



# Royal Thai Embassy, Kathmandu

Newsletter from Thailand

July 2019

## Inauguration of school building at Khotang

On 12 June, 2019, H.E. Mr. Bhakavat Tanskul, Ambassador of Thailand to Nepal, along with Chief Abbot of the Royal Thai Monastery in Lumbini inaugurated the recently constructed a building in Savitri School premises at Bramang, Khotang. The school building has been constructed with financial support of 4.5 million Rupees from Mr. Wanchai Rau- Ari. This school project is one of the symbol of goodwill and friendship from the Thai people to the Nepali friends.

## Thailand's ranks top among ASEAN countries in terms of SDGs development progress

Thailand is top among ASEAN countries on development progress in United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Meanwhile, Thailand ranks 40<sup>th</sup> out of 162 countries surveyed, moving up 19 places from last year.

Source: <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/sdgs-ranking-2019-thailand-40th-globally-1st-in-asean/>

## Thailand hosted 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit

Thailand, as ASEAN Chairmanship, hosted the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit during 20 – 23 June 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand, under the theme of "Advancing Partnership for Sustainability", which reflects the ASEAN's commitment to building an ASEAN Community that is people-centred, leaves no one behind and looks to the future. This theme also intends to promote sustainability in all dimensions to enable ASEAN to respond to changes and challenges such as the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution, climate change, and competition between countries outside the region. The ASEAN Leaders expressed strong support to the Thai Chairmanship theme and, are committed to collectively pushing forward cooperation under the ASEAN framework for concrete outcomes.

## Two Thai Restaurants listed in the 2019 World's Best Restaurants

Among the list of World's 50 Best on a list sponsored by San Pellegrino, two Thai restaurants were included. Gaggan, as restaurant in Bangkok has ranked at 4<sup>th</sup> position, improved from 5<sup>th</sup> position last year. while another restaurant in Bangkok- Suhring- is at 45.

Source: <https://www.eater.com/worlds-50-best-restaurants-awards/2019/6/25/18714984/worlds-50-best-restaurants-2019>

## Services and Hours

### Hours of Business:

Monday to Friday  
08:30 to 12:30 hrs.  
13:30 to 16:30 hrs.

### Consular Service

Visa Application Submission  
09:30 to 12:00 hrs.  
Passport Collection  
14:00 to 16:00 hrs.

### Upcoming holidays:

**July 16:** Asalha Bucha Day  
**July 29:** Substitution for His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn's birthday

## Upcoming Events in Thailand

### Candle Festival

**When:** July 2016

**Where:** Mainly North East Thailand

Candle festivals take place right across North East Thailand almost exclusively in July each year. This is also the traditional for preparation for the rainy season where people donate food, clothes and candles.

