

**Statement of His Excellency General Prawit Wongsuwon,  
Deputy Prime Minister, acting Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand  
on Transforming Education  
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Secretary-General, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I would like to express my appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, for initiating this Summit on Transforming Education, which is indeed very timely, as we witness the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the education sector. I believe that this Summit will provide a good opportunity for the leaders from each country to share their visions and exchange views on how to achieve SDG4.

Thailand has continuously placed high priority on education. We believe that education is fundamental to human resource development and the development of the country as a whole. This is the reason why education has been included in our key legislative documents, which focus on the advancement of three main aspects, namely learners, educators and the education system as a whole, through the use of technology and innovation. Thailand, therefore, supports the key thematic action tracks proposed by the United Nations regarding transforming education.

Under the COVID-19 situation, Thailand continues to remain steadfast to ensure that all necessary measures have been put in place for a safe return to school for all. Appropriate measures have also been taken to ensure a targeted standard, which will result in a quality education system. At the same time, in a continuously changing world, we need to recognize that the knowledge and skills provided to students are essential for employability in the future. Therefore, Thailand would like to strongly encourage the private sector to join forces in the reform of the curriculum to meet employers' expectations. It is important to note that the Royal Thai Government has promoted collaboration with educational institutions abroad to develop an education system that serves the needs of foreign investors in Thailand, as well as recognizing the need to reduce the financial burdens on learners and to increase the capacity of educational institutions. Further to this, the Royal Thai Government has recently approved an increase of subsidies on a per capita based on basic necessities. This development affirms the Royal Thai Government's strong commitment to investing in the national education system to ensure it is efficient, equitable, fair, transparent, and able to adapt to changes.

About the teachers, Thailand will ensure that all teachers are well equipped with creative and innovative learner-centered pedagogical skills and competencies to manage diverse classroom environments. Thailand will support learning for all in the sphere of digital transformation based on a learner-centred approach. We aim to provide inclusive and equitable access to online education through open-source platforms free of charge.

To conclude, I would like to take this opportunity, once again, to reiterate Thailand's commitment to working with the United Nations and Member States to ensure quality education through transforming education.

Thank you.