



Office of the Prime Minister,  
Government House,  
**BANGKOK.**

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Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Thai people and the Royal Thai Government, I have the great honor to extend to you our sincere congratulations upon your inauguration as the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America. Your historic victory with the highest number of votes ever cast in the United States' election history, amid all challenges, is indeed a reflection of the trust, confidence, and hope that the American people have placed upon you.

With the strong ties of friendship between our two countries dating back over 200 years and with Thailand being the United States' oldest treaty partner in Asia, we take great pride in our strategic partnership that has progressed through thick and thin. Our enduring alliance and multi-faceted cooperation have contributed not only to the mutual benefit of our two countries and peoples, but also to security, stability, and prosperity in the region.

As you said so eloquently on the day prior to the assumption of your office – “to heal, we must remember”. The world must heed these words, so we can start mending and putting back together all the broken pieces and heal the hurt. Every nation has experienced a fair share of divisiveness, conflict, and devastation, amplified in multitude by the pandemic. All of us have been trying to find the best way per our particular context and narrative to bridge the gaping divide, resolve our differences, and rise up above. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that as the world is going through a historic change, the most important thing is for us to turn towards each other, not against one another, and collaborate. Thailand, as the United States' first and oldest treaty partner in Asia, is prepared to walk side by side with you on this journey.

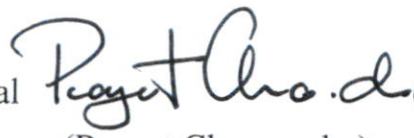
I very much...

The Honorable  
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,  
President of the United States of America  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

I very much look forward to working closely with you and your Administration to reinvigorate our long-established relations and deepen our multi-faceted cooperation bilaterally, regionally, and globally. On this note, I would also like to extend my standing invitation to you and the First Lady to visit Bangkok, and hope to have a chance to welcome you in the near future.

Upon your assumption of this great and honorable responsibility, I wish you good health and great success in carrying out all the important missions ahead.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

General  (Ret.)  
(Prayut Chan-o-cha)  
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand