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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to all Diplomatic/Consular Missions and International Organizations in Thailand, and with reference to the recent news about Thai Immigration Bureau's clamping down on visa runners, has the honour to inform the latter that the above measure, which has been strictly implemented, is aimed to prevent visa runners who abuse the visa exemption scheme from working illegally in Thailand.

The purpose of the scheme is for tourism only. At present, once a visa runner case has been found, Thai Immigration Bureau would take measures of warning and giving advice for proper visas. However, as of 12 August 2014 onwards, Thai Immigration Bureau will commence prohibiting visa runners from entering into Thailand. The Ministry therefore encourages all Diplomatic/Consular Missions and International Organizations to advise/publicize their citizens or those wishing to enter into Thailand for other purposes to obtain the appropriate visas prior to their arrival.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic/Consular Missions and International Organizations in Thailand the assurances of its highest consideration.

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