**The Cabinet met on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at Command Building I, Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows;**

**Title: Draft Act to revoke obsolete and redundant laws (No….) B.E….**

The Cabinet agreed to the Draft Act to revoke certain obsolete and redundant laws (No….) B.E…. as proposed by Office of the Council of State, and ordered it to be forwarded to Coordinating Committee of the National Legislative Assembly, and the National Legislative Assembly respectively.

**Gist of the Draft Act** is to revoke 3 following obsolete and redundant laws:

1. Petroleum Allocation Act B.E. 2483
2. Tin Control Act B.E. 2514
3. Employment in Construction Act B.E. 2522 and Employment in Construction Act (No. 2) B.E. 2524

**Title: Draft Ministerial Regulation on fees related to nuclear energy and radiation use B.E...**

 The Cabinet approved the Draft Ministerial Regulation on fees related to nuclear energy and radiation use B.E…., as proposed by Ministry of Science and Technology, and ordered for it to be forwarded to Office of the Council of State to review and proceed accordingly.

Ministry of Science and Technology is to take into consideration opinions of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the Office of National Economic and Social Development, and proceed accordingly.

**Gist of Draft Ministerial Regulation**

 To determine fees for private sector’s use of nuclear energy and radiation, and exempt fees for public sector’s use according to Nuclear Energy for Peace Act B.E. 2559

**Title: Draft Biodiversity Management Action Plan, B.E. 2560-2564**

The Cabinet agreed to the Draft Biodiversity Management Action Plan B.E. 2560-2564 as proposed by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

The Draft Action Plan B.E. 2560 - 2564 consists of 10 action plans under 4 strategies as follows:

1st Strategy: To integrate biodiversity management and its values through engagement of stakeholders at all levels

2nd Strategy: To conserve and rehabilitate biodiversity

3rd Strategy: To protect the interests of the country, as well as gain and share benefits reaped from biodiversity in accordance with Green Economy

4th Strategy: To standardize knowledge and database on biodiversity

**Title: Request for Thailand’s membership to the Marrakesh Treaty**

The Cabinet approved the proposals made by Ministry of Social Development and Human Security on Thailand’s membership to the Marrakesh Treaty for the facilitation of access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled, and ordered it to be forwarded to National Legislative Assembly for approval in accordance with Article 23 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (Interim) B.E. 2557.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs is assigned to proceed with the accession after National Legislative Assembly approves Thailand’s membership to the Marrakesh Treaty, and the Copyright Act (No....) (in respect to exceptions on copyright infringements for persons with disabilities) has been enforced.

**Title: Request for approval of the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the State of Israel on Agricultural Cooperation**

The Cabinet agreed and approved proposals made by Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives as follows:

1. Approved the draft Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the State of Israel on agricultural cooperation. Should there be any amendment, if not affecting the gist of the document or against the principles the cabinet has approved, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, is authorized to proceed and later inform the cabinet accordingly.
2. Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives or his representative is authorized as signatory.
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to issue Full Powers to the aforementioned signatory.

Gist of the Agreement includes the cooperation in the following fields:

1. Development of agriculture in crops, livestock, fisheries, post-harvest technology, and fishing products
2. Development of irrigation, land and water management
3. Development of agricultural organizations and cooperatives
4. Cooperation in sanitary and phytosanitary affairs
5. Climate impacts on agriculture and desertification
6. Reinforcement of cooperation and coordination between concerned international and regional organizations
7. Other related fields

**Title: Protocol 2 (Designation of Frontier Posts) under ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT)**

The Cabinet approved proposals made by Ministry of Finance as follows:

1. Agreed to the Draft Protocol 2 (Designation of Frontier Posts) under ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT)
2. Minister of Finance is authorized as signatory and Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to issue Full Powers to the aforementioned signatory.
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to issue instrument of ratification accordingly.

The draft Protocol stipulates that ASEAN members designate official frontier posts. Thailand has designated the following 7 frontier posts: 1) Mae Sai Border Checkpoint; 2) Mae Sot Border Checkpoint; 3) Aranyaprathet Border Checkpoint; 4) Nong Khai Border Checkpoint; 5) Sa Dao Border Checkpoint; 6) Mukdahan Border Checkpoint; and 7) Chiang Khong Border Checkpoint

**Title: Candidature of Office of the Auditor General of Thailand for the United Nations Board of Auditors, and as External Auditor for other UN agencies**

Office of the Auditor General’s proposals have been approved as follows:

1. the Cabinet has approved for the Office of the Auditor General of Thailand to submit its candidature for the United Nations Board of Auditors, and as External Auditor for other UN agencies
2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs is assigned to coordinate, provide supports, and follow up on the campaigns at both bilateral and multilateral levels, and raise visibility and profile of the Office of the Auditor General for its Candidature of Office of the Auditor General of Thailand for the United Nations Board of Auditors, and as External Auditor for other UN agencies.
3. This will be from the term beginning in 2020.

**Title: Nominations of KHON and NUAD THAI in the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage**

The Cabinet approved the proposals made by Ministry of Culture as follows:

1. Agreed to the documents to nominate Thai Mask Dance “Khon” and Thai massage “Nuad Thai” to be included in the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.
2. Director-General of Department of Culture Promotion, in his capacity as Secretary of Cultural Heritage Promotion and Conservation Committee, was assigned as signatory of the documents on behalf of Thailand.

**The aim** is to promote international cooperation, develop, conserve, and create awareness on Thailand’s intangible cultural heritages.