

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Thailand Professional Communications BESS Power Station



## Overview

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Where is the battery energy storage system (BESS) demonstration being conducted?

The project is being conducted within the BESS area newly established on the premises of Siam Toyota Manufacturing (STM) in Thailand. Executives from TMC, TMA, and SCG, in collaboration with partner companies, celebrate the launch of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) demonstration in Thailand.

Can Bess create business opportunities in Thailand?

Watcharin Boonyarit, director of solar energy development at the Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency, noted the potential for BESS to create business opportunities as Thailand transitions to renewable power sources. “We should not only import BESS but also consider new investment projects in this battery business.”.

Does Thailand need a battery energy storage system?

Thailand may lack the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) necessary to navigate supply and demand challenges. The 2024 PDP draft included 10,000 MW of BESS, but this may see the country struggle to fulfil carbon neutrality and Net Zero commitments over the coming decades.

How many Bess projects were approved in Thailand in 2022?

In 2022, the Thai government approved 24 BESS projects, all of which were located alongside solar operations. Their total combined storage capacity was 994 MW. Interestingly, this allowed generators to sign semi-firm power purchase agreements (PPAs) with the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) with minimum availability guarantees.

Why do some solar projects in Thailand have non-firm PPAs?

Many solar projects in Thailand have non-firm PPAs in place due to a lack of

storage on site. Arrangements, including BESS, reduce the strain on power grid infrastructure and allow for better planning. On the downside, these do not improve grid stability, nor do they provide power generators with more pathways to increase revenue.

Why is Bess a smart grid energy management platform?

In addressing this, BESS with smart grid energy management platform plays a crucial role as it manages electricity generated from renewable sources such as solar panels, enabling both efficient utilization and grid stability. As the transition to renewable energy continues, the demand of BESS solutions is expected to expand further.

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