

Message
From
His Excellency General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.)
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On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People in 2017, the Royal Thai Government joins the international community in reaffirming support for the Palestinian people in their quest for freedom and basic rights, particularly their inalienable right to self-determination, as well as their right to pursue sustainable development in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with full respect for their culture and history.

As Thailand has been a long-standing supporter of the Palestinian people, the Royal Thai Government has been fully committed to strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing cooperation with the State of Palestine since establishment of diplomatic relations in 2012. Thailand, therefore, remains determined to work with the international community at the trilateral, regional and multilateral levels to enhance international efforts to promote a viable and secure State of Palestine. Moreover, as a fellow developing country and former Chair of the Group of 77 in 2016, Thailand welcomes the recent endorsement by the Asia-Pacific Group in New York of the State of Palestine's proposal to Chair the Group of 77 in 2019.

Over the years, the Royal Thai Government has focused bilateral cooperation with the State of Palestine on technical development cooperation under the framework of the Conference on Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development (CEAPAD). Therefore, the 3rd CEAPAD Ministerial Meeting, to be co-hosted by Thailand and Japan, in Bangkok in 2018, affirms Thailand's determination to support the State of Palestine in its efforts to achieve inclusive and sustainable development.

To this end, Thailand urges the international community and all parties concerned to ensure an enabling and conducive environment for constructive engagements in order to bring about a lasting and peaceful solution to the issue of Palestine.

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government and people of the Kingdom of Thailand, I would like to extend my best wishes to the Government of the State of Palestine and the Palestinian people for their future prosperity, progress, and lasting peace.

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