

#### 4. Research and Development

Bangkok Expressway Public Company Limited has a special unit responsible to conduct feasibility study and follow up on the assessment of its investments in various projects, so as to increase the efficiency of its services and generate more revenue to the Company, such as, construction of new expressway, construction of additional on- and off-ramps, and improvement of on- and off-ramps. Moreover, the Company also engaged external specialists to conduct various studies, such as traffic and construction for each respective project, in order to ensure that the study would be more appropriate and correct and minimize investment risk. In the year 2006, the Company has budget for the study in the amount of Baht 2 Million.

At present, projects which the Company is conducting consist of:

- (1) Toll collection by using automatic cards to resolve the traffic problems at the front of toll plazas and distance-based toll collection;
- (2) An expressway project connecting between the Si Rat Expressway (around Bang Sue) and the Western Outer Ring Road; and
- (3) An expressway project connecting between the Si Rat Expressway (around Asoke) and the City Air Terminal (around Makkasan).