

(as delivered)

**Remarks by H.E. Mrs. Busaya Mathelin  
Ambassador of Thailand  
at “Gran Espectáculo de Baile Tradicional Tailandés”  
On 7 April 2015, at 20.00 hrs.  
at Teatro Fernando de Rojas, Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid**

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**Su Majestad la Reina Doña Sofía  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Buenas noches y bienvenidos a este Gran Espectáculo de Baile Tradicional Tailandés.

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to present to you Thai classical dances performed by one of the most renowned dance troupes from Thailand this evening.

It is also a very special privilege for me and the Royal Thai Embassy to extend our warmest welcome to Her Majesty Queen Sofia who kindly accepted our invitation to attend this event. We are grateful for Her Majesty the Queen’s continued support and keen interest in further strengthening the close relations between our two Kingdoms.

This distinctive performance is part of our “Thai New Year Festival 2015” held in Madrid and Tenerife to promote Thai arts and culture. We hope that our people-to-people ties will become even more solid through this cultural diplomacy.

The cultural performance that you will soon enjoy includes classical and traditional dances, ranging from a famous Thai Masked Dance or “Khon” to a Thai miniature puppet show. This programme designed specially for our friends in Madrid will be performed by a dance troupe from Bunditpattanasil Institute, one of Thailand’s most prestigious universities in fine arts.

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Thailand and Spain have enjoyed long standing friendship and cooperation since the establishment of our diplomatic relations 145 years ago. We have developed close and mutually beneficial cooperation in wide-ranging areas including trade and investment, education and culture. I believe that with this firm foundation, our partnership will continue to grow in various areas of mutual interest.

The Thai Government declared this year, the Year of “Discover Thainess”. Cultural activities are organised every month for tourists to experience different aspects of Thai way of life, our rich cultural heritage and world renowned Thai hospitality. I therefore wish to see more Spanish people visiting Thailand this year and in the future.

As I conclude, please allow me to express my sincere appreciation to the Department of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, the Bunditpattanasil Institute, Thai Airways International and Teatro Fernando de Rojas, Círculo de Bellas Artes for their collaboration and contribution which have made this event possible.

Que disfruten de la velada.

Muchas gracias, khob khun ka.

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