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“If you look at the map of Southeast Asia, Thailand is strategically located in the middle of Southeast Asia, thus serving as a bridge between that of the mainland and the archipelago countries. We therefore perceive ourselves as a responsible and sincere partner. By virtue of our historical, cultural, linguistic, and religious ties, Thailand is linked with her neighbours both the former Indochinese countries to the East and Myanmar to the West, and we intend to serve as the centre of gravity for all activities in the region”.

Surin Pitsuwan

Words of Wisdom:

Selected Important Policy Statements by Foreign Ministers in the 20th Century



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The year 2025 marked several important diplomatic milestones, such as the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the 170th anniversary of the conclusion of the Bowring Treaty, the 60th anniversary of Thailand-Singapore diplomatic relations, and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Thailand and the People's Republic of China. There are of course many more such anniversaries. The International Studies Center (ISC) made its contributions to mark these events in various ways, either by organising public seminars or by producing academic publications. I will summarise these activities in this, my seventh, report. Furthermore, as the ISC had rationalised its activities into 5 work programmes, this report will be presented accordingly.

At the outset, I would like to welcome a new member of our team. Ms. Kasitinat Kuapanich joined the ISC as programme officer from October 2025. With her experience, she would make an excellent member of the ISC team. But it is unfortunate that one of its long-serving staff members, Ms. Pattarwan Kaewkrong, left the ISC at the end of 2025. We thank her for the contribution she had made and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

In 2025, a total of 10 public events were held throughout the year either in Bangkok

or in the provinces. Many were organised in conjunction with the work under other programmes and many were co-hosted by local universities and institutions. So, under Programme 1: International Relations Conferences and Seminars, a seminar titled “Women in Multilateralism” was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 13 March and was organised in cooperation with the Ministry's European Affairs Department. The highlight of the event was the keynote speech of H.E. Ms. Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia. On 3 July, the ISC hosted an event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Thailand and the People's Republic of China. At the event, 2 books, namely *Negotiations to Establish the Diplomatic Relations with the People's Republic of China 1973-1975: Draft Reports by Tej Bunnag* and *China through Thai Eyes* were launched and a panel discussion on the theme of “Looking Forward: Future Directions of Thailand-China Relations” was staged. On 5 September, a seminar on “Trade and Treaties: Transformation of Siam (?)” was held on the occasion of the ISC Day and to mark the 170th anniversary of the conclusion of the Bowring Treaty. On 16 October, a seminar titled “The UN@80: The Future of Multilateralism” was organised to observe the 80th anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations.



The event featured a panel discussion on the topic of the future of multilateralism and a special talk by Former Prime Minister Anand Punyarachun. Our last public event in 2025 was held on 8 December. The ISC collaborated with the Office of Democratic Sustainability, King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI) and Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in organising a special lecture titled "Reforms and Legislative Adoption Journey to OECD Membership" by Mr. Frantisek Ruzicka, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD. The event took place at the Parliament Complex.

Under Programme 2: Research and Scholarly Publications, in 2025, the ISC published the following books: *Negotiations to Establish Diplomatic Relations with the People's Republic of China 1973-1975: Draft Reports by Tej Bunnag*. The book contains previously unpublished draft reports prepared by Dr. Tej Bunnag on the discussions and negotiations between the Thai and Chinese sides leading up to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries on 1 July 1975; *China through Thai Eyes*, a compilation of chapters written by leading Thai experts on various aspects of China's development and Thai-Chinese relations and cooperation. It was edited by Professor Dr. Sittiphon Kruarattikan; and *Words of Wisdom: Selected Important Policy Statements by Foreign Ministers in the 20th*

Century, a publication to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2025.

We also produced one study paper in 2025: "The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Implications for Thailand's Foreign Policy" by Naphakhawat Wanchai, in November. In addition, many articles for our e-publications were submitted and posted on our website. All ISC's publications can be accessed and downloaded free of charge through our website at isc.mfa.go.th.

As for Programme 3: Partnerships Initiative, the ISC maintained on-going collaboration with partner institutions and took initiatives to connect with potential new partners. On 5 June, the ISC together with the Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs (DVIFA), with the support of the Royal Thai Embassy, Madrid, and Spain's Casa Asia co-organised the 3rd Thailand-Spain Forum in Bangkok under the theme of "Sustainability: Opportunities and Challenges". Speakers discussed the issues of climate change and human security, circular economy and the role of community and youth in sustainable development. The one-day event was well attended and the discussions were lively and wide-ranging. We also continued our regular contact with the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA). On 26 August, Dr. Tej Bunnag, Chairman of ISC Advisory Board, the Director, and Ambassador Sihasak



Phuangketkeow, who shortly after became Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited the SIIA and joined a small roundtable discussion with Professor Simon Tay, SIIA Chairman, and executives and scholars from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute and Temasek. The discussion focused on regional developments and the role of ASEAN. The ISC also continued its role of Thailand Center in the framework of Global Center for Mekong Studies (GCMS). The GCMS held the 13th Coordinators' Meeting (online) on 29 July, the 14th Coordinator's Meeting on 29 December and its annual Think Tank Forum on 29-30 December in Chongqing, China.

In terms of new partnership initiatives, on 16 May, the ISC assisted the DVIFA in organising the 1st Thailand-Saudi Arabia Academic Dialogue with the Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute of Diplomatic Studies (PSAFIDS) in Bangkok. The small closed-door dialogue had three sessions, covering bilateral relations, ASEAN and GCC and great power rivalry and its implications. The ISC also collaborated with the Royal Thai Embassy, Singapore, in organising the seminar on "Thailand-Singapore@60: Echoing the Past, Envisioning the Future" in Singapore on 26 August to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Thailand and Singapore. The ISC also held an online introductory meeting with the Russian

Institute for Strategic Studies (RISS) on 19 December.

As for visits, the ISC had the opportunities to welcome several visitors, both Thai and foreign, throughout 2025: on 29 April, a group of scholars from The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), led by Dr. Evan Laksmana, Shangri-la Dialogue Senior Fellow for Southeast Asian Security and Defence; also on 29 April, Ms. Li Jijuan, Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of China; on 4 July, H.E. Mr. Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, Ambassador of Bangladesh; on 29 July, Dr. Krislert Samphantharak, Advisor, Puey Ungphakorn Institute of Economic Research (PIER) and Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of California San Diego; on 6 August, a group of lecturers and students from Korea University ASEAN Center (KUAC); on 20 August, Dr. Arnaud Leveau, President, Asia Centre, France; on 17 November, Mr. Omar Saud Al Hinai, Counsellor, Embassy of Oman; and on 18 December, Ms. Channa Cummings, Chief of External Political-Military Unit, and Mr. William Hope, Political Officer, Embassy of the United States. Moreover, the Director made a visit to the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) on 23 May and had discussions with President Sanae Kenichiro on possible future collaboration.

Moreover, between 12-13 August, the Director and Mr. Seksan Anantasirikiat,



ISC Senior Researcher, joined Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee in attending the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) General Meeting in Seoul and on 2-3 October, I was invited to participate in the 2nd ASEAN Think Tanks Summit held at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta. These activities showed that the ISC had become better known among its regional peers.

Under Programme 4: Public Outreach and Engagement, the ISC had increased the activities under this programme in 2025. Many outreach activities were also combined with works under other programmes. Five public seminars were organised in Bangkok and the provinces under the theme “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” to discuss the questions of continuity and change in Thai foreign policy and emerging opportunities and challenges for Thailand’s foreign affairs as relevant to their locality. These events were organised, in parts, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to engage with the public on foreign affairs discussions, as well as to gather their perspectives and ideas as input for ISC’s 2025 Policy Report. The ISC was significantly assisted by all its partners in this process: namely, Dr. Thanat Khoman ASEAN Studies Center, Prince of Songkla University (PSU); Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang-Mai University;

Mekong Institute (MI) and Center for ASEAN Studies, Khon Kaen University; and International Relations Programme, School of Political Science and Public Administration, Walailak University. So, these events combined the work under Programmes 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Another activity which has been an important part of ISC’s work from its inception is engagement with students. In 2025, I gave talks on Thailand’s foreign affairs to 3 large groups of students: on 20 January, a group of around 50 students from the Faculty of Political Science, Rangsit University; on 17 March, 60 students from the Politics and Global Studies Programme, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University; and on 20 October, about 100 students from the Faculty of Political Science, Srinakharinwirot University.

As part of the outreach activities, the ISC started an internship programme in 2025. One intern per year would be recruited from among new university graduates to work full-time, but without compensation, for 4 months from January to April. The programme is designed to provide real work experience for graduates waiting to further their studies or in the process of looking for job opportunities. Mr. Naphakhawat Wanchai, a graduate of the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University, was our first intern.



He proved to be an excellent choice. His experience at the ISC and his written works are posted on our website.

As for Programme 5: Consultation and Policy Advice, as mentioned above, the ISC's policy recommendation process in 2025 was combined with its outreach activity and with public participation. The report on the theme of "Foreign Policy Begins at Home", to be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in early 2026, would be based on the findings and recommendations from the five "town-hall styled" seminars that took place in February, March and June 2025.

Apart from the above-mentioned programme-related activities, I wish to inform our readers about some internal matters. Members of the Advisory Board continued to provide advice and support to the ISC team. The Board held its annual session on 18 March. In addition, the Board held a retreat session on 26 November to consider the draft of the report "Milestone and Momentum: ISC's Performance and Impact Assessment Report (2019-2025)". As the Center has been in operation for about 6 years, it was time to assess its performance and to examine its future direction. The Board gave valuable observations and advice. The final report will be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in early 2026.

Lastly, another year full of activities had passed. We could not have done all the work without the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I wish to express my appreciations to the Director and staff of the Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs (DVIFA), the ISC Advisory Board, as well as the various partners, foreign and domestic, for their support and cooperation. I look forward to 2026 with confidence that the ISC will be able to fulfil its mandate with wide-ranging activities to reach a wider audience.

Dr. Anuson Chinvanno

Director

International Studies Center



**ABOUT
THE INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES CENTER**



The International Studies Center (ISC) aims to encourage the studies and analyses of relevant policies and issues in various aspects of diplomacy and international affairs, including foreign policy, international economics, international law, and international and regional organisations, as well as to create opportunities for policy and issue-related discussion for the benefit of the formulation and conduct of diplomacy and foreign policy, while promoting public awareness and understanding of major foreign policy issues, through such activities as lectures, seminars, experts discussion, publications and broadcast.

The ISC was previously established in April 1987 by the then Minister of Foreign Affairs Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila. Phan Wannamethee and Arun Panupong were the two Directors who actively ran the

International Studies Center in its early years, from 1987 to 1991 and from 1992 to 2001 respectively. However, after that period of much activity, the ISC became inactive and its functions were reassigned and redistributed to other units in the Ministry. With changing global and regional landscape and pressing international issues, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs decided in 2019 to revive the ISC to support the work of the Ministry and to serve as a link to wider foreign affairs community both in Thailand and abroad.

The ISC is currently set up as an affiliated unit of the Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs (DVIFA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. The Advisory Board provides advice on the overall policy and direction of the Center.



"A square, two vertical lines and three horizontal dashes form the logo of the International Studies Center. The logo, which has been in use since 1988 was designed by Mr. Munin Paniswadi, a former diplomat whose last post was Consul-General in Osaka, Japan, from 2017 to 2018. According to Mr. Paniswadi, the logo's contemporary look was inspired by "the shape of flexible bamboo stems that, at times, are said to represent the characteristic of Thai foreign policy".



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ACTIVITIES IN 2025



20 January

Visit by Students from the Faculty of Political Science, Rangsit University

5 February

1st Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” co-organised with Dr. Thanat Khoman ASEAN Studies Center, Prince of Songkla University

19 February

2nd Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” co-organised with the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University

6 March

3rd Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” co-organised with the Mekong Institute and Center for ASEAN Studies, Khon Kaen University

13 March

Seminar on “Women in Multilateralism”, in cooperation with European Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

17 March

Visit by Students from the Politics and Global Studies Programme, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University

18 March

Meeting of the Advisory Board 2025

27 March

4th Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens”



29 April

Visit by Scholars from The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

Visit by Ms. Li Jijuan, Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China

16 May

1st Thailand-Saudi Arabia Academic Dialogue

23 May

Director's Visit to The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)

5 June

3rd Thailand-Spain Forum

24 June

5th Seminar on "Foreign Affairs through the People's Lens", co-organised with International Relation Programme, School of Political Science and Public Administration, Walailak University

3 July

Book Launch and Panel Discussion on the Occasion of the 50th Diplomatic Anniversary between Thailand and the People's Republic of China

4 July

Visit by H.E. Mr. Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Thailand

29 July

Visit by Dr. Krislert Samphantharak, Advisor, Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research (PIER) and Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of California San Diego

13th GCMS Coordinators' Meeting

6 August

Visit by Scholars and Students from Korea University ASEAN Centre (KUAC)

12-13 August

32nd Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) General Meeting and Standing Committee, Seoul, Republic of Korea

20 August

Visit by Dr. Arnaud Leveau, President, Asia Centre, France

26 August

Visit to Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

Seminar on "Thailand-Singapore@60: Echoing the Past, Envisioning the Future"



5 September

Seminar on “Trade and Treaties: Transformation of Siam(?)”

2-3 October

2nd ASEAN Think Tanks Summit (ATTS)

16 October

Seminar on “The UN@80: The Future of Multilateralism”

20 October

Visit by Students from Faculty of Social Science, Srinakharinwirot University

20 November

Seminar on “Bandung@70: A Diplomacy of the Global South”

27 November

1st ISC’s Brown Bag Series: China’s through Sitthiphon’s Eyes

8 December

Special talk on “Reform and Legislative Adoption Journey to OECD Membership”, co-organised with Office of Democratic Sustainovation, King Prajadhipok’s Institute (KPI) and Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

18 December

Visit by Ms. Channa Cummings, Chief of External Political-Military Unit, the Embassy of the United States of America in Thailand

19 December

Online Meeting with the Russian Institute for Strategic Studies (RISS)

29 December

14th GCMS Coordinators’ Meeting

29-30 December

8th GCMS Think Tank Forum, Chonqing, People’s Republic of China



EVENTS



1st Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens”

Co-organised with Dr. Thanat Khoman ASEAN Studies Center

5 February 2025, EILA6 Room, Learning Resources Center Building 1,
Prince of Songkla University (Hat Yai Campus)



On 5 February 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) in collaboration with Dr. Thanat Khoman ASEAN Studies Center, Prince of Songkla University (PSU) organised a seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” at EILA6 Room, 8th Floor, Learning Resources Center Building 1, Prince of Songkla University (Hat Yai Campus). The event was opened by remarks from Assistant Professor Dr. Niwat Kaewpradub, President of PSU. The remarks was followed by a special talk on “Thailand’s Foreign Affairs: Continuity and Change” given by Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of ISC.

At the event, five speakers, namely Associate Professor Dr. Jittipat Poonkham, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Assistant Professor Dr. Thakerng Wongsirichot, Vice



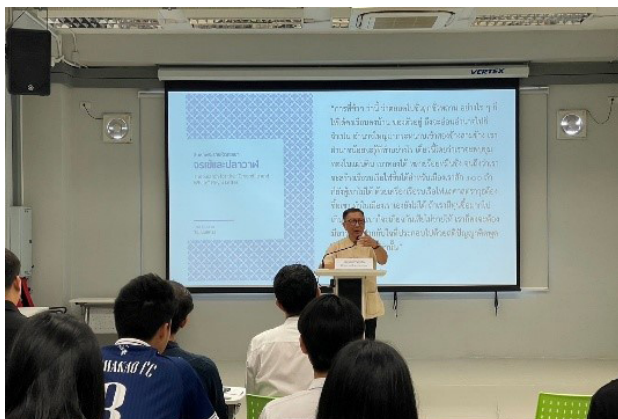
President for Academic and International Affairs of PSU, Dr. Hafiz Salae, Head of Institute of Southeast Asian Maritime States Studies of PSU, Mr. Chanin Sakarin, Vice President of Hat Yai Songkhla Hotels Association and Mr. Songphon Changsiriwattanathamrong, President of The Songkhla Chamber of Commerce, discussed emerging opportunities and challenges for Thailand’s foreign affairs as relevant to their locality and proposed ideas for future developments. The session was moderated by Dr. Krongkwan Traitongyoo, ISC Senior Analyst.

Approximately 80 participants from the government organisations, the private sector, the civil society and educational institutions attended the event.

2nd Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens”

Co-organised with the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University

19 February 2025, Learning Space, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University



The International Studies Center (ISC) and the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University jointly organised the 2nd seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” at Learning Space, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University on 19 February 2025.



During the opening session, Associate Professor Dr. Pailin Phujeenaphan, Dean, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration delivered the opening remarks. The remarks were followed by a special talk on “Thailand’s Foreign Affairs: Continuity and Change” by Dr. Anuson Chinvanno, Director of ISC.

At the event, two speakers, namely Associate Professor Dr. Jittipat Poonkham, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University and Assistant Professor Dr. Wannapa Leelasiri, Head, School of International Studies, shared their views on changing global landscape and emerging issues in foreign affairs from the national and local perspective. The session was moderated by Dr. Krongkwan Traitongyoo, ISC Senior Analyst. It was followed by a discussion among participants who raised many issues to the situation pertinent in the north of Thailand.

The event was attended by participants from the government organisations, scholars and students from Chiang Mai University.



3rd Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens”

Co-organised with the Mekong Institute and Center for ASEAN Studies,
Khon Kaen University

6 March 2025, Mekong River Conference Room, Mekong Institute



On 6 March 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) in collaboration with the Mekong Institute (MI) and Center for ASEAN Studies, Khon Kaen University (KKU) organised the 3rd seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” at Mekong River Conference Room, MI. The event was kicked off by the opening remarks from Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director of MI. The remarks was followed by a keynote speech “A Big Change is Coming” by Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, Chairperson of Khon Kaen University Council and Chairperson of MI Steering Committee and a special talk on “Thailand’s Foreign Affairs: Continuity and Change” by Dr. Anuson Chinvanno, Director of ISC.

The event was divided into two sessions. During the morning session, four speakers, namely Associate Professor Dr. Jittipat Poonkham, Associate Dean for Academic and International Affairs,



Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director of MI, Mr. Khemchart Somjaiwong, Honorary President of Khon Kaen Chamber of Commerce and Assistant Professor Prasert Vijitnopparat, Associate Dean for Research, Innovation, Academic Services and Corporate Communication, Faculty of Economics, KKU discussed changing global landscape and emerging issues in foreign affairs that are pertinent to the Northeastern region of Thailand. The session was moderated by Dr. Krongkwan Traitongyoo, ISC Senior Analyst.

In the afternoon session, four speakers, namely Ms. Vannipa Pipupchaiyasit, Director of Regional Investment and Economic Center 3, Board of Investment of Thailand (BOI), Assistant Professor Dr. Atcharawan Topakngam, Assistant to the President on International Affairs, Khon Kaen University, Mr. Thawatchai Khotwong, Marketing Representative, Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) and Associate Professor Pattarapong Makarawate, M.D., Dean of Faculty of Medicine, KKU exchanged their views on “Future of Thailand’s Foreign Affairs: A Strategic Role of the Northeast Region in relations with Neighbouring Countries”. Mr. Seksan Anantasirikiat, ISC Senior Researcher, moderated the session.

The seminar was attended by approximately 120 participants from the government organisations, the private sector, educational and research institutions based in upper Northeastern region of Thailand.



Seminar on “Women in Multilateralism”

Co-organised with the Department of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13 March 2025, Narathip Auditorium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



On 13 March 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) and the Department of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs jointly organised a seminar on “Women in Multilateralism” at Narathip Auditorium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The event was kicked off by a keynote speech of H.E. Ms. Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia, which was followed by a panel discussion. Four speakers, namely H.E. Ms. Tanja Fajon, Ms. Pinsuda Jayanama, Director-General, Department of International Organisations, Dr. Vilawan Mangklatanakul, Member of International Law Commission (ILC) 2023-2027, Professor (Emeritus) Vitit Muntarbhorn, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Professor at Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, shared their views and experiences in improving the role of women on multilateral stages. The session was moderated by Dr. Nattha Komolvadhin, News Director at The Standard and attended by approximately 130 participants from the government organisations, the civil society and research and educational institutions.



4th Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens”

27 March 2025, Phayathai 4 Room,
Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai



On 27 March 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) organised the 4th Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” at Phayathai 4 Room, Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai. At the event, Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of ISC, gave a special talk on “Thailand’s Foreign Affairs: Continuity and Change”. The talk was followed by a panel discussion on “Thailand’s Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens”. Four speakers, namely Associate Professor Dr. Jittipat Poonkham, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Dr. Ajaree Tavornmas, Partner at Access-Europe Co., Ltd., Dr. Buntoon Srethasirote, Executive Director, Good Governance for Social Development and the Environment Institute (GSEI) and Energy Regulatory Commissioner and Dr. Bank Ngamarunchot, Director, Science Technology and Innovation Policy Institute (STIPI), King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi shared their views on emerging challenges that affect Thailand’s foreign affairs and proposed recommendations. The session was moderated by Dr. Krongkwan Traitongyoo, ISC Senior Analyst, and attended by approximately 100 participants from government organisations, private sector, civil society, think tanks and educational and research institutions.



3rd Thailand-Spain Forum

5 June 2025, Narathip Auditorium,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs





As part of their ongoing cooperation, the International Studies Center (ISC), Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs (DVIFA) and Casa Asia co-organised the 3rd Thailand-Spain Forum on 5 June 2025 at Narathip Auditorium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the event, Mrs. Thitiporn Chirasawadi, Director of DVIFA, and Mr. José Pintor Aguilar, Director of Casa Asia delivered welcoming remarks. The keynote addresses were given by Mrs. Eksiri Pintaruchi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand and Mr. Luis Fonseca, Director General for North America, Eastern Europe, and Asia-Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain.

The Forum was organised under the main theme “Sustainability: Opportunities and Challenges”, with three sub-topics, namely “Climate Change: A Human Security Dimension”, Circular Economy: Upcycling and Recycling” and “The Future of Sustainable Development: The Role of Community and Youth”. Speakers discussed various impacts of climate crisis on human and national security and development. They shared their experiences and views on how to cope with the issue through socio-economic solutions, such as bio and circular models. They also suggested that, to be effective, the solutions should be from the “bottom-up” involving the communities and people.

In addition to the three academic sessions, the event showcased upcycling and recycling innovations by the private sector and social enterprises from Thailand and Spain, namely Chak Daeng Temple, RX Group, CHAAUM Studio and HORMESA Co., Ltd.

Approximately 120 participants, including several ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, former Thai ambassadors, as well as distinguished guests from government organisations, the private sector, the media, think tanks and universities attended the event.



5th Seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens”

Co-organised with International Relations Programme,
School of Political Science and Public Administration, Walailak University

24 June 2025, Si Thammarat Auditorium, Architecture and Design Building,
Walailak University



On 24 June 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) and International Relations Programme, School of Political Science and Public Administration, Walailak University co-organised a seminar on “Foreign Affairs through the People’s Lens” at Si Thammarat Auditorium, Architecture and Design Building, Walailak University. Associate Professor Dr. Charun Bunyakan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, delivered the opening remarks which was followed by a special talk on “Thailand’s Foreign Affairs: Continuity and Change” by Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of ISC.

Five speakers, namely Associate Professor Dr. Jittipat Poonkham, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Mr. Korakot Tetiranon, President of the Thai Chambers of Commerce in



Surat Thani, Chumphon, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phattalung and Songkhla, Mr. Surapol Songrak, Executive Member of the Southern Peasants' Federation of Thailand, Mr. Somboon Khamhang, Chair of NGO Coordinating Committee on Development and Mr. Wichoksak Ronnarongpairee, Chairperson of the Thai Sea Watch Association, joined the panel discussion. Associate Professor Dr. Jittipat Poonkham opened the discussion by identifying changing global landscape and emerging issues in foreign affairs. The other panelists then focused on foreign-affairs-related issues pertinent to the Upper South of Thailand. The session was moderated by Dr. Krongkwan Traitongyoo, ISC Senior Analyst, and attended by approximately 200 faculty members and students of Walailak University.

32nd Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) General Meeting and Standing Committee

12-13 August 2025, FKI Plaza, Seoul, Republic of Korea



On 12-13 August 2025, Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of International Studies Center (ISC) and Mr. Seksan Anantasirikiat, ISC Senior Researcher, joined the delegation led by Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, Chairperson of the Thai National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (TNCPEC) to attend the 32nd Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) General Meeting and Standing Committee at FKI Plaza, Seoul, Republic of Korea. At the event, Dr. Narongchai recounted the evolution of PECC and APEC and his experiences in joining PECC as one of its founding members. He also moderated the session on “Beyond 2025: The Way Forward for Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation”.



Seminar on “Thailand-Singapore@60: Echoing the Past, Envisioning the Future”

Co-organised with the Royal Thai Embassy in Singapore

26 August 2025, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore



On 26 August 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) co-organised with the Royal Thai Embassy in Singapore a seminar on “Thailand-Singapore@60: Echoing the Past, Envisioning the Future” at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. The seminar began with Opening Remarks by Ambassador Ureerat Chareontoh, Thailand’s Ambassador to Singapore. It was followed by two keynote speeches on “Bridging the Past: Thailand-Singapore Relations through Singaporean Views” delivered by George Yeo, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore and “Echoing the Past: Thailand and Singapore’s Diplomatic Relations” by Dr. Tej Bunnag, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

The keynote speeches were followed by a conversation between two former Permanent Secretaries of Foreign Affairs of Singapore and Thailand, namely Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan and Ambassador Sihasak Phuangkitkeow on “Thailand and Singapore: Envisioning the Future Together”. They discussed ongoing geopolitical competition and the implications of emerging challenges for ASEAN, the implications for ASEAN. They also discussed developments within ASEAN as well as issues such as ASEAN identity and centrality. The future cooperation between Thailand and Singapore was also touched upon. The session was moderated by ISC Director. Approximately 100 participants, including public officials, diplomats, business executives, scholars and students attended the event.



Seminar on “Trade and Treaties: Transformation of Siam(?)”

5 September 2025, Surasak Ballroom 2 and 3,
Bangkok Marriott Hotel The Surawongse



The International Studies Center (ISC) organised a seminar on “Trade and Treaties: Transformation of Siam(?)” on 5 September 2025 at Bangkok Marriott Hotel The Surawongse. Three speakers, namely Dr. Tej Bunnag, Secretary-General of the Thai Red Cross Society and Chairperson of ISC Advisory Board, Associate Professor Dr. Chachaphon Jayaphorn, Acting Director of the Secretariat Office of the Sangha Supreme Council in Thailand and Dr. Patcharaviral Charoenpacharaporn, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, discussed historical context of the Treaty between Kingdom of Siam and Great Britain concluded and signed at Bangkok 20th June 1826 known as the Burney Treaty, the Treaty between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Siam concluded and signed at Bangkok 18th April 1855 known as the Bowring Treaty and the Agreement between the Siamese Royal Commissioners and Harry R. Parkes, Esquire on the part of H.B.M. Government, concluded at Bangkok 13th May 1856 known as the Parkes Agreement. They also exchanged views on the impacts of the three treaties on the economic and social developments of Siam. Approximately 100 participants, including former ministers, former Thai ambassadors, diplomats, historians, scholars and university students attended the event.



2nd ASEAN Think Tanks Summit (ATTS)

2-3 October 2025,
ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta



On 2-3 October 2025, Dr. Anuson Chinvano, ISC Director, attended the 2nd ASEAN Think Tanks Summit (ATTS) at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta. The Summit was organised by the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) on behalf of the ASEAN-ISIS network, in partnership with the ASEAN Secretariat and with support from some ASEAN’s Dialogue Partners.

The 2nd ATTS took on the theme of the Malaysian Chair on “Inclusivity and Sustainability”. The conference was opened by Datuk Professor Dr. Mohd Faiz Abdullah, Chairman, ISIS Malaysia and Chair of ASEAN-ISIS. The Opening Remarks were followed by a keynote address by Dr. Kao Kim Houn, Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The conference featured presentations and panel discussions on Building Digital Resilience, Mainstreaming Sustainability, Deepening Economic Integration, Preserving ASEAN Centrality and on Challenges related to Ocean Governance and Maritime Security. As with previous practice, there would be a summary of insights and a policy memo as feedback to the 47th ASEAN Summit.

The Summit was attended by representatives of think tanks from all 10 ASEAN member states as well as Timor-Leste and several dialogue-partner countries, Ambassadors and officials from the Permanent Missions to ASEAN, and officers of the ASEAN Secretariat.



Seminar on “The UN@80: The Future of Multilateralism”

16 October 2025,
Bangkok Marriott Hotel the Surawongse



On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations, the International Studies Center (ISC) organised a seminar on “The UN@80: The Future of Multilateralism” at the Bangkok Marriott Hotel The Surawongse. The event commenced with the opening remarks by Dr. Tej Bunnag, Secretary-General of the Thai Red Cross Society and Chairperson of the ISC Advisory Board.

The seminar comprised two sessions. The first session featured three distinguished speakers, namely Dr. Vilawan Mangklatanukul, Member of the International Law Commission (ILC), and former Director-General of the Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs; Associate Professor Dr. Jittipat Poonkham, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University; and Professor Dr. Krislert Samphantharak, Professor at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), and Senior Fellow at the Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research (PIER). The three speakers discussed emerging issues and challenges faced by the UN from the perspectives of



international politics, international economic relations and international law. They also exchanged views on the future of multilateralism and its implications for “middle powers”.

The second session featured a special talk between Former Prime Minister Anand Panyarachun and Dr. Tej Bunnag. Prime Minister Anand shared his experiences in working with the United Nations and his views on changing international environment and its implications on foreign affairs. Approximately 100 participants, including former ministers, former Thai ambassadors, government officials, representatives from the private sector, media, academia, and civil society participated in the event.

Seminar on “Bandung@70: A Diplomacy of the Global South”

Co-organised with Department of International Organizations Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, and Direk Jayanama Research Center to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 1955 Bandung Conference

20 November 2025, Narathip Auditorium at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs





On 20 November 2025, Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of the International Studies Center (ISC), gave a talk titled “Friendship at the Crossroads: The 1955 Bandung Conference in Thai–Chinese Relations” at the seminar “Bandung@70: A Diplomacy of the Global South.”

The seminar was co-organised by the Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Faculty of Political Science of Thammasat University, and the Direk Jayanama Research Center to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the historic 1955 Bandung Conference. The event took place at Narathip Auditorium at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In his talk, Dr. Anuson highlighted the evolution of Thai–Chinese relations during 1955–1957, a period marked by significant political and diplomatic transition for both countries. He underscored how the Bandung Conference opened up an opportunity for Thailand and China to have some engagement. Nevertheless, shifting domestic political circumstances in Thailand and changes in the broader international landscape subsequently led to a change in policy direction.

The latter session of the seminar featured four distinguished speakers: Professor Thanet Wongyannava (Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University), Associate Professor Dr. Supamit Pitipat (Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University), Associate Professor Dr. Onanong Thippimol (Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University), and Mr. Wiraj Sripong (Department of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs). They explored the intellectual legacy of the Bandung Conference and examined the contemporary relevance of its principles for global diplomacy today, with particular attention to implications for Thailand.



Special Lecture on “Legal Reforms and Improvements toward Thailand’s Accession to the OECD”

Co-organised with Office of Democratic Sustainovation, King Prajadhipok’s Institute (KPI) and Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

8 December 2025, Sappaya Saphasathan at Thai Parliament building



On 8 December 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC), Office of Democratic Sustainovation, King Prajadhipok’s Institute (KPI) and Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs co-organised a special lecture on “Legal Reforms and Improvements toward Thailand’s Accession to the OECD” by Mr. František Ružička, Deputy Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) at the Parliament Complex. At the session, Mr. Ružička emphasised the need for Thailand to reform and improve its legal framework in line with OECD standards, particularly in the areas of good governance, transparency and effective oversight in order to support Thailand’s OECD accession process and enhance the country’s economic and institutional credibility. The event was well attended by approximately 100 participants, including members of the parliament, government officials, KPI students, media and academia.



Book Launch and Panel Discussion on the Occasion of the 50th Diplomatic Anniversary between Thailand and the People’s Republic of China

3 July 2025, Surasak Ballroom 1, Eastin Grand Hotel Sathorn



On 3 July 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) organised a book launch and panel discussion on the occasion of the 50th diplomatic anniversary between Thailand and the People’s Republic of China (PRC). The event was kicked off by the launching of two books, namely “Negotiations to Establish the Diplomatic Relations with the People’s Republic of China 1973-1975: Draft Reports by Tej Bunnag”, which contains draft reports by Dr. Tej Bunnag, Secretary-General of the Thai Red Cross Society and Chairperson of the ISC Advisory Board, during the process to establish the diplomatic relations with the PRC. These drafts belong personally to Dr. Tej who kindly allowed the ISC to publish them for the first time. The second book was “China through Thai Eyes”, which was a collection of academic articles analysing various aspects of Thailand-PRC relations and edited by Professor Dr. Sitthiphon Kruarattikan, President of Thammasat University Faculty Senate.



EVENTS

BOOK LAUNCH

The book launch was followed by a panel discussion on “Looking Forward: Future Directions of Thailand-China Relations” moderated by Mr. Seksan Anantasirikiat, ISC Senior Researcher. Three speakers, namely Associate Professor Dr. Kornphanat Tungkeunkunt, Thammasat University, Ms. Kulthirath Pakawachkrailers, President of Thai e-Commerce Association (THECA) and Ms. Watcharin Setakudan, Vice President of International News Department, Thai News Agency, MCOT, shared their views on emerging issues, opportunities and challenges in the relationship. Over 100 participants from the government organisations, the private sector, the media, scholars and university students attended the event.



1st Thailand-Saudi Arabia Academic Dialogue

16 May 2025, Ma-Kham Room,
Bangkok Marriott The Surawongse Hotel

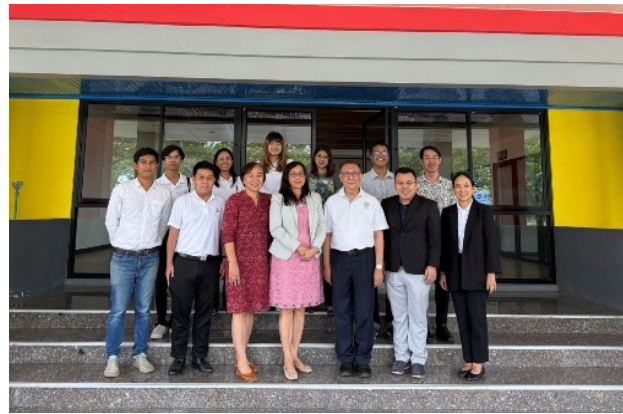


On 16 May 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) in collaboration with the Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs (DVIFA) and the Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies (PSAFIDS) co-organised the Thailand-Saudi Arabia Academic Dialogue at Bangkok Marriott The Surawongse Hotel. The event began with welcome remarks by Mrs. Thitiporn Chirasawadi, Director of DVIFA, which was followed by the opening remarks of H.E. Dr. Mushabbab AlKahtani, Director-General, PSAFIDS, Ms. Mathurawee Wisuthakul, Deputy Director-General, Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and H.E. Mr. Abdulrahman Alsuhaibani, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Thailand. The Dialogue has three sessions, covering Thailand-Saudi Arabia bilateral relations, ASEAN and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and great power rivalry and its implications.



Meeting with Faculty Members of School of Political Science and Public Administration, Walailak University

24 June 2025, Meeting Room 2, Academic Building 5, Walailak University



As part of the International Studies Center (ISC)’s visit to Walailak University, Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of ISC, Dr. Krongkwan Traitongyoo, ISC Senior Analyst, Mr. Seksan Anantasirikiat, ISC Senior Researcher and Associate Professor Dr. Jittipat Poonkham met with faculty members of the International Relations Programme, School of Political Science and Public Administration on 24 June 2025. They discussed prospects for the studies of international relations as well as areas of possible collaboration between the ISC and the International Relations Programme in the future.

1st ISC’s Brown Bag Series: China’s through Siththiphon’s Eyes

27 November 2025, Meeting Room 2, Ministry of Foreign Affairs





On 27 November 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC) organised the 1st meeting of its “Brown Bag Series” on the topic of “China’s through Sitthiphon’s Eyes”. At the event, Professor Sitthiphon Kruarattikan, College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Thammasat University and Editor of “China through Thai Eyes” introduced his study paper on “Thailand and People’s Republic of China: Volatile Politics and Troubles in the Early Years of Diplomatic Relations (1975-1978)”. He also shared his views on the role of China in the region and Thailand-China bilateral relations.

“ISC’s Brown Bag Series” serve as a platform for exchanging views and information between experts and Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials on various foreign affairs issues.

Online Meeting with the Russian Institute for Strategic Studies (RISS)

19 December 2025



On 19 December 2025, the International Studies Center held an online introductory meeting with Mr. Ilya Kravchenko, Head of the Center for External Relations and Protocol and the experts of the Center for China and East Asia, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies.

The Director introduced ISC’s mandates and activities. They also discussed possible collaborations, such as online discussions on issues of mutual interests.



13th GCMS Coordinators' Meeting

29 July 2025, Online

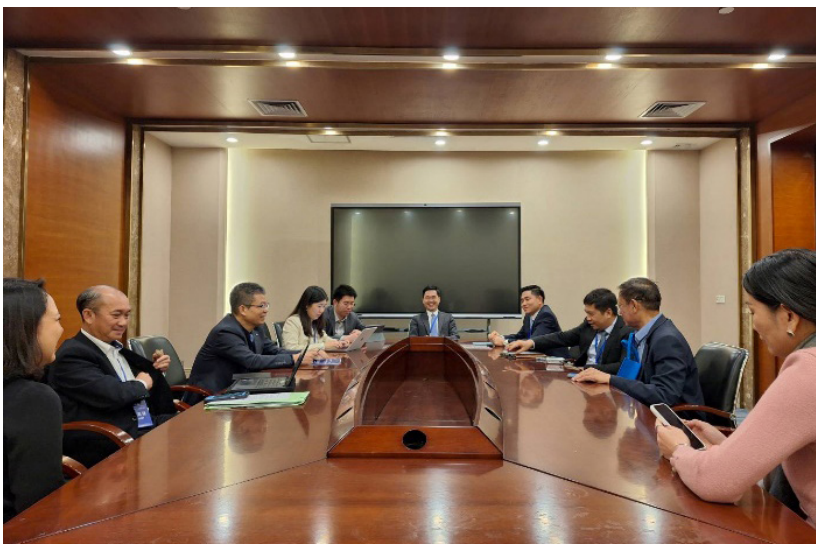


On 29 July 2025, the International Studies Center (ISC), as GCMS Thailand Center, attended the 13th GCMS Coordinators' Meeting online. At the meeting, representatives from six GCMS Centers discussed the joint research paper, presented by Dr. Du Lan, Deputy Director and Associate Research Fellow, Department for Asia-Pacific Security and Cooperation, China Institute of International Studies (CIIS). The paper is prepared jointly by the six centers and will be submitted to the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC) Leaders' Meeting for their consideration later this year. They also discussed the timeframe and venue for the 8th GCMS Think Tank Forum.



14th GCMS Coordinators' Meeting

29 December 2025, Grand Metropark Hotel,
Chongqing, People's Republic of China



The International Studies Center (ISC), in the capacity of the GCMS Thailand Center, attended the 14th GCMS Coordinators' Meeting on 29 December 2025 in Chongqing.

At the meeting, representatives of six GCMS Centers discussed the scope and tentative topic of the 2026 joint research paper, as well as ways to promote visibility of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation and activities of GCMS among the public.



8th GCMS Think Tank Forum

29-30 December 2025,

Grand Metro Hotel, Chongqing People’s Republic of China



International Studies Center (ISC), in the capacity of the Global Center for Mekong Studies (GCMS) Thailand Center, attended the 8th GCMS Think Tank Forum, jointly organised by China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) and Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL) on 29-30 December 2025 in Chongqing, China.

The event was opened by Mr. Wang Dexin, Counsellor, Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China, Dr. Zhang Xiaojun, Vice President, SWUPL and Secretary-General, China-ASEAN Legal Research Center, Dr. Tu Anh Tuan, Acting Director, Center for Development and Economic Diplomacy Research, Institute for Foreign Policy and Strategic Studies, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (DAV) and Dr. Liu Qing, Vice President, CIIS and Director of GCMS China Center. The Forum discussed three main themes, namely “Ten-Year Achievements and Experience of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation”, “New Opportunities and New Drivers for Lancang-Mekong Cooperation in the 2.0 Era” and “Promotion Pathways for Lancang-Mekong Cooperation 2.0”.



During the Forum, Dr. Krongkwan Traitongyoo, ISC Senior Analyst, made a presentation on “From Quantity to Quality and Shared Security: A Decade of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation”. She underlined emerging challenges for water governance in the region and introduced a people-centred paradigm to cope with climate issues. Mr. Seksan Anantasirikiat, ISC Senior Researcher, shared his views on “Mekong-Lancang Cooperation 2.0 and Regionalism: A Public Diplomacy Perspective”. He emphasised that MLC should not only focus on functional cooperation but also strategic communication and engagement with stakeholders. He also suggested some ideas for public diplomacy programmes to raise awareness on MLC among people in the region.

Approximately 60 participants, including representatives of GCMS Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam Centers, and Chinese scholars engaging with research work on Mekong-Lancang Cooperation and Southeast Asia, attended the event.



Visit by Students from the Faculty of Political Science, Rangsit University

20 January 2025

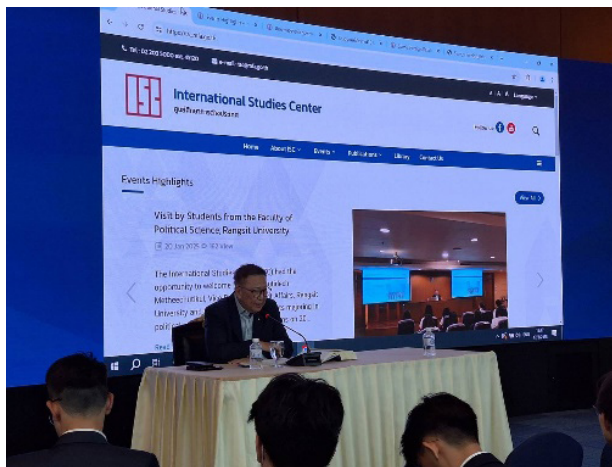


The International Studies Center (ISC) had the opportunity to welcome Lecturer Chutidech Metheechutikul, Vice Dean of Student Affairs, Rangsit University and approximately 50 students majoring in political science and international relations on 20 January 2025. Dr. Anuson Chinvanno, Director of ISC, briefed them on continuity and change in Thailand's foreign affairs and emerging challenges, including geopolitical competition, the effects of technology on foreign affairs, soft power in international relations and climate change. The briefing was followed by a visit to ISC's office.



Visit by Students from the Politics and Global Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University

17 March 2025



Dr. Anuson Chinvanho, Director of International Studies Center (ISC), welcomed Assistant Professor Dr. Pongphisoot Busbarat and 60 students from the Politics and Global Studies Programme, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, on 17 March 2025 at Press Conference Room, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Director shared his views on continuity and change in Thailand's foreign affairs and global megatrends that affect the formation of foreign policy, including geopolitical competition, climate crisis, soft power in international relations and the effects of the virtual world on foreign affairs. The students also had the opportunity to observe the public area inside the Ministry.



Visit by Scholars from The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

29 April 2025



On 29 April 2025, Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of ISC, received a visit from Dr. Evan A. Laksmama, Shangri-La Dialogue Senior Fellow for Southeast Asian Security and Defence, Ms. Meia Nouwens, Senior Fellow for Chinese Security and Defence Policy and Mr. Erik Green, Research Associate, China Programme, The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). The Director briefed them on ISC’s mandate and activities. They exchanged views on regional developments, Thailand’s foreign policy and its relations with the major powers.

Visit by Ms. Li Jijuan, Counsellor, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Thailand

29 April 2025



The International Studies Center (ISC) had the opportunity to welcome Ms. Li Jijuan, Counsellor and Ms. Li Hang, Third Secretary, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Thailand on 29 April 2025. They exchanged views on great power’s strategic competition, regional developments in ASEAN and megatrends in foreign affairs.



Director's Visit to The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA)

23 May 2025



On 23 May 2025, Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of ISC met with Ambassador Sasae Kenichiro, President of The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA), during his private visit to Japan. The Director introduced the mandate and activities of ISC. They exchanged views on regional issues and discussed possible collaborations in the future.

Visit by H.E. Mr. Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Thailand

4 July 2025



On 4 July 2025, the Director of ISC received a visit by H.E. Mr. Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Thailand. The Director introduced the mandate and activities of ISC. They exchanged views on the role of universities in foreign affairs and discussed possible collaborations with think tanks in Bangladesh.



Visit by Dr. Krislert Samphantharak, Advisor, Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research (PIER) and Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of California San Diego

29 July 2025



On 29 July 2025, Dr. Krislert Samphantharak, Advisor, Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research (PIER) and Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of California San Diego visited the ISC and was welcomed by Dr. Anuson Chinvanho, Director of ISC. They shared their views on the role of think tank in policy process and discussed possible future collaborations between PIER and ISC.

Visit by Lecturers and Students from Korea University ASEAN Center (KUAC)

6 August 2025



On 6 August 2025, the International Studies Center welcomed lecturers and students from Korea University ASEAN Center (KUAC). The Director briefed them on ISC’s mandate and activities, which was followed by a special talk on “Megatrends in Foreign Affairs from a Thai Perspective”. The participants had an opportunity to share their views on emerging global challenges as well as ways to enhance the relationship between Thailand and the Republic of Korea. This visit is a part of the CMK School of ASEAN Studies (CSAS), supported by the Hyundai Motor Chung Mong-Koo Foundation.



**Visit by Dr. Arnaud Leveau,
President, Asia Centre, France**

20 August 2025



Dr. Anuson Chinvanno, Director of ISC, received a visit from Dr. Arnaud Leveau, President, Asia Centre, France on 20 August 2025. The Director and the President briefed each other on mandate and activities of their respective institutions. They also exchanged views on the role of think tanks in international affairs and discussed possible collaborations in the future, beginning with an online discussion on a subject of mutual interest.

**Visit to Singapore Institute of
International Affairs (SIIA)**

26 August 2025



As part of the ongoing cooperation between ISC and SIIA, Dr. Tej Bunnag, Chairperson of ISC Advisory Board, Dr. Anuson Chinvanno, Director of ISC and Ambassador Sihasak Phuangketkeow, former Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs paid a visit to Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) and were received by Professor Simon Tay, Chairperson of SIIA. The delegation exchanged views on regional developments and the role of ASEAN with executives and scholars from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute and Temasek.



Visit by Students from Faculty of Social Science, Srinakharinwirot University

20 October 2025



Dr. Anuson Chinvano, Director of the International Studies Center (ISC), welcomed a visit by Dr. Kullanan Kunthic and 96 students majoring in international relations from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Srinakharinwirot University, on 20 October 2025 at Narathip Auditorium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the visit, Dr. Anuson briefed the students on ISC's activities and megatrends in international affairs, including geopolitical competition, climate crisis as well as the role of non-state actors and emerging technology, and their implications for foreign affairs.

Visit by Ms. Channa Cummings, Chief of External Political-Military Unit, the Embassy of the United States of America, Thailand

18 December 2025



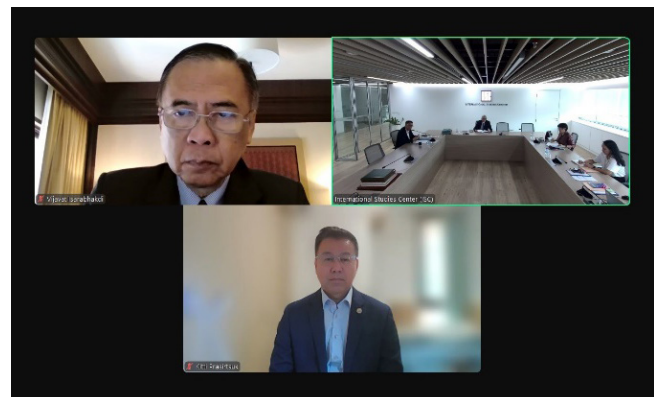
On 18 December 2025, ISC Director received a visit by Channa Cummings, Chief of External Political-Military Unit, Mr. William Hope, Political Officer, and Ms. Kullawee Pongpattanjit, Political Specialist, US Embassy. They exchanged views on development in the region.



MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD

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**18 March 2025, Meeting Room 1,
International Studies Center**



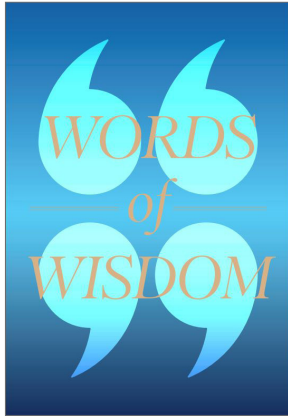
On 18 March 2025, the Advisory Board held its session for 2025. At the meeting, the Director introduced the Annual Report 2024 and briefed the Board on activities and publications planned for 2025. Board members provided advice on the operation of ISC.



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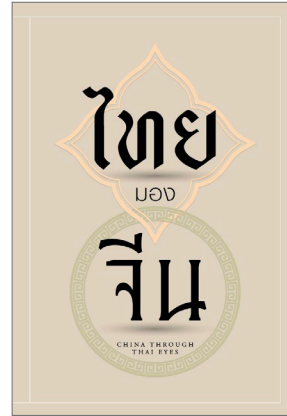
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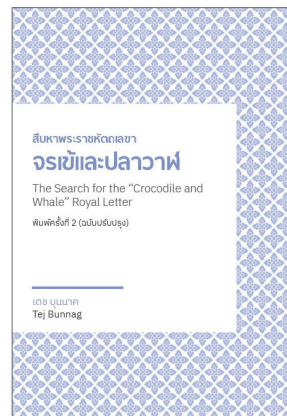


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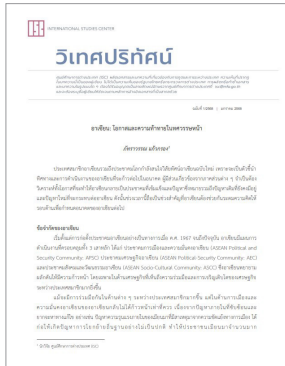
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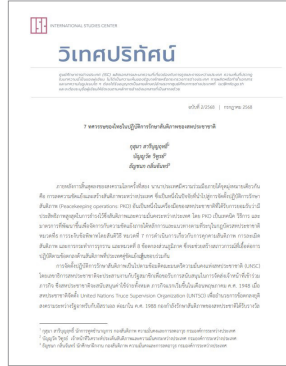
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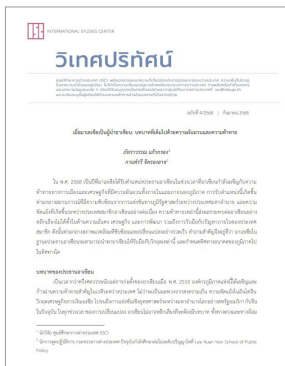
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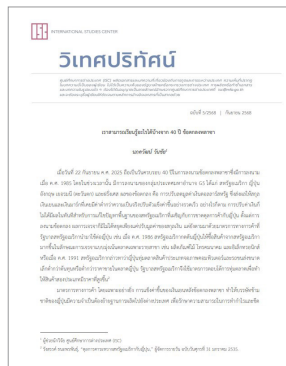
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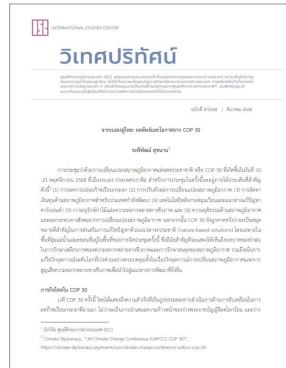
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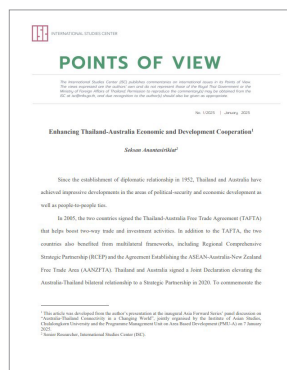


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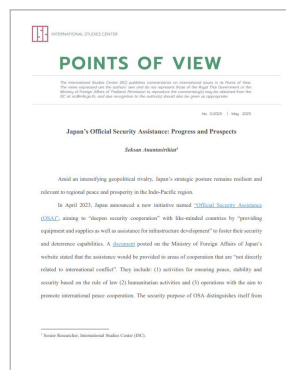
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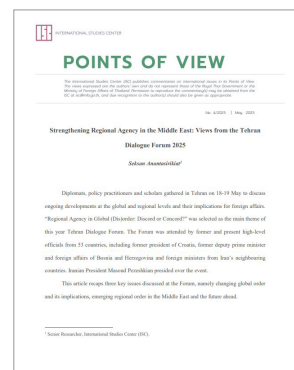
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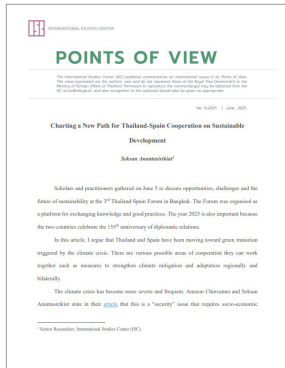
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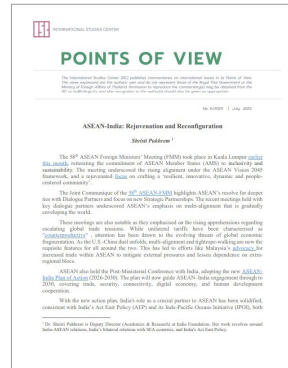
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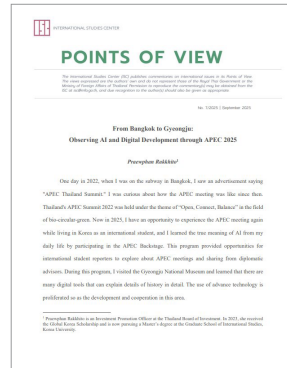
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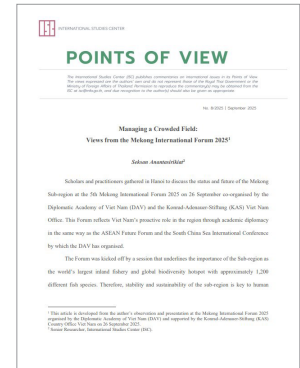
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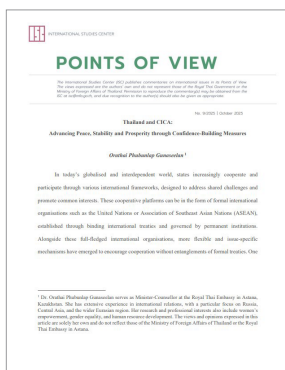
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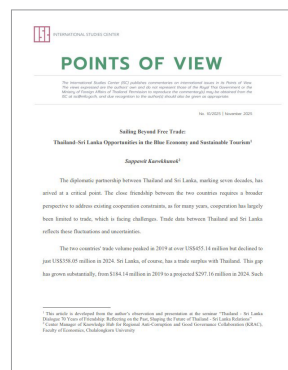
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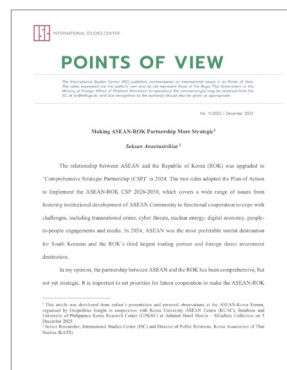
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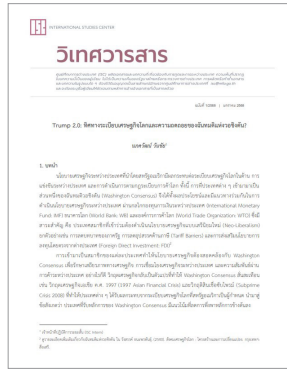
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