

**Remarks by H.E. Ms. Ambassador Penprapa Vongkovit
Ambassador of Thailand to Israel
At the Annual General Assembly
of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)
Tel Aviv's Convention Center, Hall 2
Tuesday, 23 October 2018.**

*Mr Uzi Hanuni,
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am pleased to be here today to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation, on behalf of the Royal Thai Government and the people of Thailand, to Maxtech Networks for providing experts and the essential communication devices which played a significant role to the successful rescue operation in returning the Moo Pa Academy Football Team trapped in Tham Luang Cave, Chiangrai Province, to safety on 10 July 2018.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Government of Israel for the kind offer to send a special Navy team, together with specialized diving helmets, to assist in the operation.

The said support and technical assistances of the Israeli Government and private sectors, reflected the close relations and cordial friendship between our two countries. They reaffirm that Israel is “a friend in need is a friend indeed” of Thailand.

Toda Raba.

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