

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY
TO THE REMARKS OF THE
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR
OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
TANEE SANGRAT
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. Ambassador:

It is with great pleasure that I accept your Letter of Credence, which establishes you as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand, and I acknowledge receipt of the Letter of Recall of your predecessor, Ambassador Manasvi Srisodapol. I would like to welcome you and your family back to the United States, and I look forward to working with you to expand the relations between our countries.

Your arrival in Washington is important on many levels. It marks nearly 190 years of friendship between our two nations and underscores our enduring commitment to strengthening economic and investment ties, security cooperation, and cultural exchanges. Our countries share a common vision and purpose, and our treaty alliance and partnership help advance peace, sustainability, and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific region. As APEC host this year and contributor to the new Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, Thailand's presence will be essential to promoting even closer cooperation between our two countries.

Our relationship is experiencing significant momentum in a wide range of areas. For example, Secretary of State Blinken's recent visit to Thailand and signing of the Thailand-United States Communique on Strategic Alliance and Partnership marked a major achievement in enhancing mutually beneficial strategic cooperation. This Communique builds on the previous 1962 Thanat-Rusk Communique, setting forth an even more ambitious agenda capable of tackling our 21st century challenges. From addressing climate change to revitalizing our economies, these priorities will bolster the prosperity, health, and security of both our nations. Similarly, our recent Memorandum of Understanding on Promoting Supply Chain Resilience charts a path forward for both our governments and respective private sectors to create resilient, diverse, and secure supply chains. Our first-ever Strategic and Defense Dialogue, held in May, underpins our alliance, and we are excited to continue this annual dialogue. Our ongoing cooperation through the Mekong-U.S. Partnership also testifies to our longstanding commitment to work together to solve tough transnational issues that affect the livelihoods of the millions of people reliant on the Mekong River. We also value Thailand's support in addressing other regional challenges, including the escalating violence in Burma.

Our countries stand united in the face of health threats. For over two years, our governments worked together to save lives, and we will continue to cooperate to improve health care systems so that we emerge even stronger from the pandemic. We will continue our efforts to work with you to improve health outcomes for all of Thailand's citizens.

We also share an interest in improving the prosperity of our nations. We see opportunities to collaborate on common interests in promoting economic growth, development, and prosperity for our two countries and the Indo-Pacific region, as whole.

Mr. Ambassador, I look forward to working with you to advance our common agenda and strengthen the bonds between our countries. It is a pleasure to welcome you to Washington.