



## Prime Minister

HE General Prayut Chan-o-Cha  
Prime Minister  
**KINGDOM OF THAILAND**

Dear Prime Minister

I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the King of Thailand.

As the world's longest-serving monarch, His Majesty reigned through a transformative period of development in Thailand, and across the region. He did so with great wisdom, kindness and hard work.

The visit by His Majesty and Queen Sirikit to New Zealand in 1962 is still remembered warmly in New Zealand. It was a key foundation in the close and friendly ties that have since developed between our countries.

His Majesty's loss will be felt deeply by the people of Thailand. On behalf of the Government of New Zealand, and all New Zealanders, I convey our most sincere condolences to you, Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Royal Family and the people of Thailand.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon John Key  
**PRIME MINISTER**