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

**Title: Amendment of 5 Draft Acts on disciplinary action for current and former governmental officials**

The Cabinet approved in principle 5 Draft Acts as proposed by Office of the Civil Service Commission as follows:

1. Draft Civil Service Commission Act (No...) B.E....
2. Draft Parliamentary Commission Act (No...) B.E.....
3. Draft Teachers and Educational Personnel Act (No. ...) B.E.....
4. Draft National Police Force (No...) B.E.....
5. Draft Civil Service Commission in Educational Institutes (No...) B.E.....

**Gist of the matter**

The drafts, regarding disciplinary action for current and former governmental officials that have broken rules and regulations in the workplace, aim to standardize laws among government agencies and the National Anti-Corruption Commission on the conduct of personnel in governmental agencies, in particular: civil service agents, parliamentary agents, educational personnel, the Royal Thai Police, and civil service agents in higher-education institutions.

**Title: Strategy on development of transport facilities for persons with disabilities and the elderly**

                   The Cabinet approved the following:

1. Acknowledged accomplishments of Ministry of Transport in the development of transport facilities for persons with disabilities and elderly people.
2. Ministry of Transport is to collaborate with Ministry of Social Development and Human Security to develop an Action Plan of strategy on development of transport facilities for persons with disabilities and elderly people to be in accordance with the 5th National Plan on Development of Quality of Life for Persons with Disabilities (B.E. 2560-2564), and the 2nd National Plan on the Elderly (B.E. 2545-2564).
3. Concerned agencies are to collaborate with Ministry of Transport to implement and mobilize action plans / activities, under the Strategy on development of transport facilities for persons with disabilities and the elderly, in a concrete manner.

**Gist of the matter**

Ministry of Transport reported that

1. As by 2029, it is anticipated that 25% of Thailand’s population is expected to be over 60 years of age, there is an urgent need to prepare public facilities accordingly.
2. Ministry of Transport has implemented study on development of transport facilities for persons with disabilities and the elderly in a bid to prepare for aging society and enhance quality of life of persons with disabilities.

Model transport facilities for persons with disabilities and elderly has been set up in 5 transport services areas: bus stops at the Victory Monument, Bangkok Bus Terminal (Borommaratchachonnani Road), Phra Nang Klao Boat Pier, Nakhon Pathom High Speed Train Station and Don Muang International Airport.

1. Manuals for providing assistance to persons with disabilities and the elderly, and sign-language manual for agencies providing transport services were also developed.

**Title:** **Establishment of Embassy of Kosovo in Thailand (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**

The Cabinet approved for the establishment of an embassy of the Republic of Kosovo in Bangkok, Thailand. The Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Kosovo have established diplomatic relations since November 22, 2013.

**Title: 20th Anniversary of Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) in Jakarta, Indonesia**

The Cabinet approved proposals made by Ministry of Foreign Affairs as follows:

1. Agreed in principle on (1) The Indian Ocean Rim association (IORA) Concord: Promotion Regional Cooperation for a Peaceful, Stable and Prosperous Indian Ocean, (2) IORA Action Plan 2017-2021 and (3) IORA Declaration on Countering Violent Extremism Leading to Terrorism. Should there be any amendment in the aforementioned documents, if not affecting the gist of the documents or against the benefits of Thailand, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is authorized to proceed without further approval from the Cabinet.
2. Minister of Foreign Affairs or his representative, as head of Thai delegation, is authorized to attend the IORA’s Ministerial Council Meeting, and to endorse the IORA Action Plan 2017-2021 and IORA Declaration.
3. Prime Minister or his representative is authorized as head of Thai delegation to attend Leaders’ Summit in Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of IORA) and related meetings in Jakarta, to endorse IORA Declaration and acknowledge IORA Action Plan 2017-2021 and IORA Declaration.

**Title: The 2017-2018 exchange program on education and science between Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand and Ministry of Human Capacities of Hungary**

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

1. Preparation and endorsement of document for the 2017-2018 exchange program on education and science between Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand and Ministry of Human Capacities of Hungary.
2. Minister of Education is assigned as signatory of the aforementioned document.

The exchange program aims to promote exchange of college students and human resources between educational institutes and personnel/ researchers in scientific areas. Hungary proposed to provide a total of 40 Bachelors/Master Degrees scholarships to Thailand in various fields, e.g., agricultural science, medical and health science, engineering science, natural science, etc., while Thailand offered tertiary scholarships to Hungarian universities. The exchange program also focuses on joint researches and exchange of scientific knowledge, publications, teaching materials, curriculums, and other educational materials.