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**I THAILAND-SPAIN FORUM**

**Bangkok, June 8, 2023**

VENUE:

Narathip Auditorium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Kingdom of Thailand

*Address: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 443 Sri Ayudhya Road, Bangkok 10400*

**JUNE 8, Thursday**

8:30-9:00 h. **Registration**

9:00-9:10 h. **Welcoming remarks**:

* **Dr. Anuson Chinvanno**, Director of the International Studies Center (ISC), Thailand
* **Mr. Javier Parrondo**, Director General of Casa Asia

9:10-9:30 h. **Opening speeches:**

* **Ms. Busadee Santipitaks**, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
* **Mr. Javier Salido**, Director General for North America, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Pacific. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation of Spain

9:30-9:35 h,GROUP PHOTO

9:40.11:10 h. Session 1: **Geopolitical Changes in the Indo-Pacific. Views from Thailand and Spain** (Time: 1h 30’) (English)

* Moderator: **Dr. Walaya Jariyadham**, Fellow at the International Studies Center (ISC)

Speakers:

**Mr. Emilio de Miguel**, Ambassador at-Large for the Indo-Pacific and Director of the Casa Asia Centre-Madrid

**Dr. Javier Gil,** Professor of International Relations. Comillas Pontifical University.

**Ambassador Sihasak Phuangketkeow**, Former Permanent Secretary, MFA, Thailand.

**Dr. Jittipat Poonkham**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University

Q&A

11:10-11:30 h, COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00 h. Session 2: **Good practices of Thailand and Spain in the tourism sector. Opportunities for collaboration.** (Time: 1h 30’) (English)

* Moderator: **Ms.** **Mónica Sánchez**, Tourism Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain in Singapore, and Director of the Spain Tourism Board - Southeast Asia, Australia & New Zealand

Speakers:

* **Ms. Yolanda Perdomo,** Director, MADRID TURISMO by IFEMA MADRID
* **Mr. Ernesto Guerra**, General Manager, MELIÁ KHO SAMUI
* **Dr. Weerasak Kowsurat**, Former Minister of Tourism and Sports
* **Ms. Ben Montgomery**, Vice-President, and Chairperson of International Affairs. Thai Hotels Association

Q&A

13:00-14:30 h.LUNCH

14:30-16:00 h. Session 3: **Promotion of the Spanish language and culture in Thailand and of the Thai language and culture in Spain** (Time: 1h 30’) (Thai and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation)

* Moderator: **Dr. Carmen Pastor**, Academic Director, Instituto Cervantes

Speakers:

* **Dr. Prairin Simma**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Humanities, Ramkhamhaeng University
* **Mr. Javier Galván**, Director, Instituto Cervantes of Manila and Coordinator of Cervantes Centres in Southeast Asia
* **Dr. Kittichai Suthasinobon**, Associate Professor and Head Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty of Education, Srinakharinwirot University
* **Dr. Surat Jongda**, Assistant to the President, Bunditpatanasilpa Institute, Ministry of Culture

Q & A

16:00-16:20 h. COFFEE BREAK

16:20-16:30. **Closing remarks**:

* **Ms. Inmaculada Riera**, Director General, Spanish Chamber of Commerce