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# Media registration for the event "Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami" to be held at Khao Lak, Phang Nga Province on 26-27 December 2014

As the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Indian Ocean tsunami is approaching on 26 December 2014, the Royal Thai Government is organizing a remembrance event entitled "Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami" on 26-27 December 2014 at Khao Lak, Phang Nga Province, for the purpose of:

- 1) Remembering those who lost their lives and showing support to those who survived:
  - 2) Expressing appreciation to those who helped us in difficult times;
  - 3) Showing the regeneration of communities affected by the tsunami; and
- 4) Raising public awareness and confidence in Thailand's effective early-warning systems and disaster preparedness.

The remembrance ceremony on 26 December will be marked by speeches and poetry reading, wreath laying, observance of silence, ending with candle-light memorial ceremony, while on 27 December there will be trips (for voluntary participation) to two local communities which have survived the tsunami and returned to normal life ever stronger.

Participants will include Thai nationals, individuals who survived the tragic event, relatives of those who lost their lives, the diplomatic corps and high-level representatives from the United Nations as well as from countries affected by the tragedy.

Media interested in covering the remembrance event can find more details in the "Information Note for Participants" (Attachment 1), and register themselves by completing the attached form (Attachment 2) and send it together with copies of their 1) passport, 2) press ID card, 3) letter of identification from their press agency, 4) list of filming and broadcasting equipment (as applied), to <a href="mailto:mfathai.media@gmail.com">mfathai.media@gmail.com</a> or fax: +66-2-643-2643, +66-2-643-5089 from now until 20 December 2014.

Media coordinators for this event are Mr. Panote Preechyanut and Ms. Ploysiri Songkaew, tel: +66-2-643-5106, email: mfathai.media@gmail.com

A Media Center will be established at the remembrance site, the Police Boat T813 Tsunami Memorial, and also at Pullman Khao Lak Katiliya Resort & Villas, to provide broadcasting assistance and facilitation to the local and foreign media.

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LIST OF MEDIA EQUIPMENT TO BE BROUGHT INTO THAILAND (Foreign Media Only)					
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Foreign Media MUST submit the following documents; and please attach the copy as the reference.

- 1. A copy of original letter of assignment from your organization.
- 2. FOR VISITING MEDIA: A copy of Passport, validity of no less than 6 months, and valid visa
- 3. สำหรับสื่อมวลขนในประเทศ กรุณาแนบบัตรประจำตัวสื่อมวลขน

Reply by Email (ตอบรับโดยส่งอีเมล์หรือแฟกซ์มาที่): mfathal.media@gmail.com or Fax: 02-643-5106 - 7 Please note that the deadline for accreditation is 20 December 2014. (หมดเขตการลงทะเบียนในวันที่ 20 ธ.ค. 2557)

#### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## The Remembrance Ceremony "Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami" 26 December 2014 Takua Pa District, Phang-nga Province

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Remembrance Ceremony "Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami" will be held on 26 December 2014 at the Police Boat T813 Tsunami Memorial, Takua Pa District, Phang-nga Province

#### 2. ACCREDITATION

Members of the media who wish to cover the meetings are required to be accredited and in possession of a media badge. Media are kindly requested to fill in the Registration Form and submit it together with a copy representatives of the Press ID Card issued by the Public Relations Department, Office of the Prime Ministers or employed agency by 20 December 2014 via e-mail: mfathai.media@gmail.com or by fax + 66 2 643 5106 -7

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reserves the right to approve the request and will inform he approved members of the press individually. Approved members of the press can collect the badge for News coverage at the Media Registration Counter, located at the Police Boat T813 Tsunami Memorial Site on 25 December 2014 from 10.00 hrs. onwards until 16.00 hrs of 26 December 2014

Interested media are requested to go through the camera inspection process at entrance of the site one and a half hour prior to the event start and kindly be informed to bring the press ID card along.

#### 3. FACILITIES

- 3.1 2 Camera Stands will be available for video and camera purpose at the Police Boat T813 Tsunami Memorial.
- 3.2 The Media Center and Working Room is located at entrance of the Police Boat T813 Tsunami Memorial. PCs with internet connection, LAN cable outlets and free Wi-Fi internet (speed of 50 MB) access are available at the work station area in the Media Centre.

Additional Media Working Room is located at Pullman Khao Lak Katiliya Resort and Villas, Takua Pa District.

Operating Hours of both Media Center and Working Rooms:

- 25 December 2014 from 12.00 19.00 hrs.
- 26 December 2014 from 09.00 24.00 hrs.

Media Briefings Schedule

Please check the Information Board at Media Working Area (Media Centre) for the latest schedule of media briefings.

3.3 International Broadcasting Centre (IBC)

National Broadcasting Services of Thailand (NBT) Channel or Channel 11has been officially designated as the Host Broadcaster of the Remembrance Ceremony "Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami" to provide international quality coverage of the ceremony of this event to all media members.

TP Frequency 4148 MHz Symbol Rate 4688 FEC 3/4

Dropout Area (10 SD-SDI, 5 HD-SDI embedded audio), located at the Memorial site adjacent to Media Center.

Note: Additional requests beyond the above-mentioned facilities must be made in advance and depend on the limited availability.

#### 4. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Visa

All media representatives must be in possession of valid visas and passports for entry into Thailand. Please enquire at the overseas Missions and Embassies of Thailand in your respective countries. Information on visa requirements is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/123

#### Customs Clearance Requirements

All media representatives are required to carry a detailed list of their equipments including the type, serial numbers, and quantity of the items including radio communication equipment and the frequency bands.

Applicants should inform a list of equipment with the Media Accreditation Application Form.

Temporary importation of equipment is allowed subject to Customs approval. The list of equipment must be produced on arrival at Phuket International Airport/ Suvarnabhumi International Airport.

#### Dress Code

Media representatives should wear proper attire while covering the events. Shirt/ Lady covered skirt and heel covered shoes is advisable. Please avoid tank-tops, shorts, slippers and sandals.

#### Transportation

A free shuttle service with limited number of seats will be provided on a first-come-first-served basis for media pool coverage of the official programme from Pullman Hotel to the Remembrance Ceremony on 26 December 2014 and site visit on 27 December 2014.

Local Taxis are available at most hotels, shopping centres and the airport. Self-drive cars are available for hire from major hotels and the airport.

#### Airport Arrivals and Departures of Heads of Delegation

Due to security reason, media coverage of arrivals and departures of Heads of Delegation in the restricted zones at Phuket International Airport is limited to the host media and the official media of the arriving/departing delegation only.

#### 5. ACCOMMODATION

Suggested list of accommodations near the Memorial Site in Phang-nga Province:

Pullman Khao Lak Resort & Spa

http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-9732-pullman-khao-lak-katiliya-resort-and-spa/index.shtml

9/9 Moo 1<br/>Tambol Kuk-Kak, Amphur Takua Pa $\,$ , Phang Nga<br/> 82190

Telephone: (+66) 76 427500

Fax: (+66) 76 427501

Email: reservations@pullmankhaolak.com

Ramada Khao Lak

http://www.ramadakhaolak.com/

59 Moo 5, Bangniang Beach T. Khukkhak, Takuapa Khaolak, Khao Lak, Phang-nga 82190

Contact Person: Khun Chananya Telephone: (+66) 8 8484 3322 Email: DOSM@ramadakhaolak.com

The Sands Khao Lak

http://www.thesandskhaolak.com/

10/18 Petchkasem rd., Moo 7 Kukkak, Takua Pa, Phang-nga 82190

Contact Person: Kun Wiracha Telephone: (+66)76 428 828 Email: sales@thesandskhaolak.com

Monochrome

http://www.monochromeresort.com/

67/238, Moo 5, Kukkak, Takua Pa Phang Nga 82190

Contact Person: Kun Wiracha Telephone: (+66)76 427 700

Email: rsvn@monochromeresort.com

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## Tentative Programme "Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami" 26 – 28 December 2014 at Takua Pa District, Phang-nga Province

#### Friday, 26 December 2014

17.00 hrs. Starts Live Broadcast on NBT Channel

#### 17.30 hrs.- 18.30 hrs.

Official programme of the Remembrance Ceremony, "Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami"

- Welcome remarks by Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the Remembrance Ceremony
- Keynote address in remembrance of victims and survivors of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami by High-level Representative of the Royal Thai Government -
- Observance of a moment of silence
- Wreath laying at the Police Boat T813 Tsunami Memorial by High-level Representative of the Royal Thai Government and foreign dignitaries
- VDO Presentation on "Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami in Thailand"
- Remarks by Thai and foreign dignitaries
- Poetry reading by local and international figures in remembrance of the lives perished and the survivors
- Candlelight memorial and the release of newly composed memorial song "Hold me close"

19.00 hrs. Reception hosted by the Royal Thai Government at Pullman Khao Lak Katiliya Resort and Villas

#### Saturday, 27 December 2014

09.30 hrs. Foreign Dignitaries and Heads of Missions in Bangkok attend a study visit to Ban Namkhem (Disaster resilient community model project)

11.00 hrs. Foreign Dignitaries and Heads of Missions arrives at Ban Thung Rak 2004