# From (Policy) Top-Down to (Community) Bottom-Up: A Strategy to Create Cycling Culture

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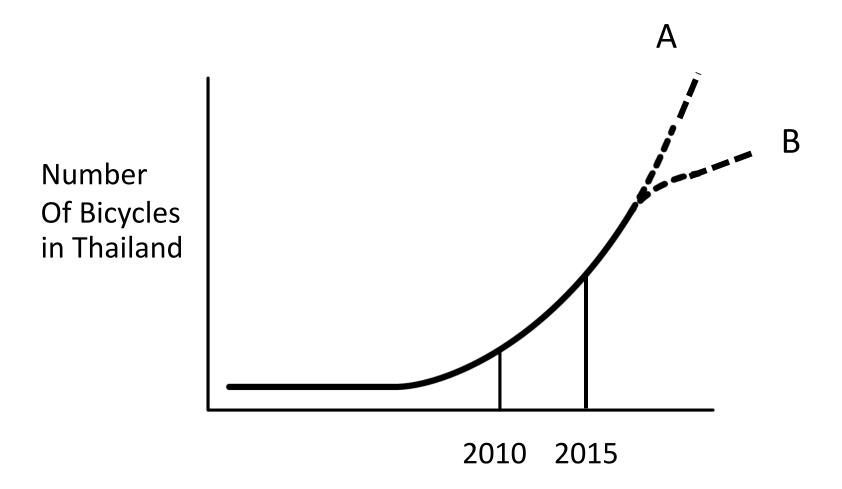
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#### THAILAND DATA

- Area 513,115 Sq.Km.
- Population 65 Million(More than 50% live in Urban Area)
- Motor Vehicle 28 million(more than 50% Motorcycle)
- Road is the major transport (More than 85%)
- 1/3 of Energy Consumption in road transport
- 50% of GHG emission from transport
- second raking of road accident (WHO)

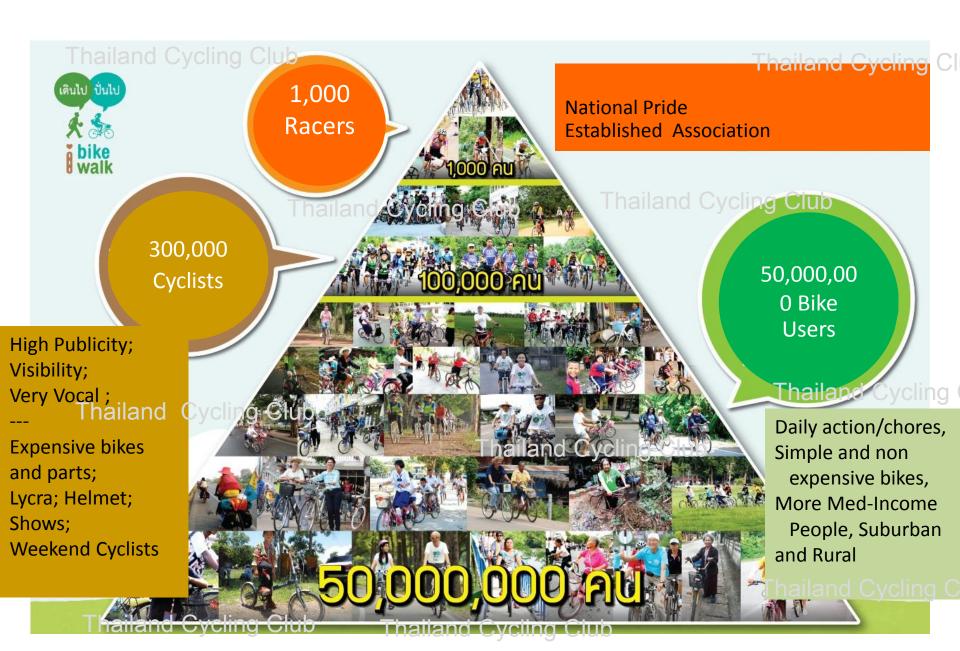


## Cycling grown drastically for past 5 years



















## **Timeline of Public Policy Push**

#### (Bike and Walk) by TCC

- 1991 to 2010 Activities, Tourism, Campaign
- 2011 First Draft on Public Policy, by TCC
- 2012 National Health Commission (NHC) accepted the Draft for Public Debate
- 2013 National Health Assembly (NHA) accepted the Revised Draft as NHA Resolution (through local, regional and national Public Consultation)
  - Thai Cabinet approved the NHA resolution
  - Assigned various Ministries to carry on the assignments
- 2014 on wards ......Implementation
- 2015 Consulting and discussions with administrators in the MoT. and another ministries
- 2016 Government cabinet passed a resolution to proposal made by MoT.
   "Stand for Bikeway Design and Construction in Thailand"





## **Example of Assignments**

- School Curriculums

Min of Education

 B & W systems to increase ridership for Mass Transit

Min of Transport

National Bicycle Standards

Min of Industry

- B & W Campaign

Min of Public Health

 B & W as Energy Saving Travel Modes

Min of Energy

- B & W system and construction

Min of Transport





## Consulting and discussions with administrators



Min of Public Health

Min of Transportation





- Public health policy: The Nation Health Commission (NHC)
- Proposal by MoT: Standard for Bikeway Design and Construction in Thailand
- Ministry of Interior: announced a policy to promote walk and bike to use on daily basis for local government take action
- Ministry of Tourism and Spot : 7 Greens Concepts (Green activities)
   Promote Bike activities friendly to Environment
- Law Reform Commission of Thailand: Enforcement and Improvement of the Laws to Protect Rights and Safeguard of Pedestrians and Bicycle User





## Bangkok 's Transit Future: sky train

Route: 10 (red/yellow/blue/pink/orange/purple)

Distance: 464 km.

**Network:** bus /river boat/ bike /walk and other...







## Campaign: Bike for Mom, Bike for Dad





# Community Bottomup





## Walking and Cycling Policy Advocacy in Thailand project, by TCC supported from Thai Health Promotion (THP)

- (1) Building bicycle communities and walking culture
- (2) Conducting research/studies to acquire knowledge and build database
- (3) Building a network of bicycle user at regional level
- (4) Communication for social changes





## **Cycling Community:** Key Success Factors(KSFs)

- 1. Local government endorsement
- Strong and active leader
- 3. Community approval and ownership
- 4. (local)private sectors involvement











## **Cycling Community**: Operation steps

- 1. Community data collection
- 2. Participatory Action Research (PAR)
- 3. Workshop among key stakeholders
- 4. Community mapping or policy setting











## **Activities crated by community**

- Community bicycle fund
- Training volunteer in community for repairing bicycle
- Bicycle Clinic in community
- Bike sharing in community
- Village health Volunteer visiting patient by bike
- Bike for point reward, Redeeming Awards











"We combined good volunteer activities with cycling activities, making them fun. Children therefore loved them and have fallen into our trap. Now they like cycling. As we have embedded the thought of doing what is good for community in their mind, in the future, our community would have good quality citizens; our country would be full of unity and happiness."

Mr. Kriangkrai Thaweekarn Mayor, Nong Plub Sub-District Municipality, Prachuab Khirikhan Province 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015





"I am doing so many things, so many activities with so many organizations.

I therefore have many friends. When I ask them to help, they come." "When we do anything by a group of villagers ourselves and achieve tangible results, the municipality would reach out to us itself."



Ms. Duangta Ruengburapha Retired government official and leader of a cycling for health community in Angthong Province 21st August 2015





## **Bike: link other social activities**









### **Social Problems in Thailand**



cycling promotion must not go against social trend

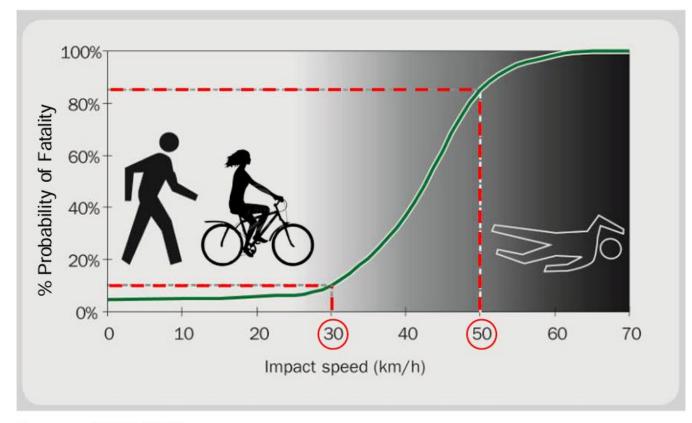




## World Accident Report (WHO)

- 1.25 million Death From Road Accident
- Near half of total are Vulnerable (23% M/C, Walking 22%, Cycling 4%)
- WHO recommend all government strictry concern( Speedy, Drink drive, Helmet, Safety bell, Child Safety Seat)

## **Probability of Fatality**



Source: WHO 2008





## Conclusion

- TCC's Goal is to Encourage Thai society to be Cycle Society
- Education and campaign public to share road for cycling and walking
- Support Community and Local government to encourage people more cycling in daily life
- Working together between Policy level and Community(Top down/Bottom up)
- Speed limit in Urban area should be reduce (60 -80 to 30-40 Km./hour









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