

**Opening Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Penprapa Vongkovit
On the Occasion of the Soft opening reception of Thai Festival 2017
“From Chao Praya to Herzliya”
27 June 2017, 18.00 – 20.30 p.m.
Venue: Ambassador’s resident**

*Excellencies,
Member of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is truly a great pleasure for me to welcome you all to our cultural event “From Chao Praya to Herzliya”. This evening event is a part of the Thai Festival 2017 in Israel which will take place on the upcoming 28-29 June in Nazareth and Tel Aviv.

Every year, Thailand is privileged to welcome 160,000 mainly young Israeli visitors, who found my country a welcoming and friendly place to relax and enjoy exotic food, fruits, our ancient culture, and of course learn some Muay Thai.

So it is only right that the Thai Embassy, in collaboration with the Tourism Authority of Thailand, should bring some of our rich culture here to Israel, itself places rich in history and culture, in order to deepen the bonds of friendship between our two countries.

I am therefore highly honoured to welcome you all tonight which will feature our famous street food along with a Jazz Concert Performance of Thai Contemporary Music by "The Rajawadee" band. Moreover, you will experience the elements of “Thainess” through authentic Thai foods, gentle relaxation of traditional Thai massage, and so on.

Before I conclude, I wish to thank once again: the Tourism Authority of Thailand who have worked tirelessly to help Israelis discover Thailand; and this evening’s private sectors, namely Via Nazareth, Talma, Urban Bride and Aeroflot as well as Ms. Naomi Horowitz, Thai business woman in Israel, who contributed fruit craving demonstration, Thai massages and Thai cultural performance for tonight. This festival would not be possible without your kind support.

I wish you a most enjoyable evening.

Thank you.

**Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Penprapa Vongkovit
Opening of the Thai Festival in Israel
28 June 2017 at St. Joseph Auditorium in Nazareth**

*Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen
Shalom / Sawadeeka*

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So it is only right that the Thai Embassy, in collaboration with the Tourism Authority of Thailand, should bring some of our rich culture here to Nazareth, itself places rich in history and culture, in order to deepen the bonds of friendship between our two countries.

I am therefore highly honoured to open the [first] Thai festival in Israel tonight which will feature:

- A photo photo-exhibition “Thailand through Israeli eyes”;
- A presentation of our favourite Thai dishes and discussion about Thai cuisine by “global guru of Thai authentic food ” ,Mr. Mark Wiens;
- Performance of our contemporary music by Thai jazz band “The Rajawadee”, and
- Finally, we will announce the winner of the lucky draw who will receive 2 plane tickets to Thailand and 8 nights stay at 5 Stars hotel in Bangkok and Chiang Mai.

Before I conclude, I wish to thank once again: the Tourism Authority of Thailand who have worked tirelessly to help Israelis discover Thailand; and this evening’s private sectors, namely Via Nazareth. This festival would not be possible without your kind support.

I wish you a most enjoyable evening.

Thank you.

Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Penprapa Vongkovit
Opening of the Thai Festival in Israel
29 June 2017 at Cinema City in Ramat HaSharon, Tel Aviv

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen
Shalom / Sawadeeka

Every year, Thailand is privileged to welcome 160,000 mainly young Israeli visitors, who found my country a welcoming and friendly place to relax and enjoy exotic food, fruits, our ancient culture, and of course learn some Muay Thai.

So it is only right that the Thai Embassy, in collaboration with the Tourism Authority of Thailand, should bring some of our rich culture here to Tel Aviv, itself places rich in history and culture, in order to deepen the bonds of friendship between our two countries.

I am therefore highly honoured to open the [first] Thai festival in Israel tonight which will feature:

- A photo photo-exhibition “Thailand through Israeli eyes”;
- A presentation of our favourite Thai dishes and discussion about Thai cuisine by “global guru of Thai authentic food ”, Mr. Mark Wiens;
- Remarks by Mr. Eitan Hermon, World Paralympic Champion;
- Performance of our contemporary music by Thai jazz band “The Rajawadee”, featuring the ever popular Mr. Hemi Rudner; and
- Finally, we will announce the winner of the lucky draw who will receive 2 plane tickets to Thailand and 8 nights stay at 5 Stars hotel in Bangkok and Chiang Mai.

Before I conclude, I wish to thank once again: the Tourism Authority of Thailand who have worked tirelessly to help Israelis discover Thailand; and this evening’s private sectors, namely Talma, Urban Bride and Aeroflot. This festival would not be possible without your kind support.

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