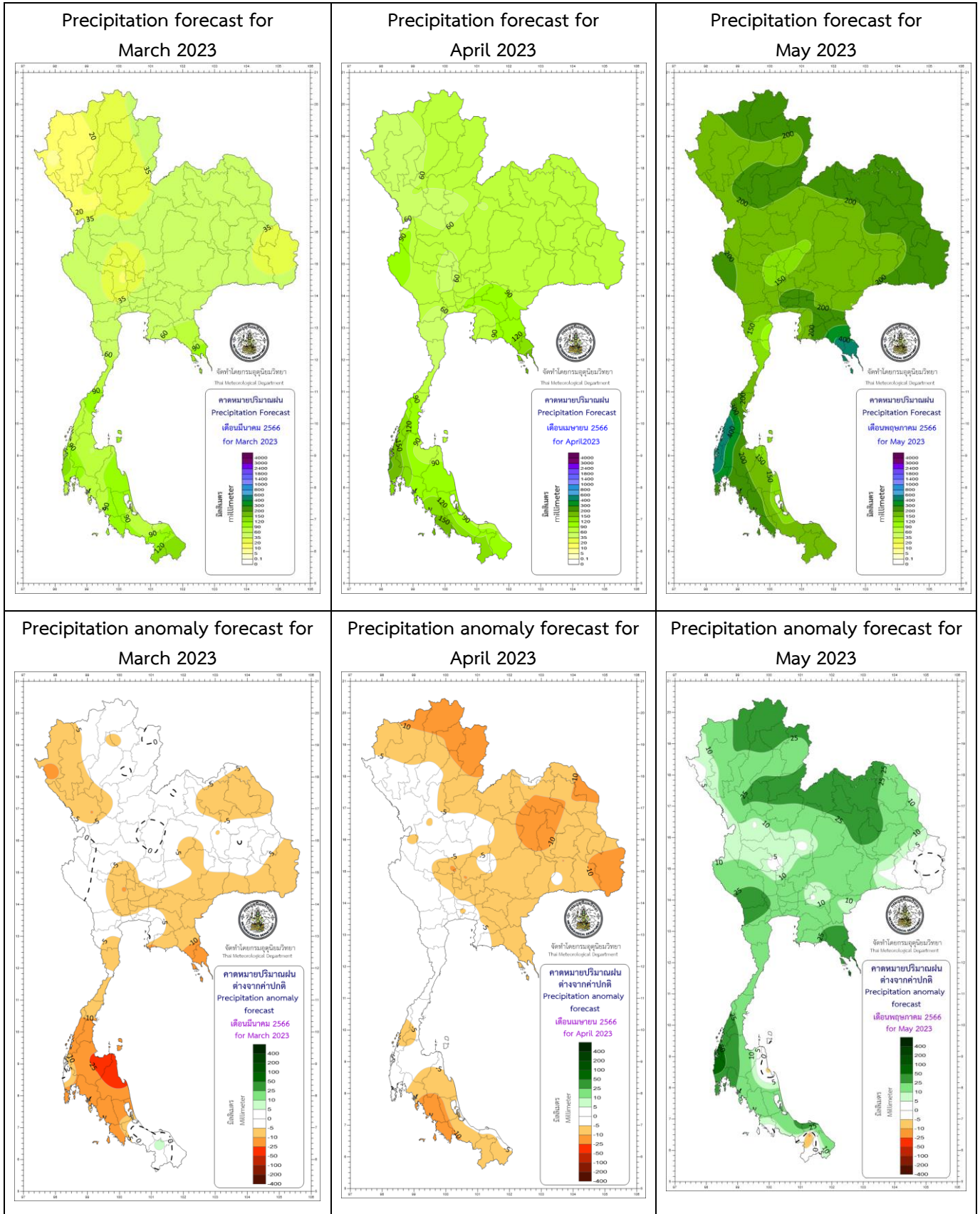
Thailand climate for March – April - May from 30-year normal (A.D. 1991 - 2020 or B.E. 2534 - 2563 baseline average)

March Sweltering and dry weather with little humidity appears along with very hot weather on some days, specifically at the Upper Thailand due to mostly prevailing southerly wind over Thailand. However, at some periods, coldly high-pressure air masses from China will meet hot air masses already prevailing over Thailand. This brings about summer thunderstorms, specifically around the Upper Thailand. The summer thunderstorms often occur during short duration and at narrow areas. Commonly, severely gusty wind often appears too and feasibly causes damages to life and property.

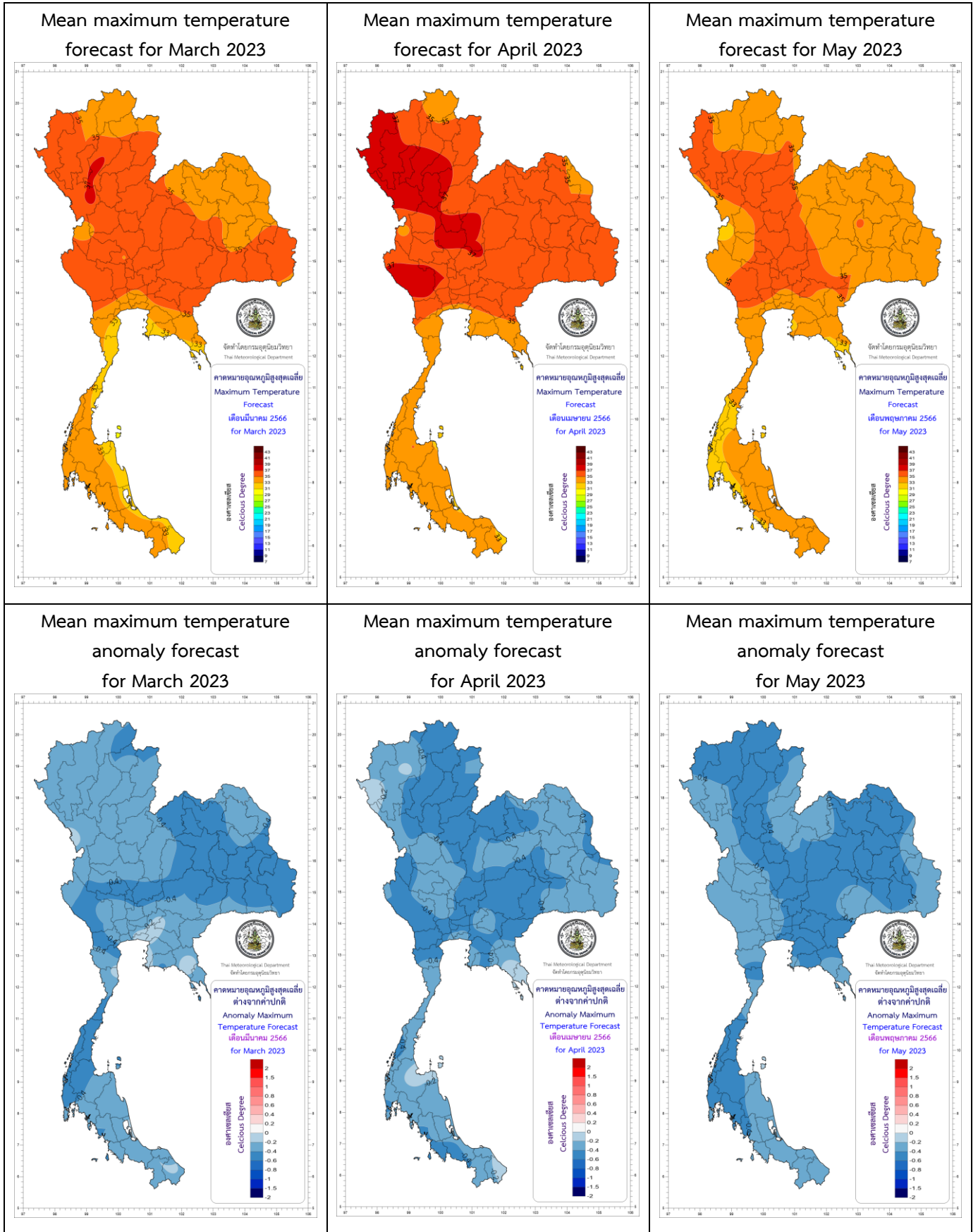
April This is the most sweltering month for the whole year, especially around the Upper Thailand. Often, hot to very hot weather occurs together with low-pressure air mass cells along with more heat prevailing over the Upper Thailand. The reason is that this month is at the duration of the Sun radiates perpendicularly to the plane of Thailand. As a result, summer thunderstorms occur influencing the rain amount of this month to increase more than that of the past month in every part of Thailand.

May As being the transitional period from the summer to the rainy seasons, the common weather during the 1st half of this month is usually sweltering. Also, thunder rain storms and summer thunderstorms occur often. Sometimes, hail happens too. And from the influential heat low-pressure air mass cells, mostly at the 2nd half of this month as the start of the rainy season, temperature will reduce with increasing rain. In other words, the prevailing wind over Thailand will start to transform into southwest monsoon while the low-pressure trough placing over Malaysia moves upward to place over the Southern Thailand and the central part of Thailand consecutively. Besides, some tropical cyclones developing in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal may move near or toward the western side of Thailand further.

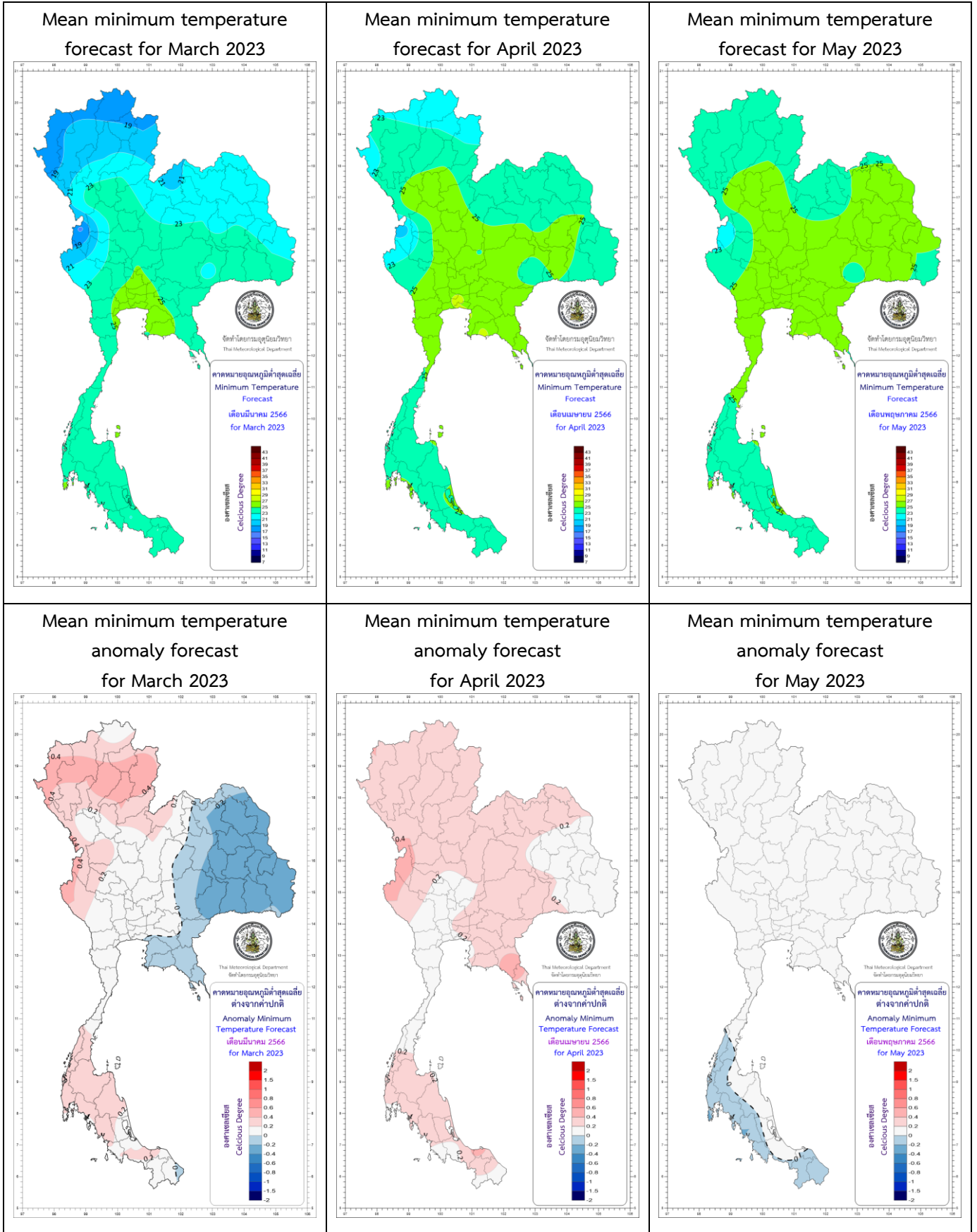
Precipitation (mm/month) and Anomaly (mm/month) Forecast:



Mean Maximum Temperature (°C) and Anomaly (°C) Forecast:



Mean Minimum Temperature (°C) and Anomaly (°C) Forecast:



*** Caution: ***

March and April 2023: Frequently, summer thunderstorms occur as thunder rain with gusty wind and perhaps falling hail at some areas causing life and property damages. Consequently, the public should follow weather forecast news from the Thai Meteorological Department closely further.

During late April and May 2023: Probably, some low-pressure air mass cells develop around the Andaman Sea. These may strengthen to become depressions and tropical cyclones further. Their movements are toward northerly to easterly and may move closely toward the western side of Thailand. Thus, the western portions of both of the northern and central parts including with that of the Southern Thailand will meet more rain.

The public then should follow the weather forecast news from the Thai Meteorological Department closely.

Below right Image source:

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The below Image illustrates 7 parts of Thailand with seasons and Monsoons or wind:

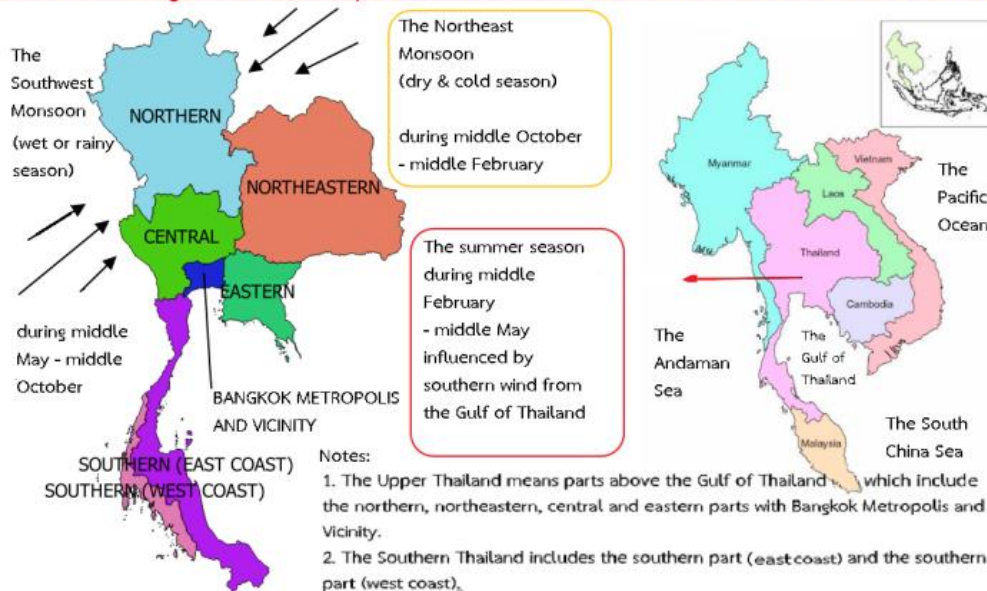


Table 1: Prediction of Rain (mm = millimeters), Rainy Days (days) and comparing with normal

Part	Prediction									Normal (Baseline period: 1991-2020)					
	March 2023			April 2023			May 2023			March		April		May	
	Rain (mm)	Rainy Days	Comparing with normal	Rain (mm)	Rainy Days	Comparing with normal	Rain (mm)	Rainy Days	Comparing with normal	Rain (mm)	Rainy Days	Rain (mm)	Rainy Days	Rain (mm)	Rainy Days
Northern	20-40	3-5	10% Below normal	50-80	3-4	10% Below normal	170-210	14-17	10% Above normal	32.4	3.4	70.5	6.8	173.3	14.9
Northeastern	30-50	4-6	10% Below normal	60-90	4-6	10% Below normal	180-220	14-17	10% Above normal	45.1	4.9	85.0	7.8	188.8	15.0
Central	30-50	3-5	10% Below normal	60-90	4-6	10% Below normal	160-200	13-16	10% Above normal	42.1	3.8	77.6	6.4	165.9	14.0
Eastern	50-80	5-7	10% Below normal	80-110	5-7	10% Below normal	200-250	14-17	10% Above normal	66.5	6.0	102.0	8.3	205.3	15.0
Southern Thailand (East Coast)	60-90	5-7	10% Below normal	60-90	5-7	10% Below normal	120-160	13-16	10% Above normal	86.7	5.7	79.5	7.0	130.3	13.4
Southern Thailand (West Coast)	80-110	8-10	10% Below normal	140-180	8-10	10% Below normal	300-350	18-21	10% Above normal	103.6	8.1	162.2	13.1	300.6	19.6
Bangkok Metropolis and Vicinity	30-50	3-5	10% Below normal	70-100	4-6	10% Below normal	210-260	14-17	10% Above normal	51.0	4.1	93.3	6.5	216.8	15.0

Table 2 : Prediction of Mean Maximum Temperature (Tmax) and Mean Minimum Temperature (Tmin) (°C) comparing with normal:

Part	Prediction									Normal (Baseline period: 1991-2020)*					
	March 2023			April 2023			May 2023			March		April		May	
	Mean Tmax	Mean Tmin	Comparing with Normal	Mean Tmax	Mean Tmin	Comparing with Normal	Mean Tmax	Mean Tmin	Comparing with Normal	Mean Tmax	Mean Tmin	Mean Tmax	Mean Tmin	Mean Tmax	Mean Tmin
Northern	35-37	21-23	Near normal	36-38	23-25	Near normal	34-36	24-26	Near normal	36.1	20.7	37.2	23.7	35.2	24.4
Northeastern	34-36	22-24	Near normal	35-37	24-26	Near normal	34-36	24-26	Near normal	35.2	22.7	36.2	24.6	34.9	25.1
Central	35-37	24-26	Near normal	36-38	25-27	Near normal	35-37	25-27	Near normal	36.2	24.4	37.1	25.7	35.7	25.8
Eastern	33-35	24-26	Near normal	34-36	25-27	Near normal	33-35	25-27	Near normal	33.9	25.1	34.7	26.0	34.1	26.1
Southern (East Coast)	32-34	23-25	Near normal	33-35	24-26	Near normal	33-35	24-26	Near normal	32.7	23.9	33.8	24.8	33.9	25.1
Southern (West Coast)	33-35	23-25	Near normal	33-35	24-26	Near normal	32-34	24-26	Near normal	34.3	24.0	34.2	24.7	32.9	24.9
Bangkok and Vicinity	34-36	25-27	Near normal	35-37	26-28	Near normal	34-36	26-28	Near normal	34.7	26.4	35.7	27.2	35.1	26.9

Remarks: - * Normal means average during the 30-year period (A.D. 1991 – 2020 or B.E. 2534 – 2563).

- This long-range climate forecast is created by applying some climate models and statistical methods, the public then should follow the daily weather forecast news from the Thai Meteorological Department for more accuracy further.
- The next 3-month climate forecast will be published online before the end of December 2021.
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