

**Opening Remarks**  
**Thai Festival in Nazareth**  
**13 September 2019**

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*Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Friends of Thailand*  
*Good evening,*

It is my pleasure to be here this evening to welcome all of you to the Thai Festival in Nazareth. This event is a part of Thai Festival organized by the Royal Thai Embassy and the Tourism Authority of Thailand every year.

Last year, Thailand was privileged to welcome one hundred eighty-eight thousand Israeli visitors, who found Thailand a welcoming place to relax and enjoy exotic food, tropical fruits, shopping, rich culture, and of course learn some Muay Thai.

We have organized the Thai Festival in Nazareth for three constructive years. This reflects that we attach great importance and welcome Arab – Israelis to visit Thailand. I hope there will be more visitors from Nazareth to discover amazing Thailand.

This is my first time to visit the City of Nazareth, where is itself rich of history and culture and the biggest Arab -Israeli community in Israel. I am surprised how much interest of Arab – Israeli that would like to visit Thailand,

I can tell by seeing all of you tonight. I am sure that you will enjoy the Thai Festival in Nazareth which will feature:

- Thai food;
- Thai massage;
- Presentation of destination Thailand: Pattaya;
- finally, we will announce the winners of the lucky draws who will receive round trip air tickets to Thailand and hotels in Thailand.

Last but not least, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to our friends and partners who have given their kind support to the Thai Festival: the Tourism Authority of Thailand who has worked tirelessly to help Israelis discover Thailand; Mr. Shadi Jaraisy, General Manager of Via Nazareth and Mr. Tamer Kasis, CEO of Renaissance wedding hall. This Festival would not be possible without your kind support.

Thank you, and I wish you the most enjoyable evening.

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**Opening Remarks by H.E. Ms. Penprapa Vongkovit,  
Ambassador of Thailand to Israel  
At Khaosan – TLV Festival, 24 September 2019 at 18.50 hrs.**

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*Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Friends of Thailand,*

*Good evening, Sawasdee ka*

It is my pleasure to be here this evening to welcome all of you to the Khaosan – TLV Festival in Tel Aviv. This event is the first time the Embassy cooperate with Tel Aviv Municipality to transform the Nahalat Binyamin Street into the famous Khaosan Road of Thailand. I wish to thank the Municipality and people of Tel Aviv for giving us an opportunity to bring the Thai culture and our cultural performances to Tel Aviv, which is a city famous for its rich in history and culture. It is also a privilege for Thailand that the Municipality sees the uniqueness of Khaosan Road and making it possible to bring its lively atmosphere to the Nahalat Binyamin street.

Last year, Thailand welcomed one hundred eighty-eight thousand Israeli visitors, who found Thailand a welcoming place to relax and enjoy exotic food, tropical fruits, shopping, rich culture, and of course learn some Muay Thai. We are here to reach out to the people of Tel Aviv in order to deepen the bonds of friendship between Thailand and Israel. I am hoping that Thailand would have the honour to welcome more Israelis to discover Thailand.

I believed that I don't have to explain much about how joyful the Khaosan Road is, since you are going to experience it here in Tel Aviv from today until 26 September, during which all participants will enjoy various Thai street food as well as Thai cultural performances.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all 15 performers and musicians from the Bunditpatanasilpa Institute (สถาบันบัณฑิตพัฒนศิลป์), Ministry of Culture of Thailand, who travelled from Bangkok to perform at the Festival.

They brought with them various performances including “Khon” – the classical masked dance and other contemporary performances which represent way of life of people all over Thailand. You are welcomed to give them support and enjoy their performances at 17.00, 19.00 and 21.00 hrs. every day at this main stage.

Last but not least, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to our friends and partners who have given their kind support to the festival: the Tourism Authority of Thailand who has worked tirelessly to help Israelis discover Thailand and again Tel Aviv Municipality for all support to make to make this festival possible.

Thank you, and I wish you the most enjoyable evening.

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