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# Introduction

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand has published annual reports since 2009, as mandated by the Bureau of the Budget and the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board.

The purpose is to inform the public of the works and activities undertaken by the Ministry in accordance with the policy of the Royal Thai Government and the Ministry's mission to strengthen Thailand's relations with countries around the world, to promote the progress of Thailand, and to protect the interests of the Thai people.

This Report presents information on key activities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the year 2014. It demonstrates the Ministry's commitment to be proactive in enhancing cooperation and understanding between Thailand and foreign countries, in representing our nation and promoting its stature and constructive roles in ASEAN and beyond, as well as in protecting Thais living abroad.

The Report begins with the messages from the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Its contents are divided into nine chapters, giving brief details on each of the Ministry's main tasks.

**Editorial Committee**  
**September 2015**



Message  
from

## His Excellency General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand



Thailand is now moving forward with a vision for stability, prosperity, and sustainability that looks to benefit all Thai citizens as well as a peaceful and flourishing region. With this direction, Thailand is confident about playing a more positive role in the international community by contributing to the global development agenda and by strengthening our commitments to international security.

Thailand has embarked on a number of reform initiatives as a foundation for a proactive and constructive foreign policy. The Royal Thai Government is committed to strengthening cordial and cooperative relations with our neighbours and international friends, tackling problems of transnational crime, enhancing common security, as well as protecting the interests of Thai nationals abroad. These are the major tasks undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We are also committed to further advancing tangible cooperation in various areas that shall benefit Thailand, the ASEAN Community, and indeed the global community.

During visits to ASEAN member states this year, the Royal Thai Government has proposed a number of important strategies for the building of a strong ASEAN Community, particularly in the areas of agriculture, education, public health, and the promotion of a crime-free society. We have also proposed collaboration with friendly countries on sustainable development and security cooperation, such as through the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) along our borders, the development of transportation networks in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), systematic and comprehensive management of migrant workers, and the enhancement of cooperation within the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

In view of these developments, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my appreciation to the executives, officials, and staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for conducting our foreign affairs to the best of their abilities, particularly in promoting international understanding of the developments in Thailand while proficiently protecting the interests and integrity of our nation. I wish the personnel of the Ministry all the success in their endeavours.

General  (Ret.)  
(Prayut Chan-o-cha)

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

Message  
from

His Excellency  
Mr. Don Pramudwinai  
Minister of Foreign Affairs



In 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs continued its work to strengthen foreign relations, especially at the people's and business levels, and to raise Thailand's status and competitiveness on the international stage. The Ministry was also proactive in seeking opportunities to promote understanding and provide reassurance regarding the political change which occurred mid-year.

The current government has brought a new dimension to Thailand’s foreign policy. As stated in the Policy Statement of the Council of Ministers, delivered by General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, before the National Legislative Assembly on Friday 12 September 2014, prior to the commencement of his administration, the Government shall “promote good relations with foreign countries based on the principle that foreign policy is a vital component of overall policy in national administration, whether in the area of politics, economics, or society, by employing integrated diplomatic mechanisms, directly or indirectly, for the maximum benefit of the Thai people such as the protection of Thai nationals and interests abroad, exchanges in education, culture, trade, human resource development, and broadening of perspectives to be more universal”.

The statement embraces both the principles and rationale of our foreign policy, strategies, and implementation guidelines. The ultimate goals of our policy are to promote the well-being of the Thai people and to enhance the competitiveness of Thailand on the international stage.

Ensuring that policy takes into account benefits for the people is a fundamental principle I have always adhered to. This will continue to guide the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, especially our efforts to establish a people-oriented and people-centred ASEAN Community by the end of 2015. In an ever evolving global dynamic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stands ready to do our part to ensure that the Thai people, residing both inside and outside the country, will be able to benefit from the geopolitical, economic, and socio-cultural changes in the region and beyond.



**Don Pramudwinai**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs**



Message  
from

## Mr. Norachit Sinhaseni Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Throughout 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs carried out its mission in accordance with its proactive foreign policy and strategy. This included not only the promotion of understanding about Thailand's political situation, economic development and progress in various areas, but also the strengthening of Thailand's relations with every nation. The Ministry collaborated with other agencies to carry out projects and activities in such areas as development of the country's infrastructure and border areas, cooperation in science, technology and innovation, and expansion of trade and investment.

The Ministry also played a vital role in ensuring Thailand's preparedness for the realization of the ASEAN Community. We implemented a number of outreach programmes while maintaining Thailand's role in ASEAN, which included, among other things, serving as country coordinator for ASEAN – China relations, and advocating regional connectivity and the creation of a people-centred ASEAN Community.

As the agency tasked to protect and advance Thailand's national interests overseas, the Ministry carried out activities and projects that aim to enhance security, economic progress, and development of Thailand and her people. In the international arena, the Ministry also played a constructive role on issues of poverty eradication, sustainable development, food and energy security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, as well as counter-terrorism and transnational crimes such as drugs and human trafficking.

The protection of Thai nationals abroad and providing consular services are among the top priorities that the Ministry works continuously to improve. In 2014, together with other concerned agencies, the Ministry assisted Thais in need of assistance, including those who were victims of human trafficking and forced labour or were facing unrest in foreign countries.

Officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will continue to devote our full knowledge and ability to discharge our responsibilities in an efficient and professional manner. We shall constantly seek to develop our organization and move forward Thailand's foreign policy for the benefit of the country and people.



**Norachit Sinhaseni**  
**Permanent Secretary**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

# Direction of National Foreign Policy

The year 2014 saw continuity in the direction of Thailand's foreign policy, including in the following key areas:

1. Uphold national sovereignty, integrity and security, promote understanding and build confidence in Thailand among the international community;
2. Maintain cordial relations and enhance cooperation at the bilateral and multilateral levels;
3. Reinforce unity and strength of ASEAN, enhance national preparedness and the constructive role of Thailand in promoting cooperation between ASEAN and its partners;
4. Promote relations with countries that have potential and strategic significance in order to support national political, economic, and social development;
5. Enhance regional and global security and strengthen Thailand's roles and responsibilities in the international arena through constructive contributions to resolving transnational issues;
6. Promote public diplomacy through consular work, the protection of lives and interests of Thai nationals abroad, knowledge building and the promotion of the people's participation in foreign affairs.

The above direction of foreign policy is in accordance with the Policy Statement of the Council of Ministers delivered by General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, to the National Legislative Assembly on Friday 12 September 2014. The Prime Minister stated that "foreign policy is a vital component of overall policy in national administration, whether in the area of politics, economics, or society, by employing integrated diplomatic mechanisms directly or indirectly, for the maximum benefit of the Thai people". The main substance of the policy statement can be summarized as follows:

1. Protecting and upholding the monarchy by providing accurate information about the institution and supporting royally initiated projects;
2. Maintaining national security and foreign affairs by ensuring Thailand's readiness towards the ASEAN Community, addressing the problem of transnational issues, emphasizing the prevention and resolution of disputes and boundary problems, as well

as promoting border-area development, confidence building and defense cooperation, protection of natural resources, and the rule of law;

3. Reducing social inequality and creating opportunities to access public services by elevating labour skills and solving the problems of illegal migration and human trafficking;

4. Promoting education, religion, and art and culture through educational reform and reinforcing moral values to improve the people's livelihoods and ensure peaceful co-existence;

5. Improving the quality of public health services, strengthening disease monitoring systems, and promoting research and development;

6. Enhancing the country's economic potential, giving due consideration to efficient investment projects, strengthening the agricultural sector, decreasing export barriers, developing infrastructure and supporting innovation and capacity building for entrepreneurs;

7. Promoting Thailand's role and exploring opportunities in the ASEAN Community by enhancing connectivity and competitiveness;

8. Developing and promoting the application of science, technology, research and development, and innovation by developing human resources and investing appropriately in relevant fields;

9. Maintaining the security of the resource base and creating balance between conservation and sustainability by building capacity in land and water management, pollution control, food security, and waste management for the well-being of the people;

10. Upholding good governance by preventing corruption, improving technological systems, and improving access to public services;

11. Improving laws and the judicial process to increase effectiveness and ensure justice.

# Vision

To be a lead organization in driving Thailand's foreign policy for the advancement of national interests

## Mission

1. Represent the Royal Thai Government in international conferences and negotiations to protect, maintain, and promote Thailand's national interests in bilateral and multilateral forums, and to participate in the shaping of international principles and norms;
2. Oversee Thailand's foreign policy and provide advice and recommendations to the government and other agencies on policies and strategies related to foreign affairs and international law;
3. Protect and promote the legitimate rights and interests of Thai nationals living or traveling abroad, as well as provide consular services;
4. Promote and facilitate the transfer of knowledge, know-how, and best practices from overseas as well as international norms with a view to contributing to Thailand's economic and social development;
5. Promote international confidence in, and a positive image of, Thailand;
6. Perform protocol functions in line with international practice to support duties on foreign affairs;
7. Promote and implement Thailand's development cooperation at bilateral and multilateral levels;
8. Build and disseminate knowledge on foreign affairs to promote understanding among all sectors of Thai society and the Thai public;
9. Coordinate the conduct of foreign affairs, engaging with all relevant sectors in Thailand;
10. Enhance organizational capability and effectiveness in accordance with the principle of good governance.

## Values: CARE

### Constructive

- Be creative and take initiative at work
- Be open-minded and willing to listen to the opinions of others
- Be flexible and ready to adapt to change

### Accountable

- Be responsible in undertaking one's duties and to the organization
- Work with dedication, perseverance, honesty, transparency, and accountability

### Reliable

- Maintain credibility and be considered dependable by the public and other agencies on matters related to foreign affairs

### Excellent

- Work with professionalism
- Be committed to achieving results and working efficiently
- Uphold principles and act with integrity and fairness

# Executive Summary:

## The Overall Picture of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Work in 2014

### 1. Crossing a Year of Challenge : Reinforcement of Constructive Cooperation

The world is encountering both opportunities and challenges which require collaboration from the international community to create long-lasting peace and prosperity. Cooperation is needed to tackle the rising problems of security, uncertain international politics, cross-border issues, illegal migration, transnational crimes, contagious and emerging diseases, disasters and economic discrepancies that all affect the global economy and society.

The year 2014 was a year of challenge since Thailand experienced political change which generated different opinions from within and outside the country. It was a time when Thailand appreciated support and cooperation from her friends and allies. Since last year's political unrest, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has taken steps to promote a correct understanding of the situation and to reassure the international community of the Government's determination to create long-term stability. This has been done through meetings with notable figures from both the public and private sectors of different countries.

At the same time, the Ministry continued to be proactive in promoting foreign policy throughout 2014, strengthening relations and cooperation with all countries, with a view to protecting and promoting national security and interests. This was done through exchanges of visits and discussions with friends from all regions. The purpose was to promote cooperation on security issues, border management, development cooperation, connectivity, trade and investment, as well as science, technology, and innovation.

In the ASEAN framework, Thailand played an important role in promoting unity and strengthening ASEAN in the drive towards the realization of ASEAN Community by the end of 2015. During her 3-year term as the country coordinator for ASEAN – China dialogue relations, Thailand was instrumental in promoting China's contribution to the ASEAN's community building efforts, and in advancing the ongoing negotiations on the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea in tandem with the effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, to enhance peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

At the international level, Thailand promoted cooperation in global security in the realms of non-proliferation and disarmament, counter-terrorism and crime prevention, and provision of legal advice for international law development. This was done through various channels including the signing of the Arms Trade Treaty to improve rules in conventional arms trade and to prevent diversion to crimes and violation of human rights.

In the realm of justice and human rights, under the leadership of Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, then Ambassador and Permanent Representative

of Thailand to the United Nations in Vienna, Thailand's proposed resolution entitled "Rule of law, crime prevention and criminal justice in the UN development agenda beyond 2015" was adopted in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs coordinated with relevant line agencies in the prevention and suppression of trafficking in persons and sought policy consultations with relevant international organizations to ensure a comprehensive policy planning for migrant labour protection that also complies with international standards.

To promote Thailand and Asia's contribution in shaping international norms alongside global partners, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in coordination with line agencies, supported the candidatures of Thailand to important international positions. Last year Thailand and Thai candidates were elected to the International Narcotics Control Board, International Telecommunication Union, and Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Thailand also presented her candidature for a non-permanent membership to the United Nations Security Council for the term 2017 – 2018.

In terms of development and economic cooperation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported the reduction of development gaps, connectivity, as well as food and energy security. The Ministry attached high importance to the formulation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and, together with ESCAP, co-hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development meeting in Thailand. In undertaking the task of cooperation development with various countries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with line agencies promoted His Majesty the King's philosophy of Sufficiency Economy together with science diplomacy.

In addition to the work of promoting understanding and cooperation with the international community, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also promoted its consular work and public diplomacy in Thailand and abroad. This included work on the protection and assistance of Thai nationals abroad, international public outreach, and activities to build knowledge and people's participation in foreign affairs such as public lectures, meetings with local people, and exhibitions. The Ministry also promoted the establishment of networks between Thai people and international friends from various sectors through meetings between academics, researchers, scientists, and businessmen.

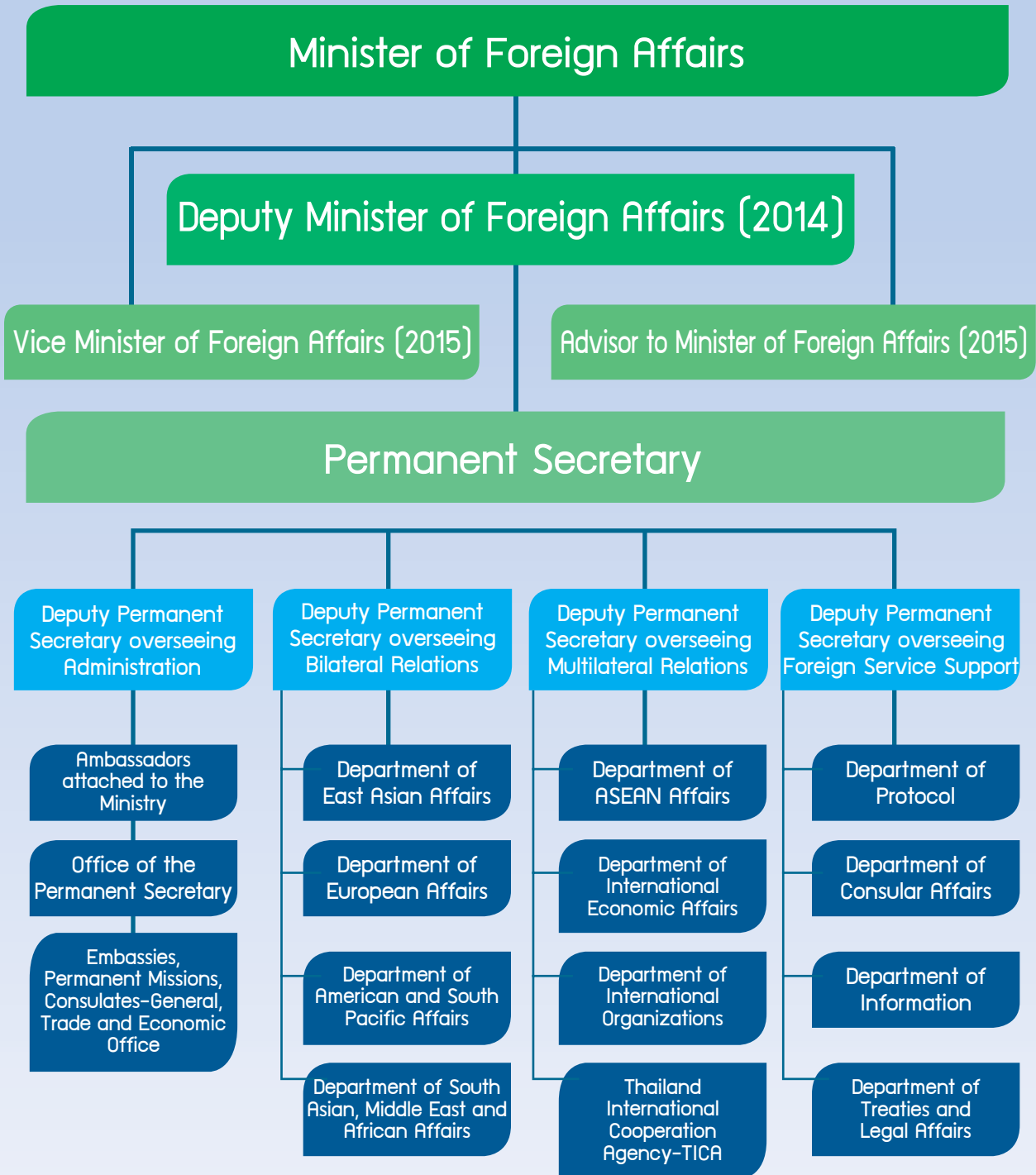
## 2. Future Directions : Strategy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

With an aim to enhance Thailand's strategic position and national interests, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has compiled the Strategy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2015 – 2018, which is in line with the current domestic, regional and global contexts with emphasis on the following areas:

1. Promoting relations with neighbouring countries and countries in Southeast Asia;
2. Promoting Thailand's constructive role in the ASEAN Community;
3. Enhancing Thailand's relations with strategic partners;
4. Playing a constructive and responsible role in the international community;
5. Enhancing Thailand's economic competitiveness and cooperation;
6. Promoting international confidence in, and a positive image of, Thailand;
7. Promoting understanding and participation of all sectors in the conduct of foreign affairs and improving services for the public;
8. Enhancing organizational capability.



# Organization Chart



# The Minister and Executives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**General Tanasak Patimapragorn**  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
August 2014 – August 2015



**Mr. Don Pramudwinai**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
August 2015 – Present  
(Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
August 2014 – August 2015)



**Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul**  
Vice Minister of  
Foreign Affairs  
September 2015



**Mr. Chaisiri Anamarn**  
Advisor to Minister of  
Foreign Affairs  
September 2015



**Mrs. Pornpimol Kanchanalak**  
Advisor to Minister of  
Foreign Affairs  
October 2015

**Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow**  
Permanent Secretary  
November 2011 – February 2015



**Mr. Norachit Sinhaseni**  
Permanent Secretary  
February 2015 – September 2015

**Mr. Manasvi Srisodapol**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary  
(Multilateral Relations)  
October 2013 – February 2015



**Mr. Noppadon Theppitak**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary  
(Multilateral Relations)  
February 2015 – Present

**Mr. Kiattikhun Chartprasert**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary  
(Administration)  
November 2011 – January 2015



**Mr. Piriya Khempon**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary  
(Administration)  
January 2015 – Present

**Mr. Narong Sasitorn**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary  
(Bilateral Relations)  
October 2013 – February 2015



**Mr. Vitavas Srivihok**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary  
(Bilateral Relations)  
February 2015 – Present

**Mr. Nuttavudh Photisaro**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary  
(Foreign Service Support)  
February 2012 – January 2015



**Mr. Suvat Chirapant**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary  
(Foreign Service Support)  
January 2015 – Present

# Chapter

# 1

## Enhancing Bilateral Relations and Cooperation

### Thailand's Neighbours

Strengthening relations with neighbouring countries is Thailand's priority. Emphasis is given to promoting trust and collaboration to boost peace and security, sustainable development and economic progress, social security and cultural promotion, as well as preparing for the establishment of the ASEAN community.

**The Kingdom of Cambodia:** Mr. Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited Cambodia and paid a courtesy call on Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on 1 – 2 July 2014. During the visit, a bilateral meeting was held with H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to discuss cooperation in connectivity, border area development, labour cooperation, and other issues of mutual interests.

Subsequently, H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, and H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, paid an official visit to Cambodia on 30 – 31 October 2014. In the meeting with the Cambodian leader, the two prime ministers agreed to strengthen Thailand – Cambodia relations through comprehensive cooperation in areas such as security, economics, development, and people-to-people relations. They also discussed the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) along the borders, the development of infrastructure and transport connectivity between the two countries, and the issue of illegal logging of Siamese rosewood. During the visit, three Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia were signed, namely (1) Memorandum of Understanding on Tourism Cooperation (2) Memorandum of Understanding on Railway Links and (3) Memorandum of Understanding on the Eradication and Prevention of Human Trafficking.



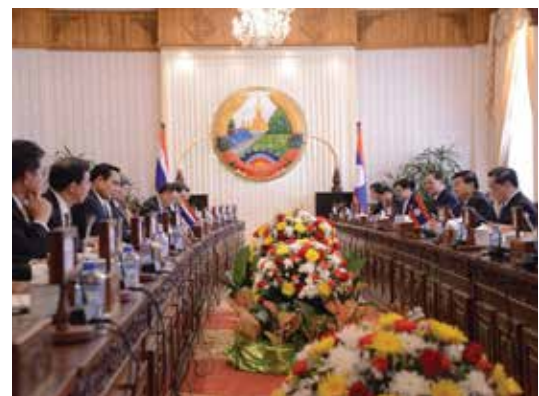
Plenary Meeting between the Prime Minister of Thailand and Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, during the official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia on 30 – 31 October 2014

On border issues, the Thai – Cambodian survey team under the Joint Border Committee of Thailand and Cambodia succeeded in identifying another 4 boundary pillars in 2014. Thus, at present, 59 out of 73 boundary pillars have already been established under the TOR of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Joint Survey and Demarcation of Land Boundary.

**The Lao People’s Democratic Republic:** The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited the Lao PDR to discuss political developments in Thailand on 15 – 16 June 2014. Then, on 26 – 27 November 2014, H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, accompanied by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, paid an official introductory visit to the Lao PDR. The Prime Minister met with H.E. Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, to discuss border area development, trade and investment, energy cooperation, regional connectivity, labour cooperation, the upgrading of border checkpoints, as well as the surveying and demarcation of the land boundary between the two countries.

The Prime Minister also paid a courtesy call on H.E. Lieutenant General Choummaly Sayasone, Secretary General of the Central Committee of the Lao People’s Revolutionary Party, met with Mrs. Pany Yathotou, President of the National Assembly of the Lao PDR, and had a meeting with Thai business people in the Lao PDR. Three Agreements between the Government of Thailand and the Government of the Lao PDR were signed during the visit, namely (1) Memorandum of Understanding on the Development Project of Bor Kaew Hospital (Phase 2) (2) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation and (3) Agreement on Financial Assistance for the Construction of Hongsa – Banchiengman (Jom Petch District, Luang Phrabang Province).

Plenary Meeting between H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, and H.E. Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of Lao PDR, during the official visit to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on 26 November 2014



On the topic of border issues, Thailand and the Lao PDR expected to complete 96 percent of the demarcation of the land boundary by 2014. Currently, both countries are negotiating the Terms of Reference and Master Plan for the Joint Survey and Demarcation of Boundary in the River.

**The Republic of the Union of Myanmar:** H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, accompanied by H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, paid an official visit to Myanmar on 9 – 10 October 2014. In discussions with H.E. Mr. Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, both sides reaffirmed their commitment as security and development partners and intention to promote closer relations in all areas, including border area development, combatting transnational crimes and drug trafficking, as well as transport and connectivity development along the route of Myawaddy – Kawkareik.

Thailand reaffirmed her readiness to provide financial support for the construction of the Second Friendship Bridge (Mae Sot – Myawaddy), the development of the Dawei Special Economic Zone, and the development of Special Economic Zones along the border areas. Reference was made to the setting up of Mae Sot Special Economic Zone and the One Stop Service Center for Migrant Labour Management. On the same occasion, three Memorandums of Understanding to Establish Sister Cities between (1) Chiang Mai – Chiang Tung (2) Prachuap Khiri Khan – Marid, and (3) Ranong – Koh Song were signed. Furthermore, both sides agreed to upgrade Singkorn – Maw Taung border checkpoint as an international point of entry in order to facilitate trade between both countries.

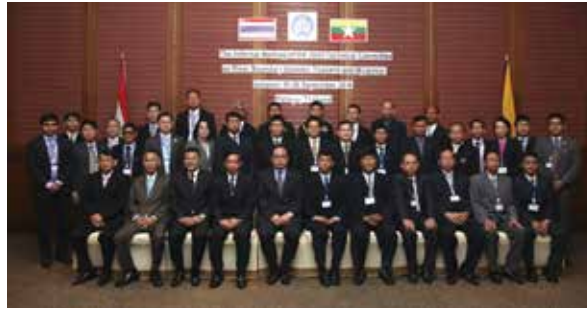


Official Welcoming Ceremony  
in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union  
of Myanmar, 9 October 2014

On border issues, Thailand and Myanmar are currently drafting a Memorandum of Understanding on the Joint Survey and Demarcation of Land Boundary. In 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided financial support to the Royal Thai Survey Department to set up a survey team to investigate the condition and location of ten previously marked boundary points in the area of Mae Hong Son Province.



Mr. Pornpop Uampidhaya, Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led a delegation, consisting of officers from concerned authorities related to border issues, to inspect the Thailand – Myanmar border areas in Kraburi District, Ranong Province, on 29 May 2014 and Sangklaburi District, Kanchanaburi Province, on 2 – 3 June 2014.



Mr. Tana Weskosith, Director-General, Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, headed the Thai delegation to the Thailand – Myanmar Joint Technical Committee (JTC) in Pattaya, Chonburi Province, on 19 – 20 September 2014.

**Malaysia:** H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, paid an introductory visit to Malaysia on 1 December 2014 at the invitation of H.E. Dato’ Sri Najib Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia. The Prime Minister of Thailand was accompanied by H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, together with ministers from other concerned agencies. The Prime Minister reaffirmed Thailand’s determination to advance relations between Thailand and Malaysia based on mutual interests. Both countries have the potential to develop and expand cooperation in the areas of trade and investment, tourism, development in the border areas and education.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia welcomed the Prime Minister of Thailand at the Perdana Putra, Putrajaya.



## Southeast Asia

Thailand continues to have close and cordial relations with her ASEAN friends. Thailand will further strengthen cooperation with these countries to create a strong ASEAN Community, with enhanced connectivity, a single market and production base, as well as a united position on global issues.

**The Socialist Republic of Vietnam:** As strategic partners, Thailand and Vietnam have considerably strengthened relations. H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, accompanied by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, made an official visit to Vietnam on 27 – 28 November 2014. During the said visit, the two Prime Ministers witnessed the signing of the Plan of Action to Implement the Strategic Partnership between Thailand and Vietnam. The Plan of Action provides a framework for the implementation of bilateral cooperation in twenty-one areas. Furthermore, both sides agreed on several key areas of cooperation, such as (1) gearing Thailand – Vietnam relations toward a partnership that could reinforce the strength of ASEAN and the Mekong subregion (2) the promotion of transportation connectivity in air, land, and sea and (3) the expansion of cooperation in trade, agricultural products, and investment promotion especially in the banking and energy sectors.

The leaders and high-level representatives of both countries had regular meetings and further opportunities to exchange views during the year on occasions such as the bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister of Thailand and H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, during the 5<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit on 20 December 2014, and between the Prime Minister of Thailand and H.E. Mr. Truong Tan Sang, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, during the 10<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting on 17 October 2014 and during the 22<sup>nd</sup> APEC Summit on 10 November 2014. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam, also met during the 10<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting on 17 October 2014 and the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 11 November 2014. In addition, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam co-chaired the 4<sup>th</sup> Thailand – Vietnam Political Consultation Group Meeting on 17 July 2014.



The Prime Minister of Thailand during the official visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 27 – 28 November 2014

**The Republic of Singapore:** In 2014, high level officials of Thailand and Singapore met on several occasions. The first was the official visit to Thailand by Mr. Chee Wee Kiong, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, on 27 February 2014. Discussions with Mr. Sihanak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, focused on cooperation in ASEAN and the exchange of best practices between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

Later in the year, General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, met with H.E. Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, on the sidelines of the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit (ASEM 10) in Milan, Italian Republic, on 16 October 2014. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs were also present. Both leaders agreed to enhance cooperation in security, trade and investment, as well to advance bilateral mechanisms such as the Leaders' Retreat and the Civil Service Exchange Programme (CSEP). In addition, the Prime Minister of Singapore affirmed the Government of Singapore's support to the administration and reform process of the Thai Government and expressed appreciation to the Thai Government for its continued cooperation in permitting the Singapore Armed Forces to train its forces in Thailand.

The Prime Ministers of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Singapore at the bilateral meeting on the sidelines of ASEM 10 in Milan, Italian Republic



**The Republic of Indonesia:** Relations between Thailand and Indonesia are multi-dimensional. Although there are challenging issues concerning Thai fishermen and illegal fishing, both countries realize the importance of maintaining a dynamic of bilateral cooperation through the existing bilateral mechanisms. In 2014, the exchange of high-level visits included the visit of General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, to attend the inauguration of H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia, on 20 October 2014. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs congratulated the newly elected President of Indonesia and reaffirmed Thailand's commitment to strengthening relations with Indonesia.

In addition, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Jusuf Kalla, Vice President of Indonesia, on 21 October 2014. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed appreciation to the Indonesian side for Indonesia's understanding and support of the Thai Government's policy on the Southern Border Provinces (SBPs) of Thailand and Thailand's positions in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) forum. The Vice President of Indonesia reaffirmed Indonesia's readiness to fully support Thailand in its efforts to bring about peace in the Southern Border Provinces.



The President of Indonesia greeted the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand during the Inauguration Ceremony of H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo as President of the Republic of Indonesia at the People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia.

**The Republic of the Philippines:** Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited the Philippines during 17 – 18 July 2014. The Permanent Secretary met with H.E. Mr. Robert F. Del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, to discuss the situation in Thailand and issues of mutual interest and concern including the promotion of cooperation in science and technology, military, agriculture, trade and transportation, and the South China Sea, as Thailand served as the country coordinator for the ASEAN – China relations.

Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with H.E. Mr. Robert F. Del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, on 18 July 2014.





## East Asia

Thailand has comprehensive cooperation with countries in East Asia, most of which are Thailand's strategic partners, and will continue to enhance collaboration with them in all areas in order to build strong and stable partnerships.

**The People's Republic of China:** Thailand's domestic political situation in 2014 did not impede the discourse of friendly relations between Thailand and China. There were regular high-level visits and exchanges between the two countries. High-level bilateral meetings were frequently organized in conjunction with major regional and international initiatives. The increased frequency and intensity of high-level contacts between the two sides have not only enhanced mutual trust and promoted closer cooperation but also advanced the comprehensive cooperative strategic partnership between Thailand and China. The 2<sup>nd</sup> China – Thailand Strategic Dialogue, co-chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, was successfully held in Beijing on 11 July 2014.

H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> China – ASEAN Expo in Nanning City during 15 – 16 September 2014. The Thai Foreign Minister took the opportunity to have formal meetings with H.E. Mr. Zhang Gaoli, Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, as well as Mr. Chen Wu, Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The exchange of high-level visits were best highlighted by the visit to Thailand of H.E. Mr. Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, during the 5<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit on 19 – 20 December 2014, and the official visit to China by H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, on 22 – 23 December 2014. On both occasions, the two leaders discussed issues of mutual interest and concern at bilateral, regional, and international levels, taking Thailand – China relations to a higher ground particularly in the areas of economic and development cooperation. Several concrete outcomes were reached, with the signing of Memorandums of Understanding in areas such as rail system technical cooperation, trade on agricultural products, trade and investment facilitation and technical cooperation on water resources and irrigation.



The Prime Minister of Thailand's during the official visit to the People's Republic of China on 22 – 23 December 2014

**Japan:** Despite the political unrest in Thailand in early 2014, Thailand and Japan reiterated their intention to enhance and expand existing cooperation. Emphasis was given to their strategic partnership as the most important foundation for pursuing the two countries' constructive roles in the Mekong sub-region and ASEAN. In this regard, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the Forum

for the Promotion of Public-Private Cooperation in the Mekong Region in Tokyo on 18 – 19 February 2014. During the forum, he met with representatives of the Japanese government sector, including Mr. Akitaka Saiki, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the private sector (Japan Business Federation or Keidanren). The Permanent Secretary took the opportunity to promote Thailand’s economic interests, including development of the Dawei Special Economic Zone (DSEZ), to seek support for Thailand as a hub for regional development, and clarify the political situation in Thailand.

On 3 June 2014, the Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan’s Intelligence and Analysis Service paid a courtesy call on the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to exchange views on the political situation in Thailand and to discuss overall regional security. The Thai side reaffirmed its readiness to become a hub for ASEAN development and overcome domestic political challenges at the earliest opportunity. The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also visited Japan to further clarify and build confidence among high-level representatives of Japan’s public and private sectors regarding Thailand’s political development and stability on 4 – 5 September 2014.

After the formation of the new Government in September 2014, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs had discussions with H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, on 25 September 2015 during the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in New York. Following that, on 2 October 2014, H.E. Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, visited Thailand as the Special Envoy of the Government of Japan. Subsequently, Thailand’s Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, in his capacity as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, visited Japan on 6 – 8 November 2014.

Summit meetings were held between H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, and H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, on the sidelines of the 10<sup>th</sup> Asia – Europe Meeting in Milan on 16 October 2014 and the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Nay Pyi Taw on 13 November 2014. The two closely-spaced meetings highlighted the importance of this strategic partnership and the close relations that exist between Thailand and Japan. In addition to updating Japan on the political situation in Thailand and discussing economic and investment cooperation, Thailand invited Japan to participate in the development of infrastructure, the Dawei Special Economic Zone, and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) along the Thai border. In addition, the two sides agreed to have technical cooperation on rail development in Thailand and ensure tangible progress at the working level.

Mr. Sihanak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, met with H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in Tokyo on 4 September 2014.





H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, hosted a luncheon on 2 October 2014 in honour of H.E. Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, during his visit to Thailand as Special Envoy of the Government of Japan.

H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, met with H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, during the 10<sup>th</sup> Asia – Europe Meeting in Milan, Italy.



**The Republic of Korea (ROK):** Relations between Thailand and the Republic of Korea have progressed in all aspects, with the mutual intention to promote trade and investment cooperation. Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Mekong – ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul during 27 – 29 July 2014. The Permanent Secretary met with H.E. Mr. Yun Byung-Se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the ROK, and key representatives from the private sector to clarify Thailand’s political situation and to build confidence regarding the Thai economy. In addition, in collaboration with the Thailand Research Fund (TRF) and Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a public forum on 30 September 2014 to explore the feasibility of the establishment of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between Thailand and the ROK. The forum covered issues such as trade, investment, services and labour, and welcomed participation from the public and private sectors, academics, and general public.

Moreover, during the ASEAN Summit in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on 13 November 2014, H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, held the first bilateral summit with H.E. Ms. Park Geun-hye, President of the Republic of Korea. Both sides reiterated their intention to strengthen their strategic partnership and to enhance cooperation on economic issues, tourism and cultural exchanges. Further discussions took place between the Prime Minister and President of the Republic of Korea, along with representatives from the private sector, at the ASEAN – ROK Commemorative Summit on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN – ROK Dialogue Relations: Our Future Vision of ASEAN – ROK Strategic Partnership “Building Trust, Bringing Happiness.” The Commemorative Summit was held in Busan on 10 – 12 December 2014. On that occasion, Thailand emphasized enhanced cooperation in the field of agricultural and livestock industries and the opening up of the market for Thai agricultural products. South Korean investors were invited to invest more in Thailand.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Republic of Korea Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and met with H.E. Mr. Yun Byung-Se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, on 28 July 2014.

Public forum on the feasibility of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between Thailand and the ROK in Bangkok on 30 September 2014



H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister Thailand, met with H.E. Ms. Park Geun-hye, President of the Republic of Korea, on 13 November 2014 during the ASEAN Summit in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

The Prime Minister of Thailand met with the President of the Republic of Korea on 11 December 2014, during the ASEAN – ROK Commemorative Summit.



## South Asia

Thailand’s Look West Policy places great importance on South Asia and complements the Look East Policy conducted by India and other South Asian countries. Thailand aims to enhance its cooperation with South Asia in the areas of political, security and economic ties, and to promote closer partnership with South Asia in international forums.

**The Republic of India:** Thailand wishes to promote comprehensive bilateral relations in all areas with India, which is regarded as an important emerging power with high economic potential, and as Thailand's biggest market in South Asia.

H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, on 12 November 2014, during the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. Both sides agreed to develop connectivity between South Asia and Southeast Asia. The Indian side expressed interest in participating in the development of the Dawei deep sea port as well as the Dawei Special Economic Zone, and agreed to expedite the construction of India – Myanmar – Thailand trilateral highway.

Prior to this, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand met with General Vijay Kumar Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs of the Republic of India, on 16 October 2014, during the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit Meeting in Milan, Italy. The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand together with Mr. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East) of the Ministry of External Affairs of India co-chaired the Thailand – India Foreign Office Consultations on 8 September 2014 in New Delhi. The Consultations provided a platform for both sides to follow up and discuss on how to expedite and move forward pending issues.



Bilateral meeting between H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, and H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, on 12 November 2014 during the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw

**The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka:** Connected by Buddhism and cultural proximity, Thailand and Sri Lanka have enjoyed cordial relations, at both government and people-to-people levels. Thailand and Sri Lanka have always cooperated closely and supported each other in the international arena. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Political Consultations, co-chaired by Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and Mrs. Kshenuka D. Senewiratne, Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, were held on 30 June 2014 in Bangkok.

Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and Mrs. Kshenuka D. Senewiratne, Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, co-chaired the 3<sup>rd</sup> Political Consultations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Bangkok on 30 June 2014.



**The Kingdom of Bhutan:** The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bilateral Consultations between Thailand and Bhutan in Thimpu, Bhutan, during 17 – 19 April 2014. The Thai side expressed its readiness to enhance technical cooperation with Bhutan and promote trade and investment between the two countries.

Throughout the year, there were regular exchanges of high-level visits between Thailand and Bhutan. H.E. Mr. Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan, visited Thailand during 6 – 10 August 2014 to chair the 70<sup>th</sup> session of UNESCAP. During the visit, he met with General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Head of the National Council for Peace and Order. In addition, H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand, visited Bhutan during 14 – 16 November 2014 to attend commemorative events to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Thailand and Bhutan.

H.E. Mr. Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan, called on General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Leader of NCPO, on 8 August 2014.



**The Islamic Republic of Pakistan:** Air Chief Marshal Prajin Juntong, Deputy Leader of the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) and Economic Chief of the NCPO, met with H.E. Mr. Sohail Khan, Ambassador of Pakistan to Thailand, on 16 September 2014. Topics discussed included ways to strengthen economic relations between Thailand and Pakistan, as well as the possibility of establishing a Thailand-Pakistan FTA in the future.

**The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan:** On 6 June 2014, H.E. Mr. Tomwit Jarnson, Ambassador of Thailand to Pakistan, presented H.E. Mr. Janan Mosazai, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan, with 100,000 USD as humanitarian aid from the Government of Thailand to assist the country's recovery efforts following the landslide incident in Badakhshan Province of Afghanistan in May 2014.

## Central Asia

Central Asia is geopolitically important to Thailand as it is the region linking Asia and Europe and is a good ally of Thailand in the international arena. One of the most important channels of cooperation with Central Asian countries is through the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia or CICA, with its 26 Member States across Asia. As an active member of the CICA, Thailand hosted the CICA Special Working Group (SWG) and Senior Officials Committee (SOC) Meetings in Chiang Rai, Thailand, during 11 – 13 March 2014. A total of 55 participants from 15 Member and Observer Countries joined the Meetings. Thailand, as a co-coordinator country in the area of Development of Small and Medium Enterprises, also organized a briefing for participating countries on SMEs database, which was very well received by the participants.



Thailand hosted the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Special Working Group (SWG) and Senior Officials Committee (SOC) Meetings in Chiang Rai, Thailand, during 11 – 13 March 2014.

In addition, Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Thailand, attended the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the CICA in Shanghai, the People’s Republic of China during 20 – 21 May 2014. The Summit adopted the Declaration of the Fourth Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia on Enhancing Dialogue, Trust and Coordination for a New Asia of Peace, Stability and Cooperation or the Shanghai Declaration as the outcome document. The main substance of this Declaration is that the member countries have pledged to enhance consultations, confidence building and coordination among Asian countries towards peace, security and cooperation on issues of mutual interest such as economy, trade, investment, tourism, logistics, energy, agriculture and environment. To reaffirm Thailand’s position, Permanent Secretary Phuangketkeow delivered a speech at the Summit on the importance of promoting human security, regional connectivity and cooperation within various regional frameworks. During the Summit, he also held bilateral discussions with the Foreign Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Tajikistan on various areas of cooperation and mutual support within the international arena.

Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the CICA in Shanghai, People’s Republic of China, during 20 – 21 May 2014.



**The Kyrgyz Republic:** Mrs. Sarikan Pholmani, Deputy Director-General of the Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs, led a Thai delegation from the Department together with representatives from the Royal Thai Embassy, Astana on an official visit to the Kyrgyz Republic during 25 – 27 September 2014. The aim of the visit was to strengthen relations between Thailand and the Kyrgyz Republic. The two sides explored the economic potential and investment opportunities between the two countries. Mrs. Pholmani had bilateral discussions with H.E. Mr. Zheenbek Kulubaev, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic, and prominent members of Kyrgyz private sector, and exchanged views on expanding political connections, trade and investment, as well as promoting cultural and tourism cooperation between the two countries. Both sides agreed to promote trade and investment in the agricultural and mining sectors, as well as to launch direct flights between Bangkok and Bishkek in the future.

The Thai delegation in bilateral discussions with Mr. Zheenbek Kulubaev, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic, on 26 September 2014



## The Middle East

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to promote close cooperation with countries in the Middle East in the economic, political, social and cultural fields, with the aim of enhancing mutual prosperity and security.

**The Kingdom of Bahrain:** During a private visit to the Kingdom of Thailand on 6 October – 20 November 2014, His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, granted audiences to H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, at the Government House on 20 October 2014, and to H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel on 27 October 2014.



H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, had an audience with His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, at the Government House on 20 October 2014.

**The Islamic Republic of Iran:** There has been a regular exchange of visits between Thailand and Iran at various levels by both the government and private sectors. These included: (1) visit of a Thai business delegation led by Mr. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat, Deputy Director-General, Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs, to explore trade and investment opportunities in Iran during 7 – 11 May 2014; (2) visit of representatives from the Iranian Halal industry and economic journalists to Thailand, organized by the Royal Thai Embassy in Tehran, during 21 – 25 May 2014; (3) visit to Thailand by the delegation of the National Disaster Management of Iran to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) during 22 – 26 June 2014; (4) visit to Thailand of Mr. Majid Bizmark, Director-General, Department of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran, to attend the High Level Forum on ACD Regional Connectivity during 3 – 4 September 2014; (5) visit of the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture of Iran to Thailand during 30 September – 3 October 2014; and (6) visit to Thailand of Mr. Sayed Rasool Mohajer, Director-General, Department of East Asia and Asia Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran, to co-chair the 1<sup>st</sup> Political Consultation between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Islamic Republic of Iran with Mr. Manopchai Vongphakdi, Director-General, Department



of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs, on 11 December 2014. During the said consultations, the two sides discussed bilateral cooperation in trade and investment, exchanges of high-level visits, tourism, ways and means to benefit from potentials and opportunities available in both countries as well as regional and international issues.

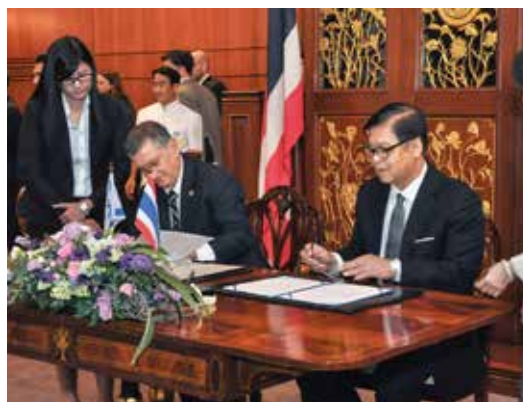
The Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chamber of Commerce of Thailand and the Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture of Iran at the Chamber of Commerce of Thailand on 30 September 2014



The 1<sup>st</sup> Political Consultation between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Islamic Republic of Iran in Bangkok on 11 December 2014

**The State of Israel:** As part of the annual bilateral consultation process, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Thailand – Israel Working Group Dialogue on 10 September 2014. The Israeli delegation, led by Mr. Nissim Ben Shirit, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, co-chaired the meeting with Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. After the meeting, both sides signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Development Cooperation between the Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA) and Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation. The main objective of the MOU is to broaden the scope of technical cooperation between the two sides and to share knowledge in the field of agriculture with Cambodia, the Lao PDR and Myanmar.

Mr. Sihasak Puangketkeaw, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and Mr. Nissim Ben Shirit, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Development Cooperation between Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency and Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation.



**The Sultanate of Oman:** Mr. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat, Deputy Director-General of the Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs, led a business delegation to Oman to explore trade and investment opportunities during 12 – 14 May 2014.

## Africa

Africa is an important continent to the world and to Thailand, and it is a close partner in the international arena. Thailand has a policy to promote relations with Africa in all aspects. Important events held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with our African partners in the year 2014 included:

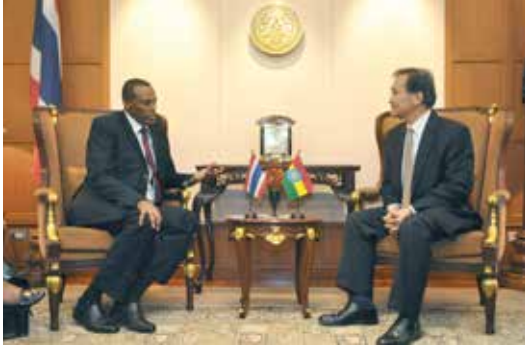
### 1. Promotion of Bilateral Cooperation:

**1.1 The Republic of South Africa:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thai – South African Senior Officials’ Meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 24 June 2014. Mr. Narong Sasitorn, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, co-chaired the meeting with Dr. Anil Sooklal, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa. The two sides agreed to enhance trade and investment cooperation, technical cooperation, as well as cooperation in the fields of tourism and education. The South African side invited the Thai side to increase investment in South Africa in the areas that Thailand has expertise, such as infrastructure development, agro-industries, tourism and services. Both sides agreed to continue to support each other in the international arena. During the meeting, the Deputy Permanent Secretary briefed the South African side on political developments in Thailand.

Mr. Narong Sasitorn, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, co-chaired the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Officials’ Meeting with Dr. Anil Sooklal, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa.



**1.2 The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia:** To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Thailand and Ethiopia, Mr. Dewano Haji Kedir, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, led a delegation from the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the private sector, and the media on a visit to Thailand between 15 – 19 September 2014. During this visit, the State Minister paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation between the two countries, especially with regards to trade, investment, and technical cooperation.



Mr. Dewano Haji Kedir, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and delegation calling on the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs on 15 September 2014 and again on 18 September 2014 to report on meetings with various Thai organizations during the visit

**1.3 The Kingdom of Morocco:** Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and Mr. Nasser Bourita, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, co-chaired the 1<sup>st</sup> Political Consultation between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Kingdom of Morocco on 5 November 2014 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Political Consultation between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Kingdom of Morocco at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok, 5 November 2014



## 2. Visits to African Countries:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' visits to African countries is an annual project aimed at enhancing cooperation in all areas, including trade and investment, for the comprehensive and mutual benefit of both sides. In 2014, the Ministry conducted the following activities:

**2.1 The Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, and the United Republic of Tanzania:** Mr. Manopchai Vongphakdi, Director General of the Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs, led a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, together with representatives of the Thai private sector from the Board of Trade of Thailand, on visits to Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania during 4 – 11 May 2014.



The meeting between the Thai delegation and representatives from the Rwandan and Kenyan investment promotion authorities

**2.2 The Republic of South Africa:** On 12 – 17 August 2014, Mr. Manopchai Vongphakdi, Director-General of the Department of South Asian, Middle East, and African Affairs, led a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand to South Africa. During the visit, the Director General met with Mr. Ian Douglas Neilson, Executive Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, and Mr. Howard Gabriels, Chief Operations Officer of Western Cape’s investment agency, WESGRO.

Mr. Manopchai Vongphakdi, Director-General of the Department of South Asian, Middle East, and African Affairs, met with Mr. Howard Gabriels, Chief Operations Officer of Western Cape’s investment agency, WESGRO, on 15 August 2014.



## Europe

In 2014, Thailand maintained cordial relations with European countries through exchanges of high-level and parliamentary visits and meetings between leaders and foreign ministers. Thailand aims to further enhance collaboration with her European counterparts in the areas of security, sustainable development, environment, as well as science, technology and innovation.

**Ireland:** Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn conducted the first ever visit to Ireland by a member of the Thai Royal Family during 6 – 7 September 2014. During the sojourn, Her Royal Highness the Princess graciously granted an audience to H.E. Mr. Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, at Áras an Uachtaráin, the Official Residence of the President of Ireland. Her Royal Highness the Princess also visited the National Museum of Ireland, the Lyons Research Farm at University College Dublin (UCD), and Trinity College’s Chester Beatty Library. UCD presented Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn with two bachelor’s degree scholarships for Thai students under the title “the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand Scholarships” as part of efforts to promote cooperation on education between the two countries.



Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's visit to the Lyons Research Farm, University College Dublin (UCD), during the Royal visit to Ireland on 6 – 7 September 2014

**The 10<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit (ASEM 10):** H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, attended the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit in Milan, Italy, during 16 – 17 October 2014. The Summit was chaired by the European Union (EU) under the theme “Responsible Partnership for Sustainable Growth and Security.” ASEM was founded in Bangkok in 1996 and is the only summit that brings the leaders of Asia and Europe together to strengthen relations, foster cooperation and enhance mutual understanding between the two regions in political, economic and socio-cultural areas.

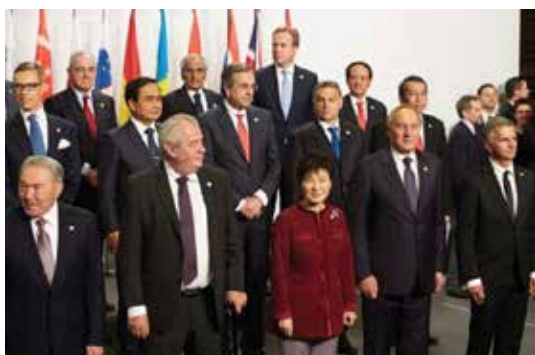
In Plenary Session 1 under the agenda “Promoting Financial and Economic Cooperation through Enhanced Europe – Asia Connectivity”, the Prime Minister proposed three strategic areas of engagement between Asia and Europe: firstly, improved economic connectivity, trade and investment regulations, technology transfer, and promotion of investment in infrastructure development; secondly, risk management on global issues such as drug smuggling, human trafficking, and infectious diseases; and lastly, the establishment of FTA and role of Thailand and ASEAN in food and energy security.

At the Retreat Session under the agenda “Enhancing Dialogue and Cooperation between Europe and Asia and Future Direction of ASEM”, the Prime Minister outlined three visions: 1) the experience of Thailand and other Asian countries in dealing with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome – SARS that could be adapted to control the Ebola outbreak, 2) cooperation in tackling the rise of extremism at its root causes, and 3) the future direction of ASEM. The Prime Minister informed the meeting about Thailand’s reform efforts, aimed at leading the country to a stronger and sustainable democracy. In addition, the Prime Minister participated in the Informal ASEAN – EU Leaders’ Meeting and conducted bilateral meetings with several ASEM leaders such as Japan, China, Cambodia, Singapore, the Lao PDR, Vietnam and India.

The Prime Minister during the Plenary Session of the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit



The Prime Minister together with leaders of the ASEM countries



**The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE):** General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, headed the Thai delegation at the 21<sup>st</sup> OSCE Ministerial Council in Basel, Switzerland, on 4 – 5 December 2014. Established during the Cold War, the OSCE adopts an approach to peace and security that encompasses a wide range of issues. It involves 57 Participating States from North America, Europe, Central Asia, and North-East Asia and 11 Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation. Thailand has actively participated in the OSCE activities as an Asian Partner and has been the only ASEAN Member State in the OSCE since 2000.



Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the 21<sup>st</sup> OSCE Ministerial Council and was the invited Keynote Speaker of the OSCE Partner States at the Meeting on 4 – 5 December 2014.

In his keynote address at the Plenary Session, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs touched upon developments in ASEAN, including cooperation in counter-terrorism. He emphasized the need for all countries to work together to address the issue at the root causes. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs also had bilateral meetings with other heads of delegations and the OSCE Secretary-General. On this occasion, Thailand commended the OSCE on the work of the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) in Ukraine in monitoring the ceasefire agreement, to which Thailand has provided financial contribution.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Didier Burkhalter, President of the Swiss Confederation and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and former OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for 2014, on 5 December 2014.



**The Czech Republic and Hungary:** Mr. Narong Sasitorn, Deputy Permanent Secretary, and Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan, Director-General of the Department of European Affairs, visited the Czech Republic and Hungary to attend political consultations with their counterparts from the two countries during 23 – 29 September 2014. They also met with representatives from other government agencies, think-tanks, and the media. In the **Czech Republic**, discussion focused on the preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Economic Commission (JEC) to be hosted by Thailand with a view to boosting bilateral trade, investment and

cooperation in the fields of science and research. In **Hungary**, emphasis was given to the preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) to be hosted by Hungary, focused on cooperation in the fields of education, research, SMEs, OTOP, and trilateral development in CLMV and African countries, as well as Thailand's role as ASEAN – China coordinator on South China Sea issues.



Mr. Narong Sasitorn, Deputy Permanent Secretary, held talks with Mr. Ivan Jancarek, Director-General of Non-EU Countries Section of the Czech Republic.

Mr. Narong Sasitorn, Deputy Permanent Secretary, held talks with Mr. Istvan Ljgyarto, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary.



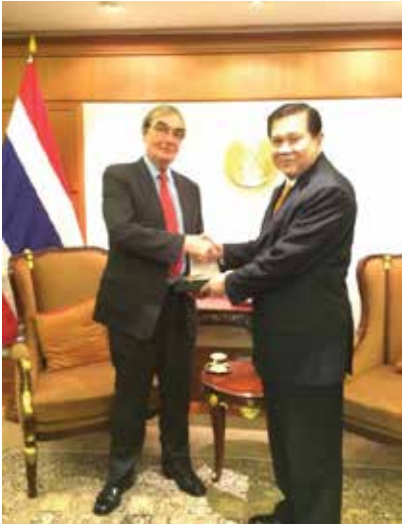
**The United Kingdom and Ireland:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand organized a study visit to the United Kingdom and Ireland, during 14 – 21 September 2014, for a delegation of senior Thai officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and key science agencies, including the Agricultural Research Development (ARDA), the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), the National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office (STI) and the Thailand Research Fund (TRF). The visit aimed to advance cooperation and promote the transfer of knowledge, expertise and best practices in science and technology. The delegation had a constructive meeting with their British and Irish counterparts and visited relevant science agencies, academic and research institutions. In the United Kingdom, the delegation also exchanged views with the British side on potential research collaboration under, among others, the framework of Newton Fund.



Briefing by experts from the Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority (left) Professor Doctor Suthipun Jitpimolmard, Director of the Thailand Research Fund (TRF), exchanged views with Professor Sir Roy Anderson, Imperial College, London, United Kingdom (right).

In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs took steps to further strengthen existing ties between Thai and British parliamentarians. The Royal Thai Embassy in London, in cooperation with the Department of European Affairs, invited the Chairman and members of the United Kingdom’s All Party Parliamentary Group on Thailand (APPG-Thailand) to visit Thailand, as guests of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during 11 – 15 November 2014. The main objectives of the visit were (1) to meet and exchange views with high-level government representatives, members of the National Legislative Assembly and National Reform Council as well as the private sector, and (2) to follow up on the outcomes of the visit to the United Kingdom by prominent Thai investors between 21 – 26 June 2014, during which representatives of the Thai private sector had a comprehensive discussion with senior British government officials under the “Thailand – United Kingdom Trade and Investment Dialogue” and had the first meeting with members of APPG-Thailand. During the said visit, the Thai business delegation was briefed on the potential trade and investment opportunities and gave an interview to members of the British press.

The Chairman and members of the United Kingdom’s All Party Parliamentary Group on Thailand paid a courtesy call on the Chair of the National Legislative Assembly at the Thai Parliament Building.



The Chairman and members of the United Kingdom’s All Party Parliamentary Group on Thailand paid a courtesy call on H.E. General Thanasak Patimaprakorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

A delegation of prominent Thai investors visited the “Taste of Thailand in Taste of London” event to explore investment opportunities for Thai businesses in the UK.

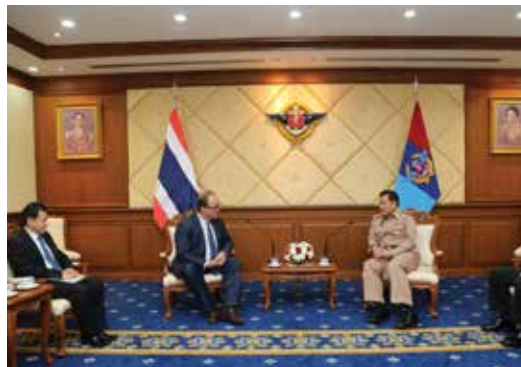




## The Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs arranged the following visits and meetings: (1) Meeting between Dr. Hans van Baalen, Member of the European Parliament for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) and Leader of the People’s Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) of the Netherlands within the ALDE Group, and General Tanasak Patimapragorn, the Deputy Head of the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), on 31 July 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss political developments in Thailand; (2) Visits from Belgian executives to Thailand in July and August 2014, which included Mr. Freddy Roosemont, Director-General of the Migration Service, Federal Public Service Home Affairs; Mr. Alain Lefèvre, Director-General of the Crisis Centre, Federal Public Service Home Affairs; and Dr. Koen Verlaeckt, Secretary-General of the Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs; (3) Visit to Luxembourg by Mr. Narong Sasitorn, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 6 – 7 July 2014, during which he met Mr. Marc Ungeheuer, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Mr. Gaston Stronck, Director for International Economic Relations and European Affairs, and representatives from the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Hans van Baalen, Member of the European Parliament for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) and Leader of the People’s Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) of the Netherlands within the ALDE Group, met with General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Head of the Council of Peace and Order (NCPO).



Mr. Freddy Roosemont, Director-General of the Migration Service, and Mr. Alain Lefèvre, Director-General of the Crisis Centre, Federal Public Service Home Affairs of Belgium, shared their experiences and discussed bilateral cooperation with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Koen Verlaeckt, Secretary General of the Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs, met Dr. Pichet Durongkaverroj, Secretary General of the National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office.





Mr. Narong Sasitorn, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs, discussed bilateral cooperation with Mr. Marc Ungeheuer, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg.

**The Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of the Czech Republic, and the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Bangkok jointly organized a special classical music concert and a photo exhibition on 1 December 2014 at Vithes Samosorn Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Thailand and the Czech Republic and between Thailand and the Slovak Republic. Mr. Narong Sasitorn, Deputy Permanent Secretary, presided over the event on behalf of H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. More than 200 distinguished guests attended.



The celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Czech Republic and between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Slovak Republic

**The Kingdom of Norway:** A team of Thai researchers, led by Professor Dr. Pairash Thajchayapong, Senior Advisor of the National Science and Technology Development Agency visited the University Center in Svalbard and the Norwegian Polar Institute, two of the leading scientific education institutes in the Arctic Region, on 23 – 25 October 2014.



The objectives of the visits, which were part of the Royal Projects' Initiative of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, were to strengthen the participation of Thai scientists and researchers in the North Pole with Norway and promote closer bilateral ties in the long term. The Thai team of researchers proposed cooperation in four major areas of mutual interest, including: 1) Marine Biology 2) Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) 3) Study of Planetary Aurora and Satellite 4) Evapotranspiration

**Organization internationale de la francophonie (OIF):** As an observer member of the Organization internationale de la francophonie OIF, Thailand recognizes the importance of OIF towards Thailand's foreign policy. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, therefore, organized a number of activities to raise public awareness of the OIF and promote greater use of the French language, especially in the business sector.



The aforementioned activities included 1) the Ministry's participation in the Fête de la francophonie, held by the Embassy of the French Republic in Thailand on 8 February 2014 at the Alliance Française 2) an academic seminar to promote educational cooperation between Thailand and OIF on 24 April 2014 with the active participation of the French Teachers' Association of Thailand, followed by the keynote remarks by Mrs. Anissa Barak, OIF representative in the Asia Pacific to the diplomatic corps in Thailand 3) the dissemination of interviews with key Thai figures, who have advocated OIF and the French language in the Thai printed matter.

## North America

Thailand has long-established and comprehensive relations and cooperation with North American countries. Thailand aims to strengthen economic and security cooperation as well as reinforce existing long-term partnerships in various areas such as military, education, academics, science, technology, and innovation, including efforts to address many common challenges.

**The United States of America:** On the sidelines of the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, hosted a working breakfast for a group of 20 business leaders from the U.S. – ASEAN Business Council (USABC) on 26 September 2014. Companies such as Chevron, ExxonMobil, General Electric, and Amway were represented. The purpose of the meeting was to update them on political and economic developments in Thailand as well as to ensure close cooperation between Thailand and the U.S. businesses. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs reiterated the Thai Government's determination to foster a conducive and business-friendly environment for trade and investment of both domestic and foreign businesses.

Subsequently, on 3 – 4 November 2014, 77 business people from 34 member companies of USABC, such as Chevron, Ford, Dow Chemical, ConocoPhillips, Microsoft, Google, together with USABC executives and staffs, visited Thailand and called on H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-Cha, Prime Minister of Thailand. The Prime Minister affirmed the government’s objectives and commitment to restoring stability to the country and promoting reconciliation and sustainable democracy, which would enhance trade and investment both domestically and internationally. The President of USABC expressed appreciation for the regular updates on Thailand’s economic situation and business opportunities. The USABC delegation paid follow up visits to relevant Ministries and government agencies to discuss issues of mutual interest.



H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, met with a delegation of 77 business people from 34 member companies of USABC at the Government House on 3 November 2014.



H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, hosted a reception for the US – ASEAN Business Council delegation at Vithes Samosorn, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on 4 November 2014.

## Latin America

**The Forum for East Asia – Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC):** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials’ Meeting of the Forum for East Asia – Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) on 22 August 2014. The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, as the East Asia Coordinator for the term 2015 – 2017, co-chaired the meeting with the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica, as the Regional Coordinator of Latin America. FEALAC is the only cooperation framework between the two regions.

The 15<sup>th</sup> FEALAC Senior Officials' Meeting took note of the reports of four FEALAC Working Groups meetings held on 21 August 2014, which included (1) Working Group on Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development (2) Working Group on Trade, Investment, Tourism and SMEs (3) Working Group on Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports and (4) Working Group on Science and Technology, Innovation, and Education. The outcomes featured Thailand's proposals for several new initiatives, such as FEALAC Healthcare and Community Empowerment Networks, Workshop on Drug Law Enforcement, and STI Policy Dialogue. Furthermore, the SOM meeting commended Thailand for the proposal on the Improvement of FEALAC Work Process and the Strengthening of Cyber Secretariat. The event was also an opportune occasion for high-level officials of member countries to learn about Thailand's situation through bilateral meetings with the Ministry's executives.

In addition to the 15<sup>th</sup> FEALAC SOM and four FEALAC Working Group meetings, Thailand also hosted several back-to-back side events. During 19 – 22 August 2014, Thailand organized the Tourism Seminar, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Forum, and the STI/Academic Roundtable, along with the FEALAC Showcase where an exhibition on FEALAC and promotional booths from 16 FEALAC member countries and 8 Thai agencies were put on public display. The four-day event attracted more than 500 delegates from 32 member countries, enhanced people-to-people connectivity and created a network among different sectors.



Mr. Sihak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, as the East Asia Coordinator, co-chaired the 15<sup>th</sup> FEALAC Senior Officials Meeting with Mr. Alejandro Solano Ortiz, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica, as the Latin America Coordinator, at the Bangkok Convention Centre at Central World, Bangkok, on 22 August 2014.

### The Argentine Republic, the Republic of Colombia, and the United Mexican States:

In 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted and attended three Political Consultations with countries in Latin America.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Political Consultations Meeting between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Argentine Republic was held in Bangkok on 21 March 2014. Mr. Sihak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and Mr. Eduardo Antonio Zuain, Secretary of Foreign Relations of Argentina, co-chaired the meeting. Thailand and Argentina discussed the importance of cooperation in the promotion of human rights, technical cooperation and South-South cooperation programmes, particularly in the fields of agriculture and healthcare, and cooperation on forensic science and energy;

The First Meeting of Bilateral Consultations on Matters of Common Interest between the Republic of Colombia and the Kingdom of Thailand was held in Bogota on 3 October 2014. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mrs. Patti Londoño, Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, and the Director-General of Department of American and South Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. Bilateral issues discussed included trade and investment promotion, the establishment of the Joint Commission of Thailand – Colombia, and other pending agreements and cooperation.

The First Meeting of Thailand – Mexico Political Consultations and Other Matters of Common Interest was held in Mexico City on 6 October 2014. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Alejandro Madrigal, Director-General for Asia Pacific Region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and Mr. Songsak Saicheua, Director-General of the Department of American and South Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. Both countries agreed to push for the conclusion of bilateral agreements, especially the Bilateral Investment Treaty and the Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income.

## South Pacific

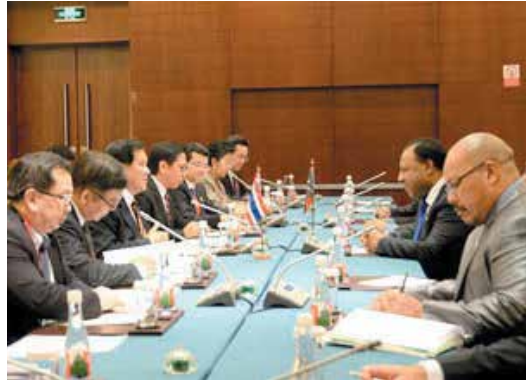
**The Republic of Vanuatu:** General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Head of the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), met with the Honourable Maltek Sato Kilman Livtuvanu, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Vanuatu, on 8 August 2014 at the Royal Thai Army Headquarters on the occasion of his visit to Thailand to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Thailand-Pacific Island Countries Forum (TPIF). During the meeting, H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha informed the Minister about Thailand’s political situation and developments under the Roadmap. The two sides also discussed ways to further promote bilateral relations. Thailand reaffirmed her readiness to assist Vanuatu on technical cooperation and Vanuatu agreed to support to Thailand in the international arena.

**The Independent State of Papua New Guinea:** H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, met with the Honourable Peter O’Neill, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea on 10 November 2014 during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit held in the People’s Republic of China (PRC). During the bilateral meeting, Papua New Guinea reaffirmed her commitment to support Thailand in international affairs. The two sides also discussed ways to further promote bilateral relations and cooperation, especially in two-way trade and investment.



H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, met with the Honourable Peter O’Neill, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, on 10 November 2014 during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Beijing, People’s Republic of China.

On this occasion, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand had an opportunity to meet and discuss with the Honourable Rimbink Pato, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Papua New Guinea during the 26<sup>th</sup> APEC Ministerial Meetings on 7 November 2014 at the China National Convention Center (CNCC). Thailand reiterated the importance of fostering relations with Pacific Island Countries, recognizing the strategic location of Papua New Guinea as a potential gateway to the South Pacific region.



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand in discussion with the Honourable Rimbink Pato, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, on 7 November 2014, during the 26<sup>th</sup> APEC Ministerial Meeting at China National Convention Center

**The Commonwealth of Australia:** H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, met with the Honourable Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Australia, on 8 November 2014, during the 26<sup>th</sup> APEC Ministerial Meeting in Beijing, China. Australia supported Thailand's return to democracy and expressed willingness to visit Thailand and co-chair the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thailand – Australia Joint Commission.



The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand met with the Honourable Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Australia, at China National Convention Center on 8 November 2014, during the 26<sup>th</sup> APEC Ministerial Meeting in Beijing, People's Republic of China.

In addition, Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, co-chaired the 12<sup>th</sup> Thailand – Australia Senior Officials' Talks with Mr. Peter Varghese AO, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, on 29 August 2014 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. The two sides discussed bilateral relations and all comprehensive areas of cooperation covering cooperation on trade, investment, economy, education, science, technology and innovation as well as people-to-people relationship.

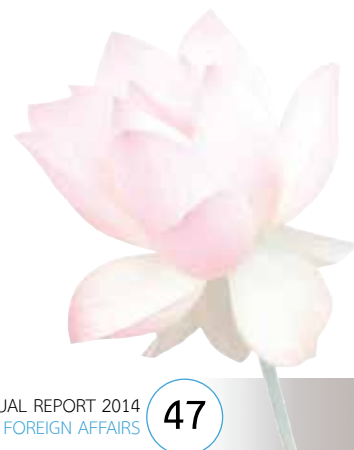


The 12<sup>th</sup> Thailand – Australia Senior Officials’ Talks (SOT) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand on 29 August 2014

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Thailand – Pacific Island Countries Forum (TPIF) and arranged a study visit during 9 – 10 August 2014 which was attended by the leaders and senior representatives from 14 Pacific Island Countries under the theme “Partnership for Sustainable Growth and Prosperity”. An important outcome of the meeting was an agreement to promote Thailand’s constructive role in the Pacific Region as development partner and a role model for sustainable development. The meeting also helped further promote trade and investment relations between Thailand and Pacific Island Countries and strengthen cooperation in multilateral forums.



General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Head of the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), presided over and delivered the Opening Remarks at the 1<sup>st</sup> Thailand – Pacific Island Countries Forum (TPIF) under the theme “Partnership for Sustainable Growth and Prosperity” at the Sukosol Hotel in Bangkok during 9 – 10 August 2014.





# Chapter

# 2

## Cultural and Public Diplomacy

Cultural ties are important components in enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the Thai people and others. Various projects and activities are organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as the Royal Thai Embassies and the Royal Thai Consulates-General around the world. Those held in the year 2014 included the following:

### 1. Cultural Diplomacy

#### 1.1 Religion

During Kathin months in the year 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized the Offering Ceremony of His Majesty the King's Royal Kathin Robe to the congregation of monks in 9 countries; among them were the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the People's Republic of China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The project aimed to further strengthen ties between the Thais and the people of the host countries.



H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, presided over the Offering Ceremony of His Majesty the King's Royal Kathin Robe to the congregation of monks at the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Monastery, Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on 1 November 2014.



Mr. Sakthip Krairiksh, Member of the National Legislative Assembly, former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports and former Ambassador of Thailand to several countries, presided over the Offering Ceremony of His Majesty the King's Royal Kathin Robe, graciously bestowed through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the congregation of monks at Man Zai Long Temple, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, People's Republic of China, on 22 October 2014.



Dr. Virabongsa Ramangkura, President of the Thai-Lao Association for Friendship, presided over the Offering Ceremony of His Majesty the King's Royal Kathin Robe to the congregation of monks at Wat Sisumangalaram, Vang Vieng, Lao PDR, on 25 October 2014.



Mr. Tej Bunnag, Assistant Secretary General of the Thai Red Cross Society and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, presided over the Offering Ceremony of His Majesty the King’s Royal Kathin Robe to the congregation of monks at Ananda Kuti Vihar Temple, Kathmandu, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, on 28 October 2014.



Mr. Prachuab Chaiyasan, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and President of the Thailand – Vietnam Friendship Association, presided over the Offering Ceremony of His Majesty the King’s Royal Kathin Robe to the congregation of monks at the Phuoc Hai Monastery, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on 2 November 2014.

In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported the Muslim Association of Al-Quran Reader of Thailand under the patronage of the Sheikhu Islam of Thailand, by providing grants for the Association’s officials as well as facilitation for the representatives of Thailand to join international Al-Quran reading and recitation competitions overseas. The project enabled Thai Muslims to establish networks with the Muslim community as well as to promote better understanding of Thailand in the international community on freedom of religion.

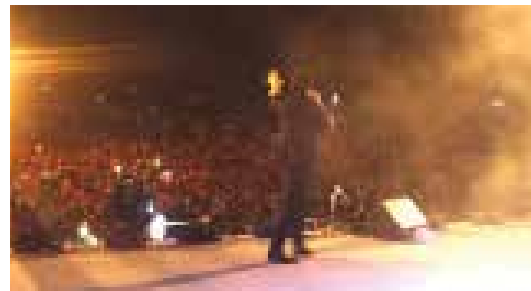


The Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported the Muslim Association of Al-Quran Reader of Thailand under the patronage of the Sheikhu Islam of Thailand in sending Thai representatives to participate in the 56<sup>th</sup> International Al-Quran Recital and Memorization Assembly at Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, on 16 – 21 June 2014. A Thai reciter won the 4<sup>th</sup> prize.

## 1.2 Film

In 2014, Thai films, soap operas, actors and actresses became more widely known abroad, especially in Asian countries, such as China, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines. The increasing popularity of Thai films resulted from the screening of Thai films in different countries and awards received at various international film festivals.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs played a part by inviting personnel from the film industry to targeted countries in order to meet with their counterparts as well as film dealers. This project allowed Thai directors, actors and executives of the National Federation of the Thai Film Associations (NFTFA) as well as Thai Film Production entrepreneurs to establish networks and showcase the capability and potential of the Thai film industry.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Commerce, the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion and the National Federation of Thai Film Associations (NFTFA) organized a Thai Film Festival 2014 in Yangon, Myanmar, on 28 – 30 March 2014. The activities included the screening of Thai movies, an exhibition of Thai film products, a business matching session, a film seminar, and concerts by both Myanmar and Thai artists.

## 1.3 Sports

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has continuously supported the promotion of Thai boxing abroad. In 2014, the Ministry led Thai boxers and trainers to participate in key boxing events, which were not only attended by large audiences but were also broadcast nationwide. Such activities resulted in an increase in popularity of Thai boxing in the countries where the projects took place.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Royal Thai Embassy and the Royal Thai Consulates-General in China organized a Muay Thai Roadshow in Beijing, Kunming, Chengdu, and Guangzhou, P.R. China, on 5 – 18 May 2014.

## 1.4 Traditional Dance and Performing Arts

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized numerous activities to promote Thai arts and culture overseas.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Royal Thai Embassies in Muscat, Doha, and Kuwait, together with the Ministry of Culture, co-organized a Thai Cultural Roadshow in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member countries on 20 February – 7 March 2014.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Royal Thai Embassy in Pretoria, together with the Ministry of Culture, co-organized a Thai Cultural Roadshow in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Stellenbosch and Cape Town, South Africa, on 26 May – 7 June 2014.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Royal Thai Embassies in Amman and Tel Aviv, together with the Ministry of Culture, co-organized a Thai Cultural Roadshow in Jordan and Israel on 17 – 27 June 2014.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Royal Thai Embassies in Copenhagen, Helsinki, and Oslo, co-organized a Thai Cultural Roadshow in Denmark, Finland, and Latvia on 28 May – 14 June 2014 to promote Thai culture in the Nordic and Baltic countries.

## 2. Public Diplomacy

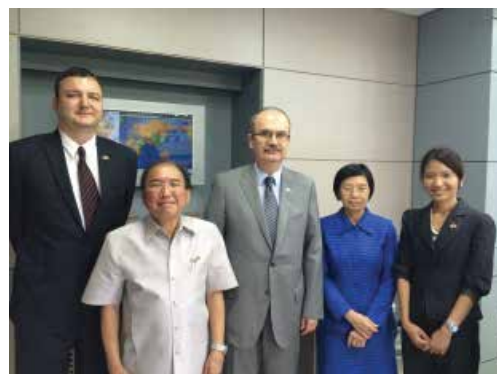
One of the key missions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to reach out to peoples to promote understanding and cooperation. Among the Ministry's key responsibilities in 2014 were:

### 2.1 News Analysis

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs monitored news and comments concerning Thailand, in both Thai and foreign media, and provided correct information to the public and relevant parties on issues such as human rights protection and the political situation.

### 2.2 International Public Outreach

(1) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveyed facts and promoted correct understanding regarding Thailand's political change on 22 May 2014 and the progress on the 3-phase Roadmap. This included briefing sessions organized for the diplomatic corps based in Bangkok, as well as high-level participation in key international meetings, such as the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly and High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development during 7 – 11 July 2014 in New York, the Bali Democracy Forum during 10 – 11 October 2014 in Bali, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union during 12 – 16 October 2014 in Geneva. These were done in tandem with the conversation and meetings between Thai diplomatic missions abroad and foreign governments, parliaments, legislatives, private sectors, NGOs, and media.



Diplomatic missions of Thailand abroad met and discussed with notable foreign figures from various sectors during the year 2014. The purpose was to promote correct understanding on Thailand's political situation and reform and to continue cooperation. The international community supported Thailand and expressed readiness to collaborate with Thailand.



Media interviews with ambassadors of Thailand concerning positions of foreign countries and diplomatic missions' work on promoting understanding and cooperation, after the meeting with General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Chairman of the National Council for Peace and Order, 11 June 2014

Row 1 – 3 from left to right are (1) H.E. Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi, then Ambassador of Thailand to the United States; (2) H.E. Mr. Nopadol Gunavibool, Ambassador of Thailand to the Kingdom of Belgium, Luxemburg and the European Union; (3) H.E. Mr. Maris Sangiampongsa, then Ambassador of Thailand to the Commonwealth of Australia; (4) H.E. Mrs. Nongnuch Pecharach, Ambassador of Thailand to the Federal Republic of Germany; (5) Mr. Nadhavathna Krishnamara, then Charge d'Affaires, Royal Thai Embassy in London, United Kingdom; (6) H.E. Mr. Thanatip Upatising, then Ambassador of Thailand to Japan.

(2) In cooperation with CNN, the Ministry produced a programme entitled “CNN on the Road: Thailand” broadcasted on CNN worldwide during July – November 2014. The program presented various aspects of Thai culture and society as well as Thailand’s economic and tourism strengths.

(3) The Ministry published an article commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tsunami in the Indian Ocean in the 1 December 2014 issue of TIME magazine with a circulation of 501,000 copies in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

(4) The Ministry produced a one-minute commercial spot regarding the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tsunami in the Indian Ocean, which was put on Time.com website throughout December 2014.

(5) The Ministry produced a seven-minute documentary in Thai and English on the role of Thailand in disaster management on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tsunami in the Indian Ocean in December 2014. The documentary highlighted Thailand’s readiness and preparation to cope with natural disasters.

(6) The Ministry organized a video clip contest on the topic of “the good characteristics of the Thai people” from December 2014 to May 2015, with the aim to disseminate information on Thailand in various dimensions.

(7) The Ministry organized an annual ASEAN Media Familiarization Trip to Thailand, which gave opportunity for the media and journalists from ASEAN countries to learn about Thailand’s potential and strengths in various areas through meetings with prominent Thai figures, both in public and private sector. In 2014, visits by friends from Myanmar, Cambodia, Malaysia, and the Lao PDR took place in March, July, August, and September.

(8) Through various communication channels such as Facebook, [www.thailandtoday.in.th](http://www.thailandtoday.in.th) website, radio broadcasting, as well as Thailand’s diplomatic missions abroad, the Ministry helped publicize Thailand’s National Ivory Action Plan in order to disseminate information on policy and measures to control and suppress the illegal ivory trade, in line with Thailand’s obligation under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

(9) The Ministry provided facts to stakeholders overseas about labour issues and human trafficking which in 2014 became issues of great concern among the international community. In this regard, the Ministry, in concerted efforts with line agencies and the private sector, including the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Royal Thai Police, and Thai Fishery Producers Coalition, organized a series of activities to boost confidence as follows:

- A visit to the United States by a Thai delegation led by Mr. Songsak Saicheua, Director-General, Department of American and South Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during 19 - 25 July 2014, to update information and exchange views with representatives from the public, private and non-governmental organization sectors of the United States on Thailand’s progress in tackling the problems of forced labour and human trafficking;





- A seminar entitled “Thai Seafood: Advancement of Labour and Social Responsibility” on 21 October 2014 during SIAL 2014 in Paris, France. Participants to the seminar were leading European importers, NGOs and the European press;



- An exchange of views with some top policy makers of the European Union including the Directorate-General for Trade (DG Trade), the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG Mare), and the European Trade Association in Brussels on 22 October 2014;



- Interviews with many Thai media on the solution to labour issues in the fishing industry during October – November 2014.



All the above activities yielded tangible results as, for example, buyers resumed ordering Thailand’s seafood products.

### 2.3 Promotion of Royal Development Projects

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has always supported the government's policy to promote and share knowledge about royal developmental initiatives, which could serve as examples of best practices for development.

(1) The Ministry supported and facilitated the implementation of the “2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Volunteer Project for Learning Royal Initiatives”, hosted by the Office of His Majesty's Principal Private Secretary during 17 March – 6 April 2014 at Huai Hong Krai Royal Development Study Centre, Chiang Mai Province. Thai youths living and studying abroad as well as foreign students abroad who are studying at the undergraduate level are invited to participate in the project. The Ministry served on the committee to select candidates and observe the program.

(2) The Department of Information, together with the Royal Thai Embassies in Oslo, Stockholm, and Copenhagen, organized a programme to share knowledge regarding the Royal Development Projects in Scandinavian countries during 4 – 16 September 2014 where Khunying Puangroi Diskul Na Ayudhya, Deputy Secretary General and member of Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage, participated as a lecturer. Activities under the programme included 1) meeting with Honorary Consuls, diplomatic corps, academics, business groups and members of “Friends of Thailand”; 2) debates with academic institutions; and 3) meetings with Thai communities in Scandinavian countries. The programme promoted sharing of knowledge on sustainable development and His Majesty the King's Sufficiency Economy philosophy among the international community.

(3) The Ministry and the Embassy of India in Bangkok co-hosted an exhibition titled “Father – Bapu: Love for the Nation” to present the development initiatives of His Majesty the King and the philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi under 3 topics: 1) environmental development 2) rural development, and 3) developmental philosophy. The exhibition was held at Rattanakosin Exhibition Hall, Ratchadamnoen Nok Road, from 2 December 2014 to 4 January 2015.

(4) The Ministry redesigned the “Thailand Today” website ([www.thailandtoday.in.th](http://www.thailandtoday.in.th)) and published articles and multi-media materials on the Thai Monarchy on the website.

(5) The Ministry prepared a mobile exhibition kit under the title “Monarchy and Development” to be delivered to Thailand's diplomatic missions to exhibit His Majesty the King's developmental initiatives and projects.

### 2.4 Networking with Muslim Communities

(1) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs disseminated information about Thai Muslims by publishing a Muslim Calendar with photographs selected from a photo contest. The theme of the photo competition during June – July 2014 was “Muslim ways of life in Thailand, living in harmony with other communities in Thai society”. Selected photos were uploaded on the Ministry's website for popularity votes by the public, twelve of which were chosen to be published as a Calendar. The Ministry then distributed the Calendars to Thai Embassies and Consulates in Muslim countries to be presented as gifts to the countries' eminent persons as well as to the Muslim communities in Thailand in December 2014.

(2) The Ministry invited representatives from the media in Muslim countries (Turkey, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Jordan) to Thailand during 24 – 31 August 2014 to experience Thailand's pluralistic society and learn about the economic, trade, investment and tourism potential. The programme built confidence and enhanced relations between the peoples of Thailand and the Muslim world.

(3) The Ministry supplied publications and other materials for Thai corners in Thai Embassies and Consulates as well as local educational institutions and Thai students' associations abroad. In the

2014 fiscal year, the Ministry published a book entitled “In Peace and Harmony: the Lives of Muslim Thais” in Thai, English and Arabic to be displayed in Thai corners or libraries of local educational institutions or the Thai students’ associations in Muslim countries.

## 2.5 Enhancement of Media Network

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has developed cooperation and good relations with news agencies and foreign media. Media representatives from ASEAN and Muslim countries are regularly invited to participate in the annual Media Familiarization Trip. In 2014, media representatives from 6 Muslim countries as well as from Myanmar, the Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Malaysia were invited to visit Thailand in order to reinforce relations and also build understanding about Thailand through meetings and interviews with prominent figures from both public and private sectors. This provided opportunities for the media to receive in-depth information about the government’s policies and agendas as well as key strengths and potentials of Thailand in various areas. In addition, the media also had an opportunity to observe Thai culture and society along with the implementation of key government policies on the ground, such as the registration of migrant workers. The Muslim media were briefed on the current situation and the policy regarding the unrest in Thailand’s Southern Border Provinces.

## 2.6 Knowledge Building and Public Engagement

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs promotes activities that encourage all sectors of society to have knowledge and comprehensive understanding of the country’s conduct of foreign affairs, as well as to be engaged in national policy making.

### (1) Lectures, Seminars and Exhibitions

(1.1) Knowledge Building on Africa: Mr. Manopchai Vongphakdi, Director-General, Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs, led a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to visit the People’s Republic of China during 7 – 10 July 2014 to exchange information and experience with the Chinese government and think-tanks on the topic of China’s relations with Africa.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs co-hosted an academic seminar with Chulalongkorn University on the topic of “Thailand and Africa: A New Context of Partnership” on 11 September 2014 in order to disseminate information on Africa to the public. The seminar was led by distinguished guest speakers such as the Thai Ambassadors in Africa and African Ambassadors in Thailand. The event was deemed a success, attracting more than 200 participants from various sectors including members of the diplomatic corps, various academicians and the general public.

High-level officers of the MFA and Chulalongkorn University, together with guest speakers, at the academic seminar on “Thailand and Africa: A New Context of Partnership”



(1.2) Multilateral Diplomacy: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized the UNderstand Exhibition 2014 during 16 – 31 August 2014 at Museum Siam, and the United Nations Day celebration event on 23 October 2014 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The purpose of the exhibition and the event was to disseminate information on multilateral diplomacy for students and the public. Featured activities included a photo exhibition, a seminar by experts who had experience in working with the United Nations, and a simulation meeting of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).



An exhibition on multilateral diplomacy at the Museum Siam in Bangkok on 16 – 31 August 2014

(1.3) Special Lecture on Justice and Reconciliation: The Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs (DVIFA) invited Dr. Tim Murithi, a justice and reconciliation specialist from South Africa, to give a special lecture entitled “Justice and Reconciliation: Insights from South Africa” on 30 October 2014. Dr. Murithi has over 18 years of experience in peace building, governance and security in Africa involving many organizations such as the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), African Union, and UN Development Programme (UNDP).

Special Lecture on Justice and Reconciliation on 30 October 2014



(1.4) Seminar on Thailand’s Reform: The Department of International Organizations organized a seminar entitled “On the Path to Reform” on 3 December 2014 in Bangkok, whereby experts from various countries were invited to share their thoughts and experiences on reform in key sectors such as political reform, as well as national and local administration reform.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a seminar entitled “On the Path to Reform” in Bangkok on 3 December 2014.

## (2) Public Engagement in Border Issues

The Ministry actively engaged with the public as well as other government agencies to provide information about border issues through the Ministry's website and other channels of communication. A public information campaign was also conducted on concerned sites by way of regional seminars and field visits. The topics of the campaign included, among others, peaceful means of dispute settlement and joint survey and demarcation between Thailand and its neighbouring countries.



Mr. Krairawee Sirikul, Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, as a panelist, attended a seminar relating to the ICJ's judgment on Interpretation of the Judgment of 15 June 1962 in the Case Concerning the Temple of Phra Viharn, organized by the Political Development Assembly in Bangkok on 19 May 2014.



A meeting with local authorities and people in Wiang Kaen District and Thoeng District, Chiang Rai Province, on 31 May 2014



A seminar in collaboration with local agencies on the Thailand – Lao PDR boundary in Ubon Ratchathani Province on 9 June 2014



A terrain inspection trip and meeting with local authorities and people in the Thailand – Myanmar border area with the Third Army Area, Royal Thai Army, during 30 June – 2 July 2014



In collaboration with local agencies, the Ministry organized a seminar on the Thailand – Lao PDR boundary in Nakorn Panom Province, Bueng Karn Province, and Nong Kai Province during 26 – 28 August 2014.



# Chapter

# 3

## ASEAN Community Building

### 1. Towards the ASEAN Community

The Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serves as the national focal point to coordinate the implementation of ASEAN decisions towards the realization of ASEAN Community in 2015.

Preparing Thailand for the upcoming ASEAN Community has been one of the Thai Government's top priorities. On 20 November 2014, the Prime Minister appointed an inter-agency committee, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, to prepare an integrative budget plan for FY 2016 to enhance efficiency in moving Thailand towards the ASEAN Community in 2015 and beyond.

Moreover, on 24 November 2014, H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, appointed a national committee, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, to facilitate the implementation of the Roadmap for ASEAN Community 2009-2015 which comprises the 3 pillar blueprints, namely the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC).

Through the national committee, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has worked closely with the relevant agencies to ensure continual progress, especially in priority areas such as trade facilitation, border management, strengthening legal frameworks, strengthening SMEs and raising public awareness on the ASEAN Community.

The Ministry is also working closely with stakeholders on the formulation of the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision and the new 10-year (2016-2026) action plan.

## 2. Raising Public Awareness on the ASEAN Community

The ASEAN Community comes with both opportunities and challenges. Becoming a single market and production base will generate more trade and attract more investment from outside the region. Meanwhile, it poses a challenge for entrepreneurs who have to adjust themselves in preparation for greater competition in their domestic markets. It is also a challenge for Thai authorities who have to keep up with cross-border issues such as drugs, transnational crimes and human trafficking in anticipation of the increasing connectivity within the region.



The ASEAN Day 2014 event was organized at Vithes Samosorn Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on 8 August 2014.



The Ministry has outreach programmes to generate greater ASEAN awareness and better preparation for those opportunities and challenges among the Thai public. In July 2014, a train-the-trainers workshop for university lecturers from Rajabhat universities nationwide was held. Activities to celebrate the establishment of ASEAN were organized on 8 August 2014 where over 1,000 participants from the diplomatic corps, government and private sectors, members of the media as well as students from all over the country were in attendance. In an effort to reach out to people in remote areas, the Ministry also organized a seminar series and a year-long roadshow to different provinces nationwide. Publications on ASEAN have been continually published, and 8 ASEAN libraries have been established in schools around the country to provide repositories of ASEAN knowledge for students and people in local areas.

A train-the-trainers programme on “Preparing for the ASEAN Community” for university lecturers from Rajabhat universities nationwide was held in Prachuap Khiri Khan Province on 6-8 July 2014.



Outreach activities, including seminar series, have been conducted nationwide.



A year-long roadshow on the ASEAN Community in various provinces around the country

Looking ahead, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will continue to carry out the above activities in a more proactive way. Particular focus will be made on reaching a wider audience and providing more tailor-made information for each group of stakeholders such as farmers, students and SMEs who stand to gain or have to adjust themselves differently in preparation for the ASEAN Community.



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### 3. ASEAN Cooperation in 2014

In 2014, community building and completion of the Roadmap for ASEAN Community were ASEAN's top priority. At the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2014, it was noted that over 90 percent of the action lines had already been accomplished.

On Thailand's part, particular attention has been given to improving all countries' domestic rules and regulations to facilitate freer flow of trade and investment. Particular emphasis has been placed on enhancing efficiency in the management of cross-border issues such as connecting neighbouring countries' economic activities along their borders while better preparing for problems that will become more prevalent with greater connectivity, e.g. human trafficking, illicit drugs, transnational crimes and migration.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, inaugurated the Regional Conference on "The Future of Security in the Asia-Pacific: Emerging Challenges, Promoting Conflict Management and Enhancing Cooperation in Maritime Areas" in Bangkok on 25 August 2014.

Moreover, Thailand has attached great importance to areas that are most relevant to the people's well-being such as capacity building for disaster response, supporting the works of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and enhancing efficiency in dealing with the overarching issues that cut across the 3 pillars of ASEAN cooperation.

In 2015, under Malaysia's chairmanship, the theme of ASEAN cooperation will continue to focus primarily on ASEAN Community Building. It will also focus on developing the Post-2015 Vision, bringing ASEAN closer to its people, strengthening SMEs, promoting trade and investment, strengthening ASEAN institutions and promoting regional peace and security and ASEAN's active role on the global stage.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered the keynote speech at the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)'s Workshop on the Sharing of Experiences on Universal Periodic Review Process among ASEAN Member States in Bangkok on 19 September 2014.



H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the Informal Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers which took place during the 69<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly in New York on 26 September 2014.



Mr. Manasvi Srisodapol, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of High Level Task Force on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing of the ASEAN Organs in Mandalay, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on 21 – 24 October 2014.

## 4. The ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision

The Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision was adopted at the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit in October 2013 in Brunei Darussalam. It reaffirms the commitment of ASEAN countries to developing the ASEAN Community Post-2015 Vision and new action plans to replace the current 3-pillar blueprints that are going to be completed in 2015.

Given the Declaration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has held brainstorming sessions with stakeholders and experts in various circles to identify elements that should be incorporated into the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision. Thailand has also worked with other ASEAN Member States in finalizing the central elements of the Post-2015 Vision that have already been endorsed by the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision adopted at the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2014.

Those central elements are, among others, to continue to deepen ASEAN integration, to promote ASEAN as a people-oriented and people-centred community, to promote inclusive, sustained and equitable economic growth, to promote wider connectivity, to enhance ASEAN's institutional capacity, and to promote development of clear and measurable "ASEAN Development Goals" that are in line with the UN's Post-2015 Development Agenda. Based on these central elements, a High-Level Task Force (HLTF) has been established to further develop the Post-2015 Vision.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has worked closely with all parties in supporting the HLTF to complete the Post-2015 Vision and the new action plans by September 2015. The Ministry will also continue to engage with stakeholders in making the Post-2015 Vision truly benefit the peoples in the region by bringing about sustainable development and improvements in areas such as education, public health, agriculture, and food security.

A brainstorming session on “ASEAN Community’s Post-2015 Vision” was held at Pullman Bangkok King Power Hotel in Bangkok on 7 March 2014.



A seminar on “Thailand’s strategic vision of ASEAN Community: pre- and post-2015” was held at St. Regis Hotel in Bangkok on 28 July 2014.

## 5. Country Coordinator for ASEAN – China Dialogue Relations

As the country coordinator for ASEAN – China dialogue relations (July 2012 – July 2015), Thailand has been instrumental in promoting China’s contribution to the ASEAN’s community building efforts, especially in enhancing greater connectivity both within ASEAN and between ASEAN and China.

On the challenging issue of the South China Sea, Thailand has played a constructive role in advancing the ongoing negotiation on the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) and in promoting the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC). The aim is to build trust and confidence and to create a more conducive environment for resolving the dispute by peaceful means and with respect for international laws.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China co-chaired the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN – China Senior Officials’ Meeting on the Implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) and the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN – China Senior Officials’ Consultation (20<sup>th</sup> ACSOC) in Pattaya, Chonburi, on 21 – 22 April 2014.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, co-chaired the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN – China Senior Officials’ Meeting on the Implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in Bangkok on 28 – 29 October 2014.

## 6. Promoting the Role of ASEAN on the Global Stage

Thailand has always advocated a more constructive role of ASEAN on the global stage. The aim is for ASEAN to be a responsible member of the international community in addressing global issues such as human rights, disaster preparedness, climate change and any transnational issues that require international cooperation.

At the ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Retreat in Kota Kinabalu on 27 – 28 January 2014, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs proposed that ASEAN should take the lead in promoting cooperation on sustainable development, the management of transnational problems and mobilization of resources and personnel to address regional and global issues. This would include joint participation in the UN’s peacekeeping operations and in providing humanitarian support for countries affected by disasters. Later at the ASEAN Senior Officials’ meeting on 30 – 31 March 2014, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also stressed the importance of promoting human rights, a drug-free ASEAN and measures to combat transnational crimes.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported the Ministry of Public Health in hosting the “ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers’ Special Meeting on Ebola Preparedness and Response” in Bangkok on 15 December 2014. The meeting was inaugurated by H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister.

Thailand has also supported ASEAN’s centrality in any efforts to promote peace and security in the region. This can be achieved through the effective use of the ASEAN-led mechanisms which include ASEAN+1, ASEAN+3, the East Asia Summit (EAS) and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). In doing so, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs took the initiative to draft the paper “Thailand Paper with Suggested Follow-up Ideas on ASEAN Centrality and Strategic Approach to the Future Regional Architecture” which was circulated for discussion during the Special ASEAN Senior Officials’ Meeting, hosted by Thailand on 19 – 20 November 2014. The key idea is to keep ASEAN in the driving seat of the Asia-Pacific region. The paper also aims for ASEAN to take the lead in shaping the region’s future directions in respect to its

shared interests as well as its common norms and values. The paper also encourages ASEAN to speak in one voice to be able to respond more promptly to any challenges and to assert itself more effectively on regional and global matters such as peace keeping operations, search and rescue, disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and dispute resolution.

At the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2014, Thailand put forward new ideas and urged all parties to expedite ongoing cooperation that could directly benefit the people of ASEAN such as enhancing greater connectivity, establishing of special economic zones along border areas, concluding the regional plan of actions and an ASEAN convention on human trafficking within 2015, realizing a drug-free ASEAN within 2015, strengthening the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management, developing the agricultural sector and deepening cooperation on disease surveillance.



H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, attended the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and related Summits in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on 12 – 13 November 2014.



H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister, attended the ASEAN – EU Informal Leaders' Meeting in Milan, Italy, on 16 October 2014.



H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister, attended the ASEAN Summit and related Summits with Australia, China, India, Japan and the United States as well as the ASEAN Plus Three and East Asia Summits in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on 12 – 13 November 2014.



H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister, attended the 2014 ASEAN – ROK Commemorative Summit in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 – 12 December 2014.



H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the ASEAN – UN Ministerial Meeting held during the 69<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 26 September 2014.



H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, together with other ASEAN Foreign Ministers, held a discussion with the Honorable John F. Kerry, the US Secretary of State, at the ASEAN – US Ministerial Meeting in New York on 26 September 2014.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN – EU Ministerial Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, on 23 July 2014.





# Chapter

# 4

## Thailand in the International Community

### 1. Regional and Sub-regional Level

#### 1.1 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Beijing, China, during 10 – 11 November 2014. The year 2014 was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of APEC. China as host economy proposed the theme “Shaping the Future through Asia-Pacific Partnership” and three sub-themes: Advancing Regional Economic Integration; Promoting Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth; and Strengthening Comprehensive Connectivity and Infrastructure Development. APEC reached consensus on the Beijing Roadmap for APEC's Contribution to the Realization of the FTAAP. Under the roadmap, the study and information exchange on current FTAs will be carried out. The APEC leaders agreed to accelerate the establishment of the post-Bali work programme and to ensure substantial progress.

The Prime Minister of Thailand at the 22<sup>nd</sup> APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Beijing, China, during 10 – 11 November 2014



The 2014 Leaders' Declaration and Statement on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of APEC, which emphasized the organization's achievements since its establishment in 1989, was endorsed. The APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015 – 2025, focusing on the overarching goal of strengthening physical, institutional, and people-to-people connectivity, the development of regulations, tourism facilitation, student exchange and business travel mobility, was also endorsed.

On 7 – 8 November 2014, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, together with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Secretary attended the 26<sup>th</sup> APEC Ministerial Meeting. The Ministers committed to upholding APEC's role as a key driver to regional economic growth. The Ministers recognized the importance of pushing forward multilateral trade, reducing development disparity and building sustainable growth. The Connectivity Blueprint for 2015 – 2025 was endorsed and proposed to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Leaders' Meeting.

In this regard, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs underlined the need to increase the development dimension in order to bridge regional development gaps. Thailand has actively worked on promoting cooperation among farmers, the private sector, and consumers to set fair prices that will support farmers and promote food security. In addition, he stressed the need for cooperation to build physical connectivity on infrastructure with neighbouring countries to further connect to China and India, including the establishment of Special Economic Zones. Moreover, he proposed that APEC explore the possibility to engage in information sharing and early warning system cooperation and consider organizing a ministerial meeting on the issue.



The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs at the 26<sup>th</sup> APEC Ministerial Meeting on 7 – 8 November 2014

## 1.2 The Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD)

The Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) was inaugurated in 2002 under the initiative of Thailand to be Asia's first continent-wide policy forum. The aim of the ACD is to connect Asian countries for the benefit of Asia and build an Asian community without duplicating other organizations or creating a bloc against others.

The ACD's key principle is to consolidate Asian strengths and strengthen Asia's competitiveness by maximizing the diversity and rich resources available in Asia. Currently, the ACD has 33 Member States from every sub-region of Asia, including China, Japan, India, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkey, and the 10 ASEAN states (with Morocco as a Partner for Development). Thailand has played a leading role in the ACD and assisted cooperation as the ACD Coordinator.

Recognizing that developing regional connectivity is important for driving economic integration and sustainability in Asia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand hosted the "High Level Forum on ACD Regional Connectivity" on 4 September 2014 and proposed the *Tentative Road Map for ACD Regional Connectivity*. The Road Map was welcomed as a visionary way forward and received broad support as a basis for further consideration. The latest version of the Road Map comprises sixteen projects in seven priority areas: transport and telecommunication infrastructure, institutional infrastructure, energy security and connectivity, food security and mobility, financial connectivity and security, tourism, and human development. These fields of cooperation are crucial for steering interaction among Member States towards creating mutual economic benefits and reducing inequality in the region.

Thailand will assume the ACD Chairmanship in September 2015. Under this year-long position, Thailand is planning to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACD Summit in the second half of 2016. The Summit is an opportunity for Thailand to play a constructive role in driving the ACD process further and to share her long-term vision for Asia as a region with well-integrated connectivity, thereby ensuring inclusive and resilient growth and a prosperous future for our region.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted the High Level Forum on ACD Regional Connectivity on 4 September 2014.



## 1.3 Ayeyawady – Chao Phraya – Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS)

On 12 September 2014, Vietnam hosted the ACMECS Ministerial Retreat Meeting on Tourism Cooperation. The meeting was scheduled as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ho Chi Minh International Travel Expo (ITE-HCMC 2014) and took place in Ho Chi Minh City during 11 – 13 September 2014.

During the meeting, member countries from Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam agreed on the ACMECS Tourism Cooperation and sought to cooperate and support each other actively. They also agreed that each government must remove existing barriers to facilitate tourism, through initiatives such as the ACMECS Single Visa Scheme to facilitate tourists from the ACMECS, ASEAN and other countries.



H.E. Mr. Panyarak Poolthup, Ambassador of Thailand to Vietnam, along with representatives from the Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, at the ACMECS Ministerial Retreat Meeting on Tourism Cooperation in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 12 September 2014

On 12 December 2014, Mrs. Rattikul Chansuriya, Deputy Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, chaired the informal ACMECS Working Group, which was attended by ambassadors and representatives from ACMECS embassies in Bangkok. Thailand has strengthened the ACMECS Working Group (AWG) to serve as a coordinating mechanism to follow up on both the outcomes of the ACMECS Summits and key issues under ACMECS, as well as pivotal activities required by the Vientiane Declaration. Included in the Vientiane Declaration, the outcome of the 5<sup>th</sup> ACMECS Summit in the Lao PDR in 2013, are activities such as Contract Farming, ACMECS Single Visa Scheme and Sister Cities. The ACMECS Working Group also undertook to coordinate preparations for the 6<sup>th</sup> ACMECS Summit and related meetings to be held in 2015 in Myanmar. The ACMECS Working Group will meet every two months, with Thailand as Chair and Secretariat of the meeting as well as the administrator of the official ACMECS website ([www.acmecsg.org](http://www.acmecsg.org)/[www.acmecsthai.org](http://www.acmecsthai.org)), which functions as the virtual secretariat of ACMECS.

#### 1.4 Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI)

Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, the Foreign Ministers of Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam, and the U.S. Secretary of State attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI) Ministerial Meeting and the 4<sup>th</sup> Friends of the Lower Mekong Ministerial (FLM) Meeting, in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on 9 August 2014.

The meeting discussed the development and policy challenges through some of the cooperative programmes under the LMI's six pillars, addressing concerns such as: agriculture and food security, connectivity, education, energy security, environment and water, and health. Cross-cutting issues like the nexus of food, water and energy security as well as water management were raised. Acknowledgement was given to their countries' designates to the Eminent and Expert Persons Group (EEPG) which has been tasked with finding concrete ways to promote a sustainable future for the Mekong River Basin.

Thailand reaffirmed her role as development partner with the United States and highlighted key projects such as (1) capacity building in the area of cross-border procedures and border management under the Connectivity pillar (2) a training initiative entitled Professional Communication Skills for Leaders under the Education pillar; and (3) efforts related to the management of infectious diseases through, for example, the Malaria Prevention and Control Trilateral Project, which is a trilateral arrangement involving Thailand, Myanmar and the United States, under the Public Health pillar.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI) Ministerial Meeting and the 4<sup>th</sup> Friends of the Lower Mekong (FLM) Ministerial Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 August 2014.

### 1.5 Mekong – Japan Cooperation

#### (1) The 4<sup>th</sup> Forum for the Promotion of Public-Private Cooperation in the Mekong Region

Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Forum for the Promotion of Public-Private Cooperation in the Mekong Region as head of the Thai delegation on 18 February 2014 in Tokyo. Participants included delegates from the public and private sectors of member countries. The forum aimed to support cooperation between public and private sectors and facilitate the exchange of ideas on Mekong development. On this occasion, three parallel sessions were organized to share views on the development of infrastructure and special economic zones, tourism, and medical cooperation.

#### (2) The 7<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 10 August 2014. The meeting was convened during the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. Progress made since the previous year was reviewed and views shared on the ASEAN Post-2015 Vision. The new Vision builds on insights gained during the implementation of the current Mekong – Japan Action Plan which expires in 2015. Thailand emphasized issues such as infrastructure development, logistics, the facilitation of trade and investment in the region, environment, and sustainable development.

#### (3) The 6<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Japan Summit

H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Japan Summit on 12 November 2014. The Summit was held during the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Nay Phi Taw, Myanmar. Thailand reaffirmed her commitment, as development partner of the Mekong sub-region, to continue her support for sustainable development. Thailand also reiterated her readiness to further enhance cooperation with Japan for the development of the Mekong production base, providing the region with a source of income. Japanese investors were informed about investment opportunities in Thailand thanks to various government initiatives. Reference was made to the establishment of special economic zones and skills-training centers for labour along the borders, the new investment strategy, the infrastructure development plan, as well as incentives for companies to establish their international headquarters in Thailand. Building agricultural strength of the Mekong sub-region was also mentioned.

#### (4) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Green Mekong Forum

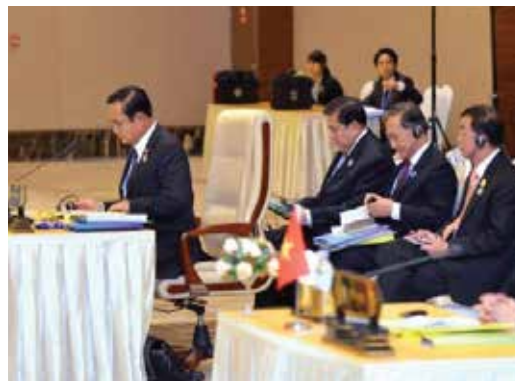
On 25 December 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Green Mekong Forum in Bangkok. The Forum is an example of cooperation between the two countries to promote sustainable development and to raise awareness of environmental issues in the Mekong sub-region. The 2014 forum focused on improving urban development as well as disaster risk reduction and disaster response.

Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with representatives from Thailand's Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Forum for the Promotion of Public-Private Cooperation in the Mekong Region in Tokyo on 18 February 2014.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, with Ministers of Foreign Affairs of member countries at the 7<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 August 2014

H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Japan Summit in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 November 2014.



The 6<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Japan Summit



Mr. Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and Mr. Takizaki Shigegi, Deputy Director-General, Department of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, co-chaired the 3<sup>rd</sup> Green Mekong Forum in Bangkok on 25 December 2014.

## 1.6 Mekong – Republic of Korea (ROK) Cooperation

### (1) Mekong – Republic of Korea Cooperation Senior Officials’ Meeting

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Republic of Korea, hosted the Mekong – ROK Cooperation Senior Officials’ Meeting (Mekong – ROK SOM) in Pattaya City, Chonburi, on 2 June 2015. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the draft of the first Mekong – ROK Cooperation Action Plan (2014 – 2017), to be endorsed at the 4<sup>th</sup> Mekong-ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 28 – 29 July 2014.

The Republic of Korea announced her intention to increase the budget of the Mekong – ROK Cooperation Fund (MRCF), by adding 440,000 USD to the starting amount of 500,000 USD within 2014. The meeting also witnessed the signing of an MOU between the Mekong Institute, in Khon Kaen Province, and the Republic of Korea, designating the Mekong Institute as fund manager of the MRCF.

The Meeting further discussed cooperation projects to be included in the first Mekong – ROK Cooperation Action Plan (2014 – 2017). As a coordinating country for agricultural and rural development, Thailand proposed a comprehensive training project to increase rice production in the Mekong sub-region, to be jointly implemented by Thailand’s Rice Department, the National Food Institute and the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA).

### (2) The 4<sup>th</sup> Mekong – ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting

Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Mekong – ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul during 28 – 29 July 2014. The Meeting, which was co-chaired by Thailand and the Republic of Korea, was an important milestone for the Mekong – ROK Cooperation due to the endorsement of the first Mekong – ROK Cooperation Action Plan (2014 – 2017). Thailand reaffirmed its commitment to be a strategic partner of the Republic of Korea in developing the Mekong sub-region. Thailand also announced her readiness to collaborate with the Republic of Korea on development projects in CLMV countries in areas such as skills training and infrastructure. Reference was made to the two countries’ collaboration on the improvement of route number 48 (Koh Kong-Srae Ambel) in Cambodia. Thailand also invited Korean businessmen to invest more in the Mekong sub-region and encouraged the Republic of Korea to share her expertise with the Mekong countries in the areas of information communication and technology and water resource management.

Mr. Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Director-General of the Department of International Economic Affairs and Mr. Suh Jeong-In, Director-General of the Department of South Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Republic of Korea, co-chaired the Mekong – ROK Senior Officials' Meeting in Pattaya City, Chonburi Province, on 2 June 2014.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Mekong – Republic of Korea Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 28 – 29 July 2014.

### 1.7 The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)

BIMSTEC is a framework initiated by Thailand in 1997 and is the only forum which links South Asia with Southeast Asia. BIMSTEC fully complements Thailand's current Look West Policy and South Asian countries' Look East Policy, in particular India's new "Act East" Policy, looking to connect with mainland ASEAN.

Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, attended the Third BIMSTEC Summit and other related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, during 2 – 4 March 2014. Every member state agreed that solid coalition within the region has become crucial in order to collectively address traditional and non-traditional threats, for instance: energy security, food security, climate change and the negative impacts of connectivity.

The BIMSTEC leaders signed three important documents: (1) Memorandum of Association on the Establishment of the BIMSTEC Center for Weather and Climate in Noida, India; (2) Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Commission (BCIC) and BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory (BCIO) in Bhutan; and (3) Memorandum of Association on the Establishment of the BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The meeting also took note of the assignment of Mr. Sumith Nakandala, former Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Iraq, as the first BIMSTEC Secretary General.



Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, attended the Third BIMSTEC Summit in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on 4 March 2014.



### 1.8 The Thailand – India Joint Working Group on Connectivity and Infrastructure

The Joint Working Group was a result of the 6<sup>th</sup> Thailand – India Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation meeting held in New Delhi during 26 – 27 December 2011. It aims to explore opportunities and possibilities to develop connectivity and infrastructure between the two countries.

#### (1) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thailand – India Joint Working Group on Connectivity and Infrastructure

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thailand – India Joint Working Group on Connectivity and Infrastructure, hosted by Thailand in Bangkok on 29 September 2014, the two countries decided to exchange knowledge and experiences regarding the development of connectivity and infrastructure. India expressed her great interest in increasing interaction with Southeast Asia and plugging in with mainland ASEAN.

Thailand welcomed entrepreneurs from India to invest in the Dawei Deep Sea Port Project, which is being jointly developed by Thailand, Myanmar and Japan. Besides maritime connectivity, the meeting addressed air connectivity for the first time. India welcomed Thai airlines to operate new flights to the northeastern part of India, which is the gateway to Southeast Asia and has close proximity with Southeast Asia in terms of culture and ethnicity.

(2) **The Trilateral Highway Project** was a result of the meeting among the Foreign/External Affairs Ministers of India, Myanmar and Thailand on the Transport Linkage Project in 2002. The parties agreed to construct roads from Mae Sot, Tak Province, to Moreh in India through Bagan and other important cities in Myanmar with a view to developing and promoting cross-border transport, trade, investment, tourism and people-to-people relationships.

Thailand hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting on the Trilateral Transport Linkage Project in Bangkok on 30 September 2014. The project made considerable progress in general. Thailand committed to constructing or upgrading the Mae Sot – Myawaddy – Thingannyinaung – Kawkareik road section, of which the construction of the Mae Sot – Thingannyinaung has already been completed.

The Trilateral Highway is of great importance to the three countries as it links them together and also links South Asia to Southeast Asia. This linkage is expected to bring about economic development and prosperity. However, the current challenge is to develop software connectivity as an essential part of transforming this transport corridor into a full-fledged economic corridor. The three countries agreed to develop a cross-border transport agreement, and Thailand proposed using the Greater Mekong Subregion Cross-Border Transport Agreement (GMS CBTA) as a basis of consideration.



The 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting on the Trilateral Transport Linkage Project between India, Myanmar and Thailand (the Trilateral Highway Project) with Mrs. Rattikul Chansuriya, Deputy Director General of the Department of International Economic Affairs, as head of the Thai delegation

### 1.9 Fostering Cooperation between Thailand and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Thailand is enhancing partnership with international organizations to facilitate the exchange of best practices and increase the competitiveness of the Thai private sector. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul) attended the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Council Meeting and the Opening Ceremony of the Southeast Asia Regional Programme in Paris on 5 – 6 May 2014. In addition, senior Thai officials met regularly with the Director of the OECD Global Relations Secretariat in Paris to discuss and update Thailand's Country Partnership Programme (CPP) with the OECD.

### 1.10 The Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers

H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers 2014 in Perth, Australia, during 7 – 10 October. The Meeting, chaired by the Honourable Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia, placed great emphasis on how to best use resources and opportunities found within the Indian Ocean region. Trade, investment, fisheries, mineral exploration, renewable energy and tourism were identified as the key drivers of IORA's growing blue economy.

Deputy Minister Pramudwinai commented that IORA's priority should be directed towards food security, energy security and freer flows of trade and investment. Projects that could advance these goals included training and knowledge sharing on fisheries management and aquaculture, an IORA Energy Action Plan, and studies on the impact of trade measures on imports and exports of fisheries products. He also suggested that IORA promote maritime connectivity and improve its work on people-to-people connectivity, including business sector and youth.

During the meeting, the Deputy Minister attended the signing ceremony of the new IORA Charter and witnessed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Coordination and Cooperation of Search and Rescue Services in the Indian Ocean Region

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers in Perth, Australia, on 7 – 10 October 2014.



## 2. Global and United Nations Level

In the evolving political process, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to advocate a constructive role for Thailand in multilateral forums while reaffirming the nation's commitments to the international community.

### 2.1 Participation at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

In September 2014, H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, headed the Thai delegation to the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. In his statement at the UN General Debate, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs shared Thailand's position on major global issues and provided an update on the country's political situation.



H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, had a meeting with Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General, at the United Nations Secretariat in New York, USA, on 27 September 2014.

### 2.2 Promoting Economic and Social Development of International Community

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, in collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2014 in Pattaya during 19 – 21 May. The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sihasak Phuanketkeow, highlighted the need to ensure the achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly in terms of poverty eradication and inequality, disaster risk reduction and preparation, and access to health care, focusing on Universal Health Coverage (UHC). He also agreed that international cooperation and the promotion of science, technology and innovation should be emphasised in the implementation of sustainable development initiatives.

## 2.3 Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been supporting Thailand's unwavering commitment in international cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. Under the leadership of Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, then Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations in Vienna, Thailand's proposed resolution entitled "Rule of law, crime prevention and criminal justice in the UN development agenda beyond 2015" was adopted in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) held in Vienna, Austria, in May 2014. The resolution promotes the inter-dependence between the rule of law and sustainable development. The meeting discussed the necessity to create best practices to effectively address transnational crimes and to solve main challenges to the international cooperation in criminal matters, including the difference in legal systems, non-punishment of criminals, the lack of a mutual legal assistance treaty, and the speed of response to legal assistance requests. Thailand also advocated broader implementation of the United Nations standards and norms in promoting and protecting the rights of women and children in legal process and the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders, or the Bangkok Rules. In November 2014, the Government of Thailand and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) co-hosted an open-ended intergovernmental expert group meeting to discuss ways and means to effectively prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish gender-related killing of women and girls. The meeting, chaired by Mrs. Kanchana Patarachoke, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Organizations, concluded with practical recommendations on effective criminal justice response to gender-related killing, often regarded as the most extreme form of violence against women and girls.

## 2.4 Promotion of Human Rights

(1) Thailand remains committed to the promotion and protection of human rights. Thailand also plays a constructive role on the global stage in this regard. In March 2014, Mr. Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Human Rights Council and shared his visions on how to enhance efficiency of the Council and the mainstreaming of human rights in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Thailand also presented its mid-term progress voluntarily in implementing the recommendations and pledges from its first cycle Universal Periodic Review (UPR) during the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council.

(2) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has continued to coordinate with relevant line agencies in the prevention and suppression of trafficking in persons, taking the lead in strengthening partnerships with all stakeholders, including civil society, and fostering international cooperation, as part of the 5P's approach, namely: Policy, Prosecution, Protection, Prevention and Partnership.

In 2014, the Government established the Policy Committee on Migrant Workers and Human Trafficking, to integrate its work to address human trafficking, migrant workers, child labour, forced labour, and conditions of labour in fishery industry. The Policy Committee has played a vital role in planning policy for migrant workers management that started with the registration of migrant workers from Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a member of the Policy Committee, has taken a leading role in seeking policy consultation with relevant international organizations, especially the Thematic Working Group on Migration (TWG) established by the United Nations Country Team in Thailand (UNCT) as well as other specialized agencies, including the IOM and ILO, to ensure a comprehensive policy planning for migrant labour protection that also complies with international standards.

At regional level, Thailand has continued its active role in the Bali Process, especially on anti-trafficking in persons. In 2014, Thailand and Australia co-chaired the drafting committee to produce Policy Guides on Criminalizing Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons. In addition, Thailand co-chaired the consultation workshop with Australia in March 2014 to seek recommendations from members of the Bali Process on the said policy guides. Thailand has continued to strongly support activities on strengthening immigration capacity which also contributes to the prevention of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants.

On the bilateral front, Thailand has continued to build on her close cooperation with Australia to combat trafficking in persons. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs coordinated with relevant agencies, including the Ministry of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Royal Thai Police, Department of Special Investigation, and Ministry of Labour, to negotiate and implement the Subsidiary Arrangement between the Government of Thailand and the Government of Australia relating to the Australia – Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons or AAPTIP.

## 2.5 Pushing forward the Post-2015 Development Agenda

**(1) Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs convened a series of meetings with related line agencies to prepare Thailand for deliberations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and to prepare a common Thai position for the negotiation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region. During 19 – 21 May 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and ESCAP hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> APFSD meeting in Pattaya, and Thailand thereafter reported the outcome to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) held in New York from 7 to 9 July 2014.

**(2) High-Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):** Mr. Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the High-Level Segment of ECOSOC during 7 – 11 July 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The meeting sought to accelerate the achievements of the MDGs by 2015, to follow up on the outcome of the Rio+20 Conference, and to deliberate on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. At the Annual Ministerial Review of ECOSOC, Thailand presented her first National Voluntary Presentation entitled “Addressing ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustainable development gains in the future”, which presented His Majesty the King’s Sufficiency Economy Philosophy as a model for sustainable development.

**(3) High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC):** Mr. Manasvi Srisodapol, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led the Thai delegation to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> High-Level Meeting of the GPEDC and the Workshop on Unfinished Business: Moving Forward to Meet Busan’s Commitments in Mexico City, United Mexican States, during 14 – 16 April 2014. The meeting discussed development cooperation, including within the context of the UN post-2015 development agenda, focusing on the follow-up of the IV High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan in 2011, the role of middle income countries, the role of business sector and civil society organizations in poverty reduction, and cooperation between developing countries (South-South cooperation). Thailand expressed her readiness to share knowledge and best practices in four areas: sufficiency economy, public health, food security, and tourism.

## 2.6 Promoting Thailand's Role in Disaster Risk Reduction

(1) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior co-hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) in Bangkok during 23 – 26 June 2014. The conference was organized in preparation for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (3WCDDRR), which was held in March 2015 in Sendai, Japan. The conference was attended by participants at the ministerial level from 18 Asian countries.

Thailand's initiatives and inputs in disaster risk reduction, guided by His Majesty the King's Sufficiency Economy, were reflected in the main outcome document of the conference, the "Bangkok Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific 2014". Particular attention was given to the adoption of a people-centred approach and the strengthening of disaster preparedness and resilience at the local-community level. The aforementioned outcome has contributed substantially to the global framework on DRR adopted in Sendai.

Thailand hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (6<sup>th</sup> AMCDRR) at Bangkok Convention Center, Central World, Bangkok, during 22 – 26 June 2014.



(2) On 25 September 2014, Thailand together with the Group of Friends of Water, i.e. Peru, Switzerland and Tajikistan organized the High Level Special Event during the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) under the title of "Reducing risk from water-related disaster: a must for the post-2015 development agenda" at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. The panellists and discussants included the President of Switzerland, Prime Minister of Tajikistan, Vice Minister of Environment of Peru, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, UNDP Administrator, Secretary-General of World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction. The event attracted more than 200 participants from all sectors. The event successfully raised Thailand's visibility in disaster risk reduction and water related matters.

(3) On 26 December 2014, to mark the tenth anniversary of the Indian Ocean Tsunami, Thailand organized a remembrance ceremony - Ten Years on: Remembering the Indian Ocean Tsunami, at the Police Boat 813 Memorial. H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, presided over the remembrance ceremony which was attended by over 1,500 people, both Thais and foreigners. Thai ministers and senior officials, foreign dignitaries of affected countries, including a representative of the King and Queen of Sweden, New Zealand's Police Commissioner, and high level representatives from international organizations such as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Special Representative of Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and President of Happy Hearts Fund were present at the ceremony. The ceremony was deemed very successful and was referred as a milestone that marked the renewed commitment of Thailand on disaster risk reduction and emergency relief planning. The demonstration of emergency response operations before the ceremony also contributed to increased confidence building in Thailand's early warning system and disaster preparedness.



The Prime Minister of Thailand presided over the Remembrance Ceremony to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Indian Ocean Tsunami in Phang Nga Province on 26 December 2014.

On 27 December 2014, Thailand organized a study trip, led by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, on disaster preparedness at the local level. The participants included Thai and foreign dignitaries who had attended the Tenth Anniversary of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Remembrance Ceremony. The trip began with viewing the local disaster response management at Baan Nam Kem Community, which was severely damaged in the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, then proceeded to the Chaipattana-Thai Red Cross Village in Phang Nga, which is a showcase of how His Majesty the King's Sufficiency Economy Philosophy was applied at the local-community level to enable rehabilitation from disaster.

## 2.7 Celebration of World Soil Day and the Launch of the International Year of Soils on 5 December 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

In a joint effort, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives collaborated to present a resolution to the Second Committee of the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly to declare 5 December of every year as World Soil Day and 2015 as the International Year of Soils.

The first event to mark World Soil Day and the launch of the International Year of Soils was co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 5 December 2014. The aim was to raise awareness of the importance of soil resources to agricultural development, nutrition, and food security, in the face of increasing population and ecological degradation.

On this occasion, His Majesty the King of Thailand graciously designated Her Royal Highness Princess Bajarakitiyabha Mahidol to deliver H.M.'s Royal Message entitled "Healthy soils for a healthy life" at the above event in New York. The Celebration of the first World Soil Day and the launch of the International Year of Soils 2015 disseminated the work of H.M. the King in the development of soil resources and agriculture. The celebration was well attended with 300 participants from member states of the United Nations, civil society, academic institutions and Thai community in New York City.



H.R.H. Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol delivered the Royal Message of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand on “Healthy soils for a healthy life” (left).

From left to right: Under Secretary of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Director of FAO Liaison Office to the UN, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN, HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, Vice President of ECOSOC, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the UN, Vice President of the 69<sup>th</sup> UNGA, Chief of UNCCD Office to the UN (right)



Interventions from UN member states, UN organizations, stakeholders, and civil society

Exhibition on the importance of World Soil Day and International Year of Soils organized by the Land Development Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand



### 2.8 Support for the Implementation of Thailand’s Obligations to CITES

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement between governments intended to safeguard endangered and threatened species by imposing controls on specimens of selected species in international trade. The Convention has 181 Parties and roughly 5,600 species of animals and 30,000 species of plants are listed, depending on how threatened they are by international trade, in the three CITES Appendices.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with relevant agencies, the Ministry of National Resources and Environment in particular, has coordinated closely with the CITES Secretariat to ensure that the implementation of the revised National Ivory Action Plan (NIAP) is accomplished on time in accordance with the Secretariat's recommendations. Thailand's revised NIAP highlights five main areas of progress:

(1) Implementing new laws and regulatory provisions, such as the amendment of six provisions under the *Wild Animals Reservation and Protection Act B.E. 2535 (1992)*, and the enactment of the *Ivory Act B.E. 2558 (2015)* and seventeen subordinate laws, that allows for effective control of domestic trade and possession of elephant ivory, which consequently helps suppress African ivory trafficking;

(2) Improving the ivory registration system to include information on ivory traders and ivory products lists, legal possession of ivory from domesticated and African elephants, and confiscated ivory; so that authorities can monitor the ivory trade and effectively enforce relevant laws;

(3) Increasing supervision and law enforcement mechanisms to strictly control the domestic ivory trade and effectively suppress lawbreakers;

(4) Raising public awareness among main target groups which includes foreign tourists, ivory traders, ivory owners and the general public; and

(5) Establishing four sub-committees to carry out, monitor, evaluate and regularly report to Thailand's National Committee on CITES and the Prime Minister.

As a member of the Sub-committee on Public Relations under the National Committee on CITES, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has actively engaged with all stakeholders, especially at international forums, to generate a better understanding of Thailand's commitment to resolving the illegal ivory trade. For example, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has participated in the high-level luncheon on "Poaching and Illicit Wildlife Trafficking – Towards Joint Action by the International Community", held at the margins of the General Debate of the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 69), in New York on 26 September 2014, as well as attending periodic meetings organized by the Group of Friends on Poaching and Illicit Wildlife Trafficking, to which Thailand is a member. Most importantly, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and relevant authorities have worked together with a common purpose to put an end to the illegal ivory trade in Thailand.

## 2.9 Promoting Non-Proliferation and Disarmament of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) and Conventional Arms

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs remains firmly committed to countering proliferation and promoting disarmament of all types of weapons, both WMDs and conventional arms, with a view to strengthening international peace and security. Thailand is determined to contribute to international efforts with regard to non-proliferation and disarmament. In this regard, Thailand and the Netherlands co-hosted a Sherpa meeting in preparation for the Third Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) in Pattaya during 13 – 15 January 2014.

Subsequently, on 24 – 25 March 2014, Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led the Thai delegation to the Third Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague, Netherlands, as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Thailand. Delegates from 53 member countries and 4 international organizations attended the Summit to reaffirm their commitments to strengthening nuclear security architecture and to enhancing international coordination in this regard. The Thai delegation submitted Thailand's national progress, which highlighted Thailand and the IAEA's joint constructive role in enhancing cooperation to strengthen nuclear security.

On 25 November 2014, Thailand signed the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and became the 123<sup>rd</sup> Signatory State to the Treaty which entered into force on 24 December 2014. Thailand is now considering ratifying the Treaty as the next step. The ATT will be beneficial for Thailand and the international community as it aims to establish an international standard to regulate or improve rules governing international trade in conventional arms. Objectives of the ATT include prevention and elimination of illicit arms trade so as to address the problem of arms diversion which often results in transnational crime, deprivation of liberty, and violation of human rights.

Thailand co-hosted a Sherpa meeting in preparation for the Third Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) with the Netherlands in Pattaya during 13 – 15 January 2014.



H.E. Mr. Norachit Sinhaseni, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations, signed the Arms Trade Treaty on 25 November 2014.

**2.10 Maritime Security**

With a view to promoting maritime security in the region and beyond, particularly the safety of navigation and the eradication of piracy, which are now global threats, and to raising the stature of Thailand in the international security arena, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has taken the following courses of action which can be divided into 2 main categories:

**1. Diplomacy:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has actively participated in regional and international maritime security forums, namely: the 94<sup>th</sup> Session of the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization which took place in London during 17 – 21 November 2014; the Governing Council of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) in Tokyo during 12 – 13 December 2014; the 17<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) in Dubai during 27 – 28 October 2014; and the 4<sup>th</sup> UAE High Level Counter Piracy Conference in Dubai during 29 – 30 October 2014. Given Thailand’s active role in this matter, the Thai representative (H.E. Mr. Pornchai Danwiwat, Ambassador of Thailand to the Sultanate of Oman) was elected as the chairman of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) for another term (2015-2018).

**2. Military Operation:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has supported the Royal Thai Navy's anti-piracy mission including 1) the assignment of the Royal Thai Navy's senior officer to take up the duty of the Commander of the Combined Task Force 151 (CTF151) under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), joint anti-Somali piracy operation, from 26 November 2014 to 26 February 2015; 2) the Royal Thai Navy's participation in the Malacca Straits Coordinated Patrols (MSCP) with Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore (since September 2008) and the air patrol "Eyes in the Sky" (since January 2009).

### 2.11 Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime

As a regional hub for transportation and logistics, tourism as well as trade and investment, Thailand has unavoidably been exploited as a "safe haven" by both terrorist and transnational criminal groups. Thailand has therefore devoted resources to rigorously suppressing these illegal activities and has also taken steps to prevent any further acts of terrorism and transnational crimes in our territory.

To support the work of the Thai security agencies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has actively engaged with other relevant agencies in Thailand in order to exchange information, improve legislation, and promote knowledge and understanding of counter-terrorism and transnational crimes.

At the regional and international levels, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has participated in various regional and international forums in 2014, namely: the APEC Counter-Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) Meeting in China on 8 – 9 August, the GCTF Global Counter Terrorism Forum's Detention and Reintegration Working Group in Indonesia on 12 – 13 August, the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) in Brunei Darussalam on 22 – 27 June, the ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (ARF ISM on CTTC) in Indonesia on 14 – 16 April, and the BIMSTEC Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (JWG-CTTC) and BIMSTEC Sub-Group on Combating the Financing of Terrorism (SG-CFT) in India on 5 – 7 February.

### 2.12 Legal Advice and Progressive Development of International Law

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs plays an important role in the codification and development of international law. In particular, the Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs monitors and analyses trends and developments of international law in various forums as well as the potential effects of these trends on Thailand. The Department works hand in hand with relevant agencies to protect and promote Thailand's interests in the law development process, especially in the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly, the International Law Commission (ILC), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' roles and contributions in this regard in 2014 included:

(1) During the 66<sup>th</sup> session of the International Law Commission, Ambassador Kriangsak Kittichaisaree, Executive Director of Thailand Trade and Economic Office in Taipei, an ILC member, and Chairman of the Working Group on the topic of "Obligation to extradite or prosecute" (*aut dedere aut judicare*), with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, submitted the final report of this topic which summarizes the provisions of the obligations and highlights best practices in this matter. The report was endorsed by the 66<sup>th</sup> session of the ILC and the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly.

(2) Throughout 2014, Thailand actively participated in the work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). During the 47<sup>th</sup> session of the UNCITRAL and the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, Thailand, along with other UN Member States, adopted the

Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration or the Transparency Convention, drafted by Working Group II on Arbitration and Conciliation. Furthermore, Mr. Wisit Wisitsora-at, Chief Inspector General of the Ministry of Justice of Thailand, was elected as Chairman of the UNCITRAL Working Group V on Insolvency Law for a number of sessions consecutively, which concluded with successful outcomes. Currently, the Working Group is considering the issues of “Facilitating the cross-border Insolvency of multinational enterprise groups” and “Cross-border recognition and enforcement of insolvency-related judgments.”

(3) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand attended the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) in Doha, Qatar, during 19 – 26 June 2014 to give advice and recommendations on issues pertaining to Thailand’s national interest, for instance, the WHC’s draft decision recommending the inscription of the Dong Phrayayen – Khao Yai Forest Complex on the List of World Heritage in Danger.”

### 2.13 Campaigns for Thailand’s Candidatures in the International Organizations

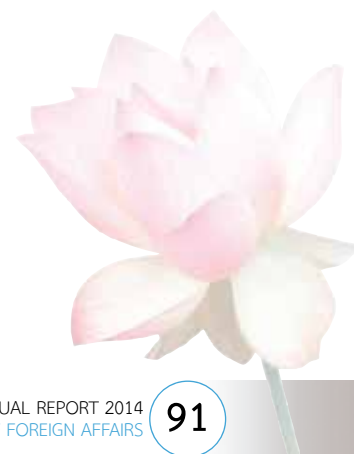
Thailand is committed to participating in shaping international norms alongside the global partners. In this connection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs worked with relevant agencies to support the candidatures of Thailand and capable Thai candidates to important international positions.

(1) Mr. Viroj Sumyai was elected as a member of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for the term 2015 – 2020 at the ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting on 23 April 2014.

(2) Thailand was elected as Council member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the term 2015 – 2018 at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Pusan on 27 October 2014.

(3) Ms. Areewan Haorangsi, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, was elected to the post of Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) for the term 2015 – 2018 at the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the APT held in Yangon, Myanmar, on 26 November 2014.

(4) Thailand has presented her candidature for a non-permanent membership to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the term 2017 – 2018. Thailand has once been a non-permanent member of the UNSC during the term 1985 – 1986. Throughout the year, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been campaigning for support from Thailand’s friends and allies. As part of the country’s campaign, activities emphasizing Thailand’s constructive role in the multilateral and international forums have been held to present Thailand’s visions and readiness.



# Chapter

# 5

## Thailand's International Development Cooperation

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA) (In 2015, TICA's status was upgraded to a departmental level with its English name changed to Thailand International Cooperation Agency, but the abbreviation remains TICA), is a focal agency in implementing international development cooperation between Thailand and developing countries. In pursuance of the Royal Thai Government's policy and the interests of partner countries, TICA gives particular emphasis to improving competency in human resources development, which is believed to be a key foundation for sustainable economic and social development in partner countries. In accordance with Thailand's obligations and responsibilities to the global developmental process, Thailand has actively taken part in combating various major international challenges including poverty reduction, food security, and maternal and child health. These efforts will further enhance future international cooperation in other fields such as security, economy, trade, investment and tourism.

In 2014, on behalf of the Thai Government, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported and collaborated with relevant Thai agencies, including educational institutions, in implementing development cooperation with developing countries. This was done at both bilateral and multilateral levels and included the implementation of development projects, provision of scholarships, training and organization of study visits, as well as the provision of equipment, experts and volunteers. These programmes focused on Thailand's neighbouring countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam – CLMV) but also extended the scope of cooperation to other countries in South Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America in areas, such as agriculture and fisheries, public health, education, tourism, sufficiency economy and rural development, in order to enhance equal security and prosperity among countries. Thailand also works in partnership with other Southeast Asian countries (the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and Brunei) to provide expertise and other forms of collaboration to assist third countries. Details of the key achievements of Thailand's international development cooperation in 2014 are as follows:

# 1. Development Cooperation with Neighbouring Countries and Other Developing Countries

## 1.1 Development Cooperation by Sector

**Agriculture and Fisheries:** Thailand places great importance on assisting neighbouring countries to achieve food security. The Thai Government, through TICA, has provided technical cooperation in the areas of agriculture and fisheries to increase productivity and quality as well as to add value to agricultural products. These included the *Fish Disease Diagnosis Laboratory Improvement Project* and the *Animal Nutrition Laboratory Development Project* in the Lao PDR; the *Animal Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccination Project*, the *Promotion of Buffalo Raising* in the Ayeyarwady Region, and the *Livestock Village Development Project* at the Myanmar-Thai border in Myanmar, and the *Good Agricultural Practices for Vegetable and Fruit Cultivation Project* in Cambodia. There were also development programmes on a cost-sharing basis for agricultural and fisheries projects such as the *Centre of Quality Vegetable Production Project* and the *Collaboration on Veterinary Epidemiology Project* in Vietnam, the *Red Tilapia Cultivation Programme* in Mozambique, the *Pasture Utilization for Beef Production System Project*, and the *Apiculture Technology and Valuation of Derivative Products and Marketing Project* in Argentina, the *Integrated Tilapia Farming Techniques Project* in Peru and the *Training Course on Artificial Rain Production* for Jordan.



The *Red-Tilapia Cultivation Training Programme* for executives of the National Institute of Aquaculture Development (INAQUA), Mozambique, during 24 March – 11 April 2014

Ms. Suchada Thaibunthao, Director-General of TICA, welcomed the delegation of the Jordan Meteorological Department and the Royal Jordanian Air Force and received a report on the outcomes of the *Training Course on Artificial Rain Production* for Jordan on 29 August 2014 at TICA.



**Public Health:** Aiming to improve the service quality of public health agencies of neighbouring countries, the Royal Thai Government has supported programmes in two areas:

**1. Infrastructure:** TICA provided support in the construction of hospital buildings, procurement of equipment and medicine supplies; for instance, *Phone Hong Hospital Development Project* in Vientiane Province, Lao PDR, *Bo Kaew Hospital Development Project* and *Paksong Hospital Development Project* in Champasak District, Lao PDR and the *Dawei Hospital Development Project* in the Dawei Special Economic Zone, Myanmar.

**2. Capacity Building:** TICA provided capacity building programmes for hospital employees through short-term training courses such as *Advanced Cardiac Life Support* and *Advanced Trauma Life Support* for Phone Hong Hospital staff as well as the Training of Trainers Programmes on *Reproductive Health* and *Medical Services* for Vietnamese practitioners.

Additionally, TICA implemented the project on *Preparedness for Communicable and Emerging Diseases* on the Thailand-Cambodia-Myanmar-Lao PDR borders targeting both Thai people and migrant workers.

In addition, TICA, in cooperation with the Prostheses Foundation of H.R.H. the Princess Mother, has also provided assistance to Bangladesh in producing prosthetic legs since 2013 and in 2014 implemented a training course on *Lower Extremity Prostheses* for Bangladeshi personnel and a training course on *Prostheses Evaluation* for Bangladeshi physicians.

**Education:** TICA provided cooperation in curriculum and human resources development through scholarships and training courses, dispatching Thai experts to transfer knowledge and supplying learning materials and computers for secondary schools, vocational schools, and universities. These included the development of Savannakhet Technical Vocation School in the Lao PDR and the development of a Thai-language teaching curriculum at Yangon University in Myanmar and the Royal University of Phnom Penh in Cambodia.

Associate Professor Naraporn Chan-o-cha, spouse of the Prime Minister, presided over the ceremony to hand over educational resources under the programme to develop the Arts College in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on 26 November 2014. Ms. Suchada Thaibunthao, Director-General of TICA, and TICA staff also participated in the ceremony.



Ms. Suchada Thaibunthao, Director-General of TICA, presided over the ceremony to hand over the Laboratory for Scientific Education in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on 10 July 2014.

**Tourism:** In response to Myanmar opening up the country to tourism, TICA organized courses on *Tourism Management and Development*, *Hotel and Restaurant Operation* and *Community-based Tourism* for 50 staff from Myanmar’s tourism sector. Furthermore, Thailand implemented a project on *Strengthening Colombia’s Tourism Promotion as an International Destination from Thailand’s Experience*, where Thai experts shared their experiences with their Colombian counterparts in order to develop Colombia’s Sustainable Tourism Plan.

**Sufficiency Economy:** The Buakaew International Roundtable is TICA’s main study visit programme, designed to showcase the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy to Thailand’s development cooperation partners. In 2014, TICA organized the *Buakaew International Roundtable on Sufficiency Economy and Universal Health Coverage* for senior and mid-level public health officials from member countries of the Forum of East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) as well as Thailand’s neighboring countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam – CLMV).

TICA organized the *Buakaew International Roundtable 2014* under the theme of “Sufficiency Economy and Universal Healthcare Coverage” in Bangkok on 13 – 22 August 2014 for 14 representatives from member countries of the Forum for East Asia – Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC).



**Rural Development:** TICA organized a study visit on *Learning Route to Boost Effective Mechanisms of Inter-institutional Local Articulation based on the Experience of Thailand on Poverty Alleviation and Rural Development* for Colombian officials in order to reduce development disparities between urban and rural areas.

TICA also organized a training course called “*From Sufficiency Economy to Wealthiness of the Nation*” for Sri Lankan officials to apply the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy in their country’s development.



TICA and the Office of the Royal Development Projects Board co-organized a study visit on the subject of *Rural Development* based on Sufficiency Economy for Colombian staff during 26 October – 5 November 2014.

**1.2 Thai Volunteers Programme**

Thailand dispatched volunteers under the “Friends from Thailand” programme to work on the ground in other developing countries in various sectors, thereby fostering personal ties between Thailand and other nations. In 2014, Thailand sent teaching assistants to help teach Thai language at universities in Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia. Thailand also sent a total of 17 Thai volunteers in the fields of labor, public health, furniture design and social development to work in foreign countries, such as Bhutan.





A Thai chemical analyst volunteer along with Bhutanese officials took random samples of food in the market to examine for contaminated substances.

### 1.3 Human Resources Development Cooperation

In 2014, Thailand offered its annual postgraduate and short-term training scholarships under 4 themes: Public Health, Food Security, Global Warming and Sufficiency Economy. These scholarships were given to personnel from over 40 developing countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands in accordance with the needs of the partner countries. The scholarships were given under two different programmes, namely:

1. Annual International Training Courses Programme (AITC): Under this programme TICA collaborates with Thai agencies and educational institutions to organize annual training courses in various fields. AITC scholarships are offered to developing countries through Royal Thai Embassies and Consulates around the world. In 2014, a total of 228 scholarships were given to participants on 14 courses.

International Training Course on *Postharvest Food Security, Processing and Quality Assurance of Selected Agro-Industrial Products*, attended by 25 participants from 14 countries, at Kasetsart University during 19 August – 17 September 2014



International Training Course on *Community Health Management and Empowerment to Promote Healthy Communities* for 18 participants from 11 countries at Chiang Mai University during 3 – 23 November 2014

2. Thai International Postgraduate Programme (TIPP): This programme offers scholarships in various fields of study for government officials from developing countries to study at Thai universities. In 2014, a total of 55 scholarships were awarded to officials from around the world to study on 22 different courses.

TICA is also tasked with managing scholarships from other development cooperation partners to develop the capacities of Thai personnel in various organizations. TICA manages scholarships from over 10 partner countries including the People's Republic of China, Singapore, India, Israel and Sri Lanka. In 2014, a total of 195 scholarships were awarded to Thai personnel.

#### 1.4 Development Cooperation under Sub-Regional Frameworks

TICA has been designated as the focal agency for human resources development under sub-regional frameworks in Southeast Asia. In 2014, TICA's activities for development cooperation under sub-regional frameworks were as follows:

(1) Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS): TICA organized *the GMS Follow-up Workshop for Joint Standard Setting On TIP Victim Identification Guideline and Standard Operating Procedures* in Bangkok, Thailand during 25 – 29 August 2014.

(2) Ayeyawady – Chao Phraya – Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS): TICA provided scholarships for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) course at the Thai Chamber of Commerce University to 3 recipients from Myanmar and 2 recipients from the Lao PDR. TICA also reached an agreement with the Sasin Graduate Institute to provide MBA scholarships to recipients from both the public and private sectors of Thailand's neighboring countries. TICA implemented the *Knowledge Enhancement on Wood Biomass Energy Resources* project to research and develop wood and biomass energy resources, especially with the Acacia plants in Vietnam, and also implemented a project for prevention of diseases along the border in Ranong Province.

(3) Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT): TICA organized a workshop on *IMT-GT Cooperation for Management and Skills Development in Tourism* in Phuket, Thailand, during 22 – 26 April 2014.

The GMS Follow-up Workshop for Joint Standard Setting on TIP Victim Identification Guideline and Standard Operating Procedures



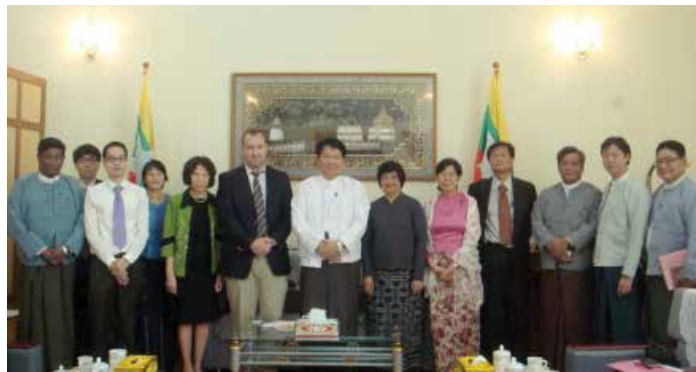
## 2. Partnership for Development

Thailand works with various donor countries and international organizations in providing development cooperation to developing countries, particularly neighbouring countries, through the modalities of North-South as well as North-South-South Cooperation. These partners include a number of countries including Japan, Germany, France, the United States, Republic of Korea, Argentina, Brazil, Israel as well as international organizations like the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Thailand's cooperation with development partners is implemented bilaterally, trilaterally, or multilaterally in the forms of development projects, training, and the dispatch of Thai experts and foreign volunteers in various fields such as:

**Public Health:** (1) Thailand and the United States jointly conducted two training courses on *Malaria Prevention and Control* and *Proficiency Testing for Malaria Microscopy* under the *Malaria Prevention and Control in the Myanmar-Thailand Border Area Project*; (2) Thailand and China conducted a joint research on *Acupuncture Treatment of Cerebrovascular Diseases* in Thailand to share knowledge on stroke diagnosis and treatment with modern medicine and Chinese traditional medicine; (3) Thailand and UNDP jointly implemented the *Thailand – Myanmar Bilateral Partnership on Anti-Retroviral Treatment for Cross-border Migrants Project* to develop a treatment plan for Myanmar HIV patients along the border areas; (4) Thailand and UNFPA conducted a training course on *Neonatal Care and Advanced Midwifery* for Bhutanese nurses and organized workshops on *Thailand Reproductive Health and Maternal Package* during 10 – 11 February 2014 and on *Helping Hands for Safe Motherhood* during 15 – 16 September 2014.

The Thailand – US joint project on *Malaria Prevention and Control in the Myanmar – Thailand Border Area*



The Thailand – China joint research, conducted in Thailand, on *Knowledge Management Project on Acupuncture Treatment of Cerebrovascular Diseases*

The TICA – UNDP joint project on *Myanmar – Thailand Planning Workshop on Universal Access to ART for Cross-Border Migrants*





The workshop on *Helping Hands for Safe Motherhood*, jointly organized by TICA and UNFPA in Bangkok Thailand

**Agriculture:** Thailand and Germany implemented a project to assist the Lao PDR in *Strengthening National Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)* to meet with ASEAN standards during 2012 – 2014.

Project on *Strengthening National Good Agricultural Practice (GAP)* in Lao PDR



Thailand and China collaborated on a number of development projects in agriculture in the form of expert exchange visits and joint research initiatives, for instance: (1) *Resistant and Superior Quality Mulberry and Silkworm Varieties Selection and Demonstration*; (2) *The Mechanism of Biofertilizer and Biocontrol via Molecular and HPLC Technique to Increase Crop Production*; and (3) *Selection of Camellia Oil Tea*. The projects were conducted in Thailand and China.



Collaborative project on the *Selection of Camellia Oil Tea* in Thailand and China

**Science and Technology:** Thailand and Japan conducted a Third Country Training Programme (TCTP) for participants from Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam on various topics such as *Strengthening of Measurement Standards Institutes of CLMV Countries toward ASEAN Integration* and *Harmonization of Power Distribution System in ASEAN Countries*.

*The Strengthening of Measurement Standards Institutes of CLMV Countries toward ASEAN Integration Training Programme* co-organized by TICA and JICA in Bangkok during 30 October – 20 November 2014



**Environment:** Thailand and Germany conducted a project to assist the management of the Nam Xong Sub-River Basin in the Lao PDR, as well as providing capacity building in water quality testing and water source conservation, including the drafting of Basin Usage regulations and water quality manual.

**Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs):** Thailand and Germany provided a capacity building programme to strengthen the cooperatives and SMEs in Central Vietnam, offering opportunities for locals to develop their own business plans.

**Foreign Volunteer Programme:** This is another form of development cooperation that allows foreign volunteers to work in various agencies in Thailand, allowing both sides to share knowledge and experiences and fostering people-to-people connections. The programme includes teaching of foreign language, community development, youth development as well as labour skills development. In 2014, a total of 102 foreign volunteers worked in Thailand. Of these, 51 were from the United States, 30 from the Republic of Korea and 21 from Japan.

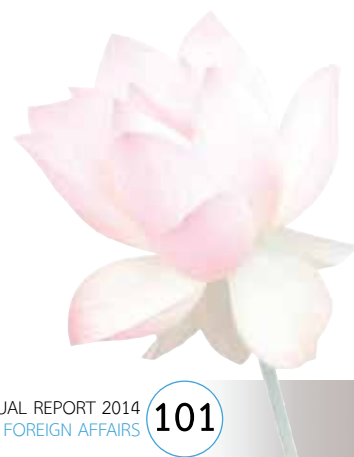
The welcoming and handover ceremony for 7 Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) and Senior Volunteers (SV) before their posting to various Thai agencies on 7 November 2014





The welcoming and handover ceremony for 15 Korean Overseas Volunteers (KOV) before their posting to various Thai agencies on 6 August 2014

Throughout 2014, Thailand remained dynamic in her development cooperation with numerous developing countries at bilateral, trilateral and multilateral levels and strived to ensure sustainable development and maintain her role as an active development partner. These efforts will not only help promote strong international cooperation but also pave the way towards the actualization of ASEAN Community.



# Chapter

# 6

## Economic Diplomacy

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs addresses the current economic challenges facing Thailand and the rest of the globe through economic diplomacy. Thailand's prosperity and sustainability can be achieved by promoting economic development and partnership through science, technology, and innovation (STI), emphasizing food and energy security, public health and medical sciences, infrastructure, and the improvement of people's livelihoods and living standards in all aspects.

**1. Science Diplomacy** is one important aspect of economic diplomacy and also an important part of Thailand's foreign policy. During the past decade, the global context has greatly changed. The world is facing such challenges as climate change, natural disasters, environmental degradation, disease outbreaks, the emergence of new diseases, and terrorism. At the same time, the world is advancing in new and high technologies, and science-based issues like climate change, biodiversity, water management, green industries, low-carbon technology, renewable energy, cyber security, as well as space, maritime, and transport technologies which are of great importance in the international arena.

Research and development in science and technology is an important contributing factor to the overall development of Thailand. The Eleventh National Social and Economic Development Plan incorporated the use of science, technology and innovation as a tool for economic restructuring to improve the quality of life and to achieve sustainability. In particular, STI needs to be employed in adjusting the structure of industries and production chains to become environmentally friendly and creating value-added products and services based on creativity and innovation. Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has promoted science diplomacy with the main goal of promoting international cooperation in STI to address security, economic, as well as social and environmental concerns.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs focuses on three main strategies to promote science diplomacy:

- (1) Engaging international cooperation for technology transfer, research, and development;
- (2) Supporting STI human resource development;
- (3) Highlighting research and innovation for commercial purposes.

In 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with relevant agencies actively promoted science diplomacy to expand the horizon of international cooperation. On 21 November 2014, the Ministry co-hosted with the Ministry of Science and Technology the First Workshop on Science Diplomacy for National Competitiveness, convening the nation’s preeminent authorities to brainstorm on six key areas to explore cooperation with foreign partners, namely: (1) food and agriculture; (2) medical technology and life science; (3) energy and climate change; (4) infrastructure and technology for the manufacturing sector; (5) digital economy, and (6) human resources development and education.



(Left) H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and H.E. Dr. Pichet Durongkaveroj, Minister of Science and Technology, jointly presided over the First Workshop on Science Diplomacy for National Competitiveness.

(Right) Mr. Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Director-General of the Department of International Economic Affairs, moderated the panel discussion on “The Overview and Direction of Global Science, Technology and Innovation Affecting Thailand’s Economic and Foreign Affairs.” Distinguished speakers included Mr. Songsak Saicheua (Director-General of the Department of American and South Pacific Affairs), Dr. Suvit Maesincee (Director of Sasin Institute for Global Affairs), Mr. Krisda Monthienvichienchai (Chamber of Commerce), Dr. Thaweesak Koanantakool (President of National Science and Technology Development Agency), and Dr. Yada Mukdapitak (Deputy Secretary General of the National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office).

## 2. Promotion of Trade and Investment

**2.1 The European Union (EU):** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributes to the promotion of Thai overseas direct investment in the EU. The Department of European Affairs and the Royal Thai Embassy in Brussels / the Mission of Thailand to the EU jointly organized a seminar under the title “Investment Opportunities in the European Union” in cooperation with the Thai – European Business Association (TEBA) in Bangkok on 27 March 2014.

H.E. M.R. Pongsvas Svasti, Minister of Industry, H.E. Mr. Noppadol Gunavibool, Ambassador of Thailand to the Kingdom of Belgium, Luxemburg and the European Union, Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan, Director-General of the Department of European Affairs, and H.E. Mr. Nikolaos Vamvounakis, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to Thailand, representing the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union (January – June 2014), as well as heads of missions of the European Union’s member states in Thailand, joining the opening ceremony of the seminar entitled “Investment Opportunities in the European Union” on 27 March 2014





**2.2 The Federal Republic of Germany:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and the German-Thai Chamber of Commerce, organized a seminar entitled “Investment Opportunities in Germany and in Thailand” at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 30 September 2014. It was attended by around 100 participants from the Thai and German public and private sectors.

As part of Thailand’s economic diplomacy agenda, the seminar aimed at promoting two-way investments between Thailand and Germany. During the seminar, the German side reaffirmed their commitment to continue cooperation and economic partnership with Thailand.



Seminar entitled “Investment Opportunities in Germany and in Thailand”,  
Narathip Auditorium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 30 September 2014

**2.3 The French Republic:** The Department of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and the Embassy of the French Republic co-organized a public seminar entitled “Business Opportunities of Thailand in France” in Bangkok on 10 June 2014. The seminar provided guidelines on business and investment opportunities for the Thai private sector in France. The participants included businessmen from various industries such as jewelry, textiles, electricity and electrical appliances, packaging, medicines, automobiles, furniture and home decoration, transport and logistics, and banking.

### 3. Promoting Networks Between Thai and Foreign Private Sectors

The Business Information Center (BIC), established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 24 July 2013 has been carrying out its mission in promoting the competitiveness of Thai businesses by engaging them with business opportunities abroad.

The BIC and website “ThaiBiz.net” is available to assist Thai SMEs by providing information and advice on doing business in potential overseas markets, disseminating lists of leading trade exhibitions overseas, and organizing business matching events especially in emerging markets for Thai and foreign traders and investors.

Website “ThaiBiz.net” has received over 200,000 visitors (as of September 2014).



In 2014, the BIC successfully established branch websites in five countries including Myanmar ([www.thaibizmyanmar.com](http://www.thaibizmyanmar.com)), Bahrain ([www.thaibizbahrain.com](http://www.thaibizbahrain.com)), Australia ([www.thaibizaustralia.com](http://www.thaibizaustralia.com)), Sri Lanka ([www.thaibizsrilanka.com](http://www.thaibizsrilanka.com)) and Israel ([www.thaibizisrael.com](http://www.thaibizisrael.com)). This has led to a network of BIC websites in thirty countries worldwide.

Furthermore, the BIC provided assistance in capacity building for the BIC's web officers who work at the Royal Thai Embassies and Consulates-General throughout the world by offering them a training session. A seminar was organized to set guidelines and directions so that their work would be in line with the BIC headquarters in Bangkok and better respond to the needs of the private sector.

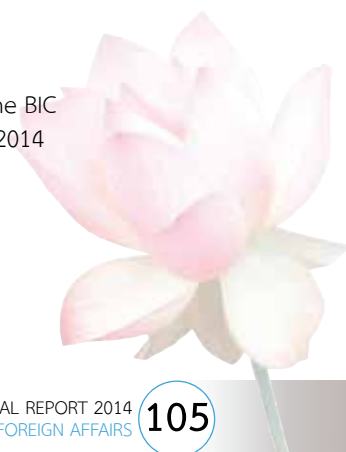


Seminar and Training Session for the BIC's web officers, organized by the Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok, 22 – 23 September 2014

The BIC in Bangkok plays an important role of back office for the Royal Thai Embassies and Consulates-General in arranging promotional activities for potential Thai SMEs to take part in business-related events in major markets overseas. For example, the BIC led a group of Thai SMEs to participate in the “Thai Festival in Tokyo” and the “Moscow Halal Expo.” This provided a rare opportunity for small enterprises to present their products directly to potential consumers and buyers, which enabled them to conduct a market analysis and increased opportunities of investing abroad.



A business matching session between Thai and Peru private sectors, organized by the BIC during a fact-finding trip on trade and investment opportunities in Peru, 25 March 2014



# Chapter

# 7

## Promoting Security in the Southern Border Provinces

### 1. Supporting the Hajj Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has continued to support the Hajj affairs and provide various services to the Thai Hajj pilgrims, most of whom are from the country's Southern Border Provinces (SBPs), to provide facilitation and ensure their welfare during the Hajj season. The Ministry has successfully enhanced cooperation between the Royal Thai Government and the people in the area. In 2014, the Ministry's roles in supporting the Hajj affairs included: (1) appointing a special Consul on the Hajj Affairs in Saudi Arabia; (2) facilitating the issuance of Hajj passports for the Thai Hajj pilgrims in the SBPs; (3) providing financial support (1 million baht) to the head of the Thai Hajj delegation (Amirul Hajj); and (4) dispatching liaison officers to facilitate the Thai Hajj pilgrims during the Hajj season of 2014 in Mecca and Medina, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



On 24 December 2014, H.E. General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, handed over the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' contribution of 1 million baht in support for the work of Mr. Aziz Phitakkumpon, Sheikhul Islam (Chularajmontri) of Thailand, in his capacity as the Amirul Hajj, who led 10,400 Thai Hajj pilgrims to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 2014.

Mr. Thanis Na Songkhla, Consul-General, Royal Thai Consulate-General in Jeddah, and the Consulate-General's staff members welcomed Mr. Aziz Phitakkumpon, Sheikhul Islam of Thailand, on 24 September 2014 during his visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to support the annual Hajj observance in Mecca, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



## 2. Supporting Education for Thai Muslim Students Abroad

There are more than 7,500 Thai Muslim students studying abroad, most of whom are from the SBPs. They are pursuing Islamic studies or Islam-related courses in Egypt, Indonesia and Pakistan, as well as several other countries throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs undertook many activities to support the education of Thai Muslim youths in accordance with the Royal Thai Government's policies, as well as to ensure the well-being of the students and foster good understanding between students and government agencies. In addition, the Ministry seeks to strengthen cooperative relationship with countries that adhere to moderate teachings of Islam in the area of education, with the aim of providing opportunities for Thai Muslims in the SBPs to study abroad. The Ministry has allocated scholarships in areas, such as linguistics, business management and computer science since 2008.

In 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided 300,000 baht to the Central Islamic Council of Thailand to organize an orientation programme for 80 Thai students (mostly from the SBPs), who received scholarships to study at the Al Azhar University in the Arab Republic of Egypt during 10 – 18 September 2014 at the Training Center, Institute of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Human Resource Development. The objective of the programme was to prepare students prior to their departure for Egypt so they would be able to adjust to the new environment.

In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs allocated a budget for the Royal Thai Embassies and Consulates to undertake more than 55 activities to support and promote the well-being of the Thai students, such as 1) bringing medical doctors and psychiatrists to provide medical check-ups for Thai students in Cairo, Khartoum, and Jakarta, 2) inviting a delegation from the Office of the Grand Imam of Al Azhar of Egypt to visit the SBPs so as to strengthen coordination with the Thai agencies concerned and follow up on the plan to establish an Institute for Arabic Studies in the SBPs, and 3) dispatching delegations from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Public Health, and Office of the Civil Service Commission to visit Thai students abroad to learn about their living conditions, as well as to seek an appropriate solution to the issue of the equivalence of the educational qualifications of the Thai Muslim students in Pakistan.

As part of the Ministry's efforts to be kept informed of the educational progress and well-being of Thai students abroad, the Ministry organized a trip for government officials from relevant agencies to visit Thai students in Pakistan during 29 September – 3 October 2014. They visited Islamic schools in the cities of Raiwind and Rawalpindi as well as the International Islamic University in Islamabad where they met with students and visited their living quarters. On this occasion, the group also met with the academic staffs to exchange views regarding Thai students' academic performances and explore further cooperation with local institutions in other fields of studies.

### 3. Strengthening Networks with Local Population and Local Authorities

During 23 – 26 September 2014, senior officials and representatives from various departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs visited security agencies, schools, and communities in the SBPs. The goal was to exchange views with local authorities and officials to gain firsthand information and listen to their concerns and expectations as well as to create networks among officials. The information obtained from the visit enables the Ministry to promote an accurate understanding of the situation in the SBPs among the international community.

### 4. Interaction with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been working to promote cooperation and interaction with countries in the Muslim world so as to provide correct information on the situation in the Southern Border Provinces (SBPs) and the efforts of the Royal Thai Government to bring about a peaceful solution in the SBPs. In addition, the Government has continued to cooperate with the OIC in order to enhance understanding about the situation and ensure OIC's support for the Government's efforts in finding the solution.

As an observer of the OIC, Thailand continues to participate in meetings under the OIC framework. For example, the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations participated in the OIC Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers at the UN Headquarters in New York on 26 September 2014. In addition, the Ambassador of Thailand to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Special Envoy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led a Thai delegation to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (OIC CFM 41) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during 18 – 19 June 2014.

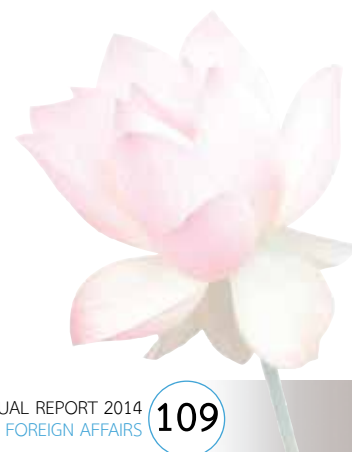
## 5. Strengthening Relations with Religious Leaders, Educational Institutions and the Diplomatic Corps

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs invited Prof. Dr. Abbas Abdellah Abbas Shoman, Deputy Grand Imam of Al Azhar, and executives of Al Azhar University from Egypt to visit Thailand during 20 – 25 August 2014. The delegation of the Deputy Grand Imam met with the Sheikhul Islam of Thailand, local Thai Muslim communities, alumni of Al Azhar University and local authorities to exchange views on topics such as education as well as the promotion of Arabic studies in Thailand. In this connection, one of main purposes of the Deputy Grand Imam’s visit was to explore the possibility of establishing an Arab Language Centre in the SBPs that is compatible with the Egyptian Arabic language curriculum. Such a centre would assist the preparation of Thai students planning to continue their studies in Egypt and broaden their opportunities to study a wider range of subjects that would be beneficial not only to their future careers but also to the development of the SBPs and Thailand. The visit not only helped to advance Islamic values and teachings that promote moderation and peaceful coexistence but also enhanced cooperation between the relevant government agencies and Al Azhar University.



The Deputy Grand Imam of Al Azhar and delegates during their visit to the Forward Command of the Fourth Region Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) and the Southern Border Provinces of Yala, Pattani, and Narathiwat

Furthermore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided support to the Islamic Centre of Thailand in hosting an Iftar Dinner for the Muslim diplomatic corps in Thailand on 4 July 2014. The Director-General of the Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs attended the event on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.



# Chapter

# 8

## Consular Services and the Protection of Thai Nationals

### 1. Protection of Thai Nationals Abroad

There are approximately 2.5 million Thais residing abroad and 100,000 – 200,000 Thai workers working abroad. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' major task is to protect Thai nationals abroad who are in distress such as Thai women forced or lured into prostitution, Thai fishermen, and Thai workers who have been taken advantage of.

For the past 5 years, an average of about 4,000 Thais were in distress abroad per annum. However, to raise awareness among Thais going abroad, the Ministry commenced proactive, pre-departure forums as part of its "People Diplomacy" policy in 2011, and since then the public has been better informed and equipped to deal with living abroad.

In 2014, the Ministry assisted many different groups of Thai nationals abroad as follows: (1) the repatriated, detainees, convicts, and students totaling 1,631 persons; and (2) exploited labourers, captured fishermen, lured women, and all those who needed welfare and compensation totaling 465 persons.

Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security and the Royal Thai Embassy in Jakarta visited Ambon Island of Indonesia during October – December 2014 to assist the return of 28 Thai fishermen, who had been lured to work on the island and its vicinity, to Thailand.



Moreover, the Ministry closely monitored crises and situations worldwide especially those that might affect the safety and well-being of Thai nationals. The Ministry also coordinated with the Royal Thai Embassies and Consulates-General on a regular basis to make sure that evacuation plans were up-to-date and basic assistance was ready in case of emergencies. In 2014, the Ministry and the Royal Thai Embassies in Tel Aviv and Tripoli moved 112 Thais from the area of the Gaza Strip to a safer location during July – August 2014 as well as evacuating and repatriating 1,186 Thai nationals (1,165 workers, 10 women and children, and 11 students) back to Thailand from Libya during August – December 2014 respectively.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and a medical team, established a coordination centre in Tunis in order to assist 1,186 Thais living in Libya to return to Thailand from Tunis-Carthage, Republic of Tunisia.





The Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided safe housing for the Thais evacuated from Libya.

The Ministry attaches immense importance to the “People Diplomacy.” The protection of Thai nationals and the strengthening of Thai communities abroad are one of the Ministry’s top priorities. The Ministry has initiated many proactive projects and activities to equip the public with better knowledge before they decide to work or reside abroad, with the purpose of preventing the problems of human trafficking, drug-smuggling and transnational crime. These projects and activities are as follows:

**1. Preparation Programme:** The Ministry’s officials and staffs, together with universities and NGOs, gave lectures to those in rural areas wishing to work/reside abroad, including Thai students in the Work and Travel Programme, on the necessary preparation one needs to make before leaving for abroad. The purpose was to equip the public with essential information in order to better cope with the changing environment abroad, which will in turn prevent Thai people from being abused and taken advantage of. In 2014, the Ministry co-hosted several such preparation lectures with Khon Kean University, Mae Fah Luang University, Child Trafficking Watch Thailand (CTWT) and Mirror Foundation.

**2. Protection Networks:** The Ministry works in close coordination with relevant Thai agencies such as Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, educational institutes and NGOs to exchange important information in order to protect Thai nationals abroad more effectively. For example, on 26 December 2014, the Department of Consular Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Employment, Department of Provincial Administration, Department of Mental Health, Immigration Bureau, and Airports of Thailand Public Company Limited on the assistance given to Thai women abroad through [www.yingthai.net](http://www.yingthai.net), resulting in an additional channel to help Thai women abroad.

**3. Protection Manuals:** The Department of Consular Affairs has produced materials, such as handbooks, maps, fans and pens, with useful information when assistance is needed. The Department also has a website [protectthaicitizen.blogspot.com](http://protectthaicitizen.blogspot.com) and a facebook page [www.facebook.com/protectthai.consular](http://www.facebook.com/protectthai.consular) which provides useful information for Thais wishing to go abroad.

**4. Capacity Building for the Thai Community:** The Royal Thai Embassies and Consulates-General worldwide have organized capacity-building activities for Thai communities. Projects held in 2014 included free legal counseling in Vietnam, Cambodia and Bahrain, and the promotion of Thainess (language and culture) to Thai communities in Germany, Switzerland and Australia. Support was also given to NGOs that play an important role in helping Thai nationals abroad in Sweden, Canada, Finland and Japan.

## 2. Annual Meeting of Consular Officers

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the annual meeting of Thai consular officers during 18 – 21 August 2014 under the theme “People Diplomacy, Everywhere We Care” in order to give policy directions to consular officers from the Royal Thai Embassies and Royal Thai Consulates-General around the world. At the same time, it was an opportunity for the Ministry to share best practices and regulation updates and to discuss with consular officers the challenges of consular work in various countries within different contexts.

This in turn will help the Ministry formulate the right policy approach for consular issues and take the right direction to overcome challenges during this crucial period in which Thailand is undergoing reforms in various aspects, such as preventing and eliminating transnational drug and human trafficking, establishing consular department’s hotline to assist Thai nationals in trouble abroad, and developing a more efficient visa system in the future.



The annual meeting of Thai consular officers in Bangkok during 18 – 21 August 2014

## 3. Visa Issuance

Visa issuance is considered the first and foremost step in screening people entering into the Kingdom of Thailand. In order to increase the efficiency of visa issuance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs gives utmost priority to creating a balance between facilitating foreign travellers and national security.

To date, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has implemented several visa facilitation schemes, from visa exemption, Visa on Arrival (VOA), and exemption of visa fees for Chinese and Taiwanese tourists for a 3-month period in 2014 to visa facilitation for MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions) business people. In the long term, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will introduce new visa development programmes which will ensure a faster, more secure and accountable service, namely: (1) Visa Application Outsourcing (VAO) which has already been piloted in India and Bangladesh; (2) Visa Data Centre which will enable the Ministry to use the data and statistics accumulated for policy analysis; and (3) E-visa, or electronic visa, whereby visa applicants can apply and pay for their visa online all in one stop.

## 4. Overseas Renewal of Thai National Identification Card

In 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs continued to expand the service of renewal of national identification (ID) cards for Thai citizens living abroad in 24 more offices. Currently, most of the Thai citizens living in East Asia, Oceania, Middle East, Europe, and North America are eligible to renew their ID cards at 46 offices in the countries they are living. Since the project was launched in 2012, more than 28,000 Thais have received their new ID cards. With valid ID cards, Thai nationals living abroad are able to access the basic services provided by local authorities and also conduct their necessary businesses more easily. The Ministry expects that the ID-card renewal service will cover all of its offices worldwide by 2016.

## 5. Legalization of Document

The Department of Consular Affairs provides legalization of document service i.e. certifying genuine signature, translation and true copy for Thai and foreign documents to be used in public and private sectors.

## 6. Passport Service

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has implemented electronic passport (e-passport) for diplomatic and official passports in July 2005 and for ordinary passport in August 2005, making Thailand the first country in Asia to issue electronic passport in compliance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standard.

Thailand's electronic passport utilizes biometric technology, which are facial recognition and fingerprints, as well as security printing technology such as laser engraving and image perforation. Therefore, verification and authentication of identity of the holder of Thailand's electronic passport can be done in a secured system with high accuracy, a qualification that significantly contributes to the prevention of transnational crime and terrorism.

In October 2013, the Ministry introduced a one-stop-service for passport application under "Thailand's electronic passport project – Phase II". Special software has been designed and developed to connect the passport application system to the Ministry of Interior's Thai Citizen Database. Moreover, people in Bangkok Metropolitan area can collect their passports at designated passport offices within 3 working days.

To offer a more convenient way for passport collection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Thailand Post jointly launched a "Passport Speed Post (PSP)" service in September 2014, offering the collection of passports via postal service within 2 working days after submitting the application.

In order to achieve the Government's policy in providing an efficient service for Thai people countrywide, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has provided a "Mobile Passport Service" to people in areas where there is no passport office. In 2014, the mobile service was conducted in 8 provinces across Thailand. The same operation has also been carried out by Thailand's Diplomatic Missions and Consular Representatives around the world to provide access to passport service for Thai community overseas.

Currently, there are 19 passport offices nationwide and 93 offices overseas with approximately 10 million electronic passports in circulation.

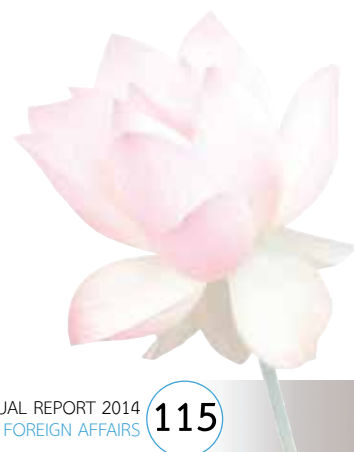
## 7. Overseas Elections

In early 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with Royal Thai Embassies, Royal Thai Consulates-General and Thai authorities concerned, successfully organized the general elections for Thai voters registered overseas, namely, elections of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House of Representatives election was held during 13 – 26 January 2014 at 92 Royal Thai Embassies and Royal Thai Consulates-General in 67 countries with voter turnout of 37,717, which accounted for 26 percent of 143,807 people who registered to vote. The Senate election was held during 16 – 23 March 2014 at 92 Royal Thai Embassies and Royal Thai Consulates-General in 67 countries with voter turnout of 26,866, which accounted for 18 percent of 145,860 people who registered to vote.

For upcoming elections, the Ministry, in cooperation with the Election Commission of Thailand, has prepared to improve the overseas election procedure to facilitate Thai voters abroad. Meanwhile, the Ministry plans to introduce an online overseas election registration at the Royal Thai Embassy in Egypt as a pilot project.



Registered Thai voters in Kunming cast their votes in the general election in January at the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Kunming, PR. China.



# Chapter

# 9

## Organization Development

### 1. Overseas Asset Management

Overseas asset management is an important task of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs covering 96 embassies and consulates all over the world. In 2014, the Ministry successfully inaugurated new consulate buildings and residences of the Consuls-General in Savannakhet and Guangzhou. These elegant buildings not only enhance the country's image and promote the prestige of Thai government buildings overseas, but also support various activities of both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as Team Thailand.



Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously presided over the inauguration of the new consulate building of the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Savannakhet on 29 April 2014.

## 2. Thailand's Diplomatic Mission Network

On 15 October 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a Meeting of Thai Ambassadors and Consuls-General in the European Region in Milan, Italy. At the Meeting, General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, along with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Tanasak Patimapragorn, provided policy guidelines to strengthen ties and promote collaboration with countries in Europe. Close cooperation was highlighted in the areas of economics, trade and investment, as well as research, development, and innovation. Strategically located at the centre of the region, Thailand will continue to play a constructive role in developing comprehensive cooperation with ASEAN and all countries.



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs chaired the Meeting of Ambassadors and Consuls-General in the European Region on 15 October 2014. Participants included Thai ambassadors to 10 European countries (Switzerland, France, Norway, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Italy, and Poland) and the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN Office in Geneva.

## 3. Training and Cooperation Network

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has long been involved in the provision of human resources development programmes and diplomatic training. In 2014, the Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs (DVIFA) conducted a number of training programmes to enhance the working performance of officers. These programmes were intended to prepare Thai officials to be ready to face challenges in their work. Moreover, the Institute also provided training courses which were conducted under various

agreements with foreign government agencies. These included the sixth Foreign Affairs Executive Training Program which, for the first time, invited diplomats from Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam; the MOU with Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and the training programme for young diplomats and officers from Mongolia and Cambodia.



**Ministry of Foreign Affairs Executive Training Programme:** Mr. Kiattikhun Chartprasert, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, presented certificates at the award ceremony on 8 August 2014. The 12-week programme was attended by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and representatives from private companies and state enterprises. In 2014, for the first time, the programme welcomed the participation of four senior diplomats from Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam.



**Foreign Diplomats Training:** On 8 – 12 September 2014, the DVIFA organized a training course for Mongolian diplomats entitled “Engaging with APEC and ASEAN Community.” The training aimed to enhance the participants’ knowledge of diplomatic and international affairs with a special focus on Thailand, ASEAN and APEC, while simultaneously developing a set of essential skills for diplomats.



**Educational Cooperation:** On 5 November 2014, Mr. Jakkrit Srivali, Ambassador Attached to the Ministry, and Professor Grant Guilford, Chancellor of Victoria University of Wellington, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration on Professional Development Opportunities for Thai Officials established between the Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

#### 4. Financial Management

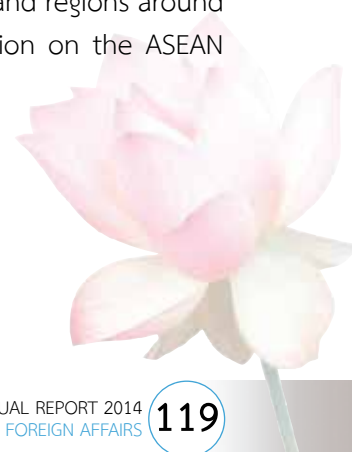
To effectively and efficiently utilize the budget according to plans, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs undertook financial management improvements in many aspects, such as: (1) giving consultations on financial management to every agency in the Ministry; (2) providing accurate information on the Ministry's financial status to its officials; (3) monitoring monthly spending of agencies under the Ministry; (4) organizing meetings on financial regulations, e.g. a meeting among Thai Embassies and Consulates-General in the Middle East and North Africa held in Amman, Jordan, in August 2014; and (5) publishing a handbook on financial management for Thai diplomats and financial officers abroad.

#### 5. Technology Management

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has applied information technology to its work, including the MFA portal (with functions such as Information Operation Center, Notices, News Alert, and Hot Issues) and e-Submission system (e-document transmission, drafting, tracking, and document management system), to build information connections among agencies within the Ministry. This method helps personnel in the Foreign Ministry function without limitations of time and place.

#### 6. Archives and Library Services

To facilitate the personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in such a dynamic work environment, the Ministry provides its staff and the public with the following services: foreign publications in various fields related to foreign affairs, information and news related to countries and regions around the world, archive system, as well as different kinds of media providing information on the ASEAN Community and its member states at the newly established ASEAN Corner.





# Appendix



## Foreign Visits and International Meetings Attended by the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

January	
17 January 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat (AMM Retreat) in Bagan, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
March	
2 – 4 March 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, headed the Thai delegation to the 14 <sup>th</sup> Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Ministerial Meeting and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> BIMSTEC Summit, and related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
6 March 2014	The Permanent Secretary attended and addressed the 25 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Swiss Confederation.
24 – 25 March 2014	The Permanent Secretary, as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, led the Thai delegation to the Third Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) in The Hague, Netherlands.
April	
5 April 2014	The Permanent Secretary, as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, led the Thai delegation to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mekong River Commission (MRC) Summit in Ho Chi Minh City, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
May	
5 – 6 May 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul) attended the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Council Meeting and related meetings in Paris, French Republic.
10 May 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the 11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Political-Security Council (APSC) Meeting and the 14 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
11 May 2014	Mr. Phongthep Thepkanjana, Deputy Prime Minister, attended the 24 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
21 May 2014	The Permanent Secretary, as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, attended the Fourth Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Summit in Shanghai, People's Republic of China.

June	
2 June 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar in Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
5 June 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam in Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
12 – 13 June 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the 26 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva, Swiss Confederation
16 June 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic in Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic.
July	
1 July 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.
7 – 9 July 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the ministerial level meeting of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States of America.
11 – 12 July 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, co-chaired the 2 <sup>nd</sup> China – Thailand Strategic Dialogue in Beijing with the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China in Beijing, People’s Republic of China.
18 July 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines in Manila, Republic of the Philippines.
23 July 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the 20 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN – EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM) in Brussels, Kingdom of Belgium.
29 July 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, co-chaired the 4 <sup>th</sup> Mekong – ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea.
August	
8 – 10 August 2014	The Permanent Secretary, acting for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

September	
15 – 20 September 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (General Tanasak Patimapragorn) attended the 11 <sup>th</sup> China – ASEAN Expo in Nanning and met with leaders from the PRC and other countries in Beijing, People’s Republic of China.
24 – 29 September 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the 69 <sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly and other related meetings in New York, United States of America.
October	
8 – 9 October 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs visited Myanmar and had bilateral discussions with the Supreme Commander and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, focusing on the preparation for the official visit of the Prime Minister of Thailand to Myanmar.
9 – 10 October 2014	The Prime Minister made an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
14 – 17 October 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs presided over the Meeting of Thai Ambassadors and Consuls-General in the European region in Milan, Italian Republic.
15 – 17 October 2014	The Prime Minister attended the 10 <sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) and ASEAN-EU Informal Leaders’ Meeting, and handed down policies to Thai Ambassadors to European countries, Team Thailand and Thai businessmen in Milan, Italian Republic.
19 – 21 October 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the inauguration of the President of the Republic of Indonesia.
29 – 30 October 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs visited the Kingdom of Cambodia and met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.
30 – 31 October 2014	The Prime Minister made an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia.
November	
1 – 2 November 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs presided over the Offering Ceremony of His Majesty the King’s Royal Kathin Robe to the congregation of monks at the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Monastery, Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
6 – 11 November 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the 26 <sup>th</sup> Asia – Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting and met with his counterparts in Beijing, People’s Republic of China.
10 – 11 November 2014	The Prime Minister attended the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Asia – Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Meeting and met with other leaders in Beijing, Peoples’ Republic of China.
10 – 13 November 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and other related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

12 – 13 November 2014	The Prime Minister attended the 25 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and other related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
26 – 27 November 2014	The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs made an official visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
27 – 28 November 2014	The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs made an official visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
<b>December</b>	
1 December 2014	The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs made an official visit to Malaysia.
3 – 7 December 2014	The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the 21 <sup>st</sup> Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Ministerial Meeting in Basel, Geneva and Lausanne, Swiss Confederation.
11 – 12 December 2014	The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the ASEAN – ROK Commemorative Summit on the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN – ROK Dialogue Relations in Busan, Republic of Korea.
22 – 23 December 2014	The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs made an official visit to the People's Republic of China.

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