

TWO TALES OF THE CITY

While the economy is recovering, politics is holding back the whole country. Top businessmen have their fingers crossed as they prepare for the worst in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's verdict on the Bt76-billion asset seizure case.

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Kongkrit Hiranyakit

President of Tourism Council of Thailand:
"Hopefully, Feb 26 won't be as bad as April 2009's riots."



Dr Tanit Sorat

Vice chairman of Federation of Thai Industries:
"Dissolving the House, civil war, and a coup d'etat are potential risks for businesses."



Dr Bunluasak Pussarungsri

Research head, CIMB Thai Bank:
"Keep your cash and gold. Unload stocks and bonds."



Dusit Nontanakorn

Chairman of Board of Trade:
"Let the judges do their work. Don't sensationalise the issue."



Peter J van Haren

Former chairman of the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce:
"Citing Feb 26 (Judgement Day), virtually everyone has put investment decisions on hold."



Ron Livingston

Thai-Canadian Chamber of Commerce:
"Feb 26 will come and go. (Thailand) will put the (Thaksin) issue behind."



Yo Jitsukata

President of Japanese Chamber of Commerce:
"Investors lose money everyday (due to delays in resolving the Map Ta Phut crisis.)"



Sethaput Suthiwart-Narueput

Executive vice president, Siam Commercial Bank:
"Thanks to domestic political instability, we didn't have much exposure in 2009."



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