

Speech by H.E. Mr. Marc Thill, Ambassador Designate  
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the Kingdom of Thailand  
at the Audience with His Majesty the King

Your Majesty,

It is a great honour and privilege for me to present to Your Majesty the Letter of Credence, by which His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg has appointed me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the Kingdom of Thailand. At the same time, I am presenting the Letter of Recall of my predecessor, Ambassador Marc Ungeheuer.

In assuming the duties of Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the Kingdom of Thailand, I would like to convey to Your Majesty the warmest greetings and best personal wishes for a continued good health, success and happiness from His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri.

The relationship between our two countries is based on a longstanding tradition of friendship, mutual respect and cooperation. This relationship has developed in the most satisfactory way since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1959 and the excellence of this relationship got a highly visible expression through Your Majesty's State Visit to Luxembourg in 1960 as well as through the participation of Grand Duke Henri in the festivities of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Your Majesty's accession to the throne in 2006.

As Ambassador of Luxembourg to the Kingdom of Thailand, it is my firm intention to contribute to the Luxembourg Government's ambition to further strengthen and give a new impetus to the development of the already manifold bonds which unite our two countries.

Though geographically far apart, Luxembourg and Thailand share the same values of peace, freedom, respect for human rights, rule of law, sustainable development and serving the well-being of all their citizens.

On that basis, great perspectives open up in mutually beneficial trade and investment, economic cooperation and fields such as cultural cooperation, tourism and education through student exchanges.

Our common commitment to multilateralism in order to ensure a peaceful world as well as the pro-active role that both Thailand and Luxembourg play in their respective regional fora, ASEAN and EU, is the basis for intensified cooperation within the United Nations, in ASEM as well as in other international gatherings.

Permit me, Your Majesty, to express my assurances that during my tenure of duty I will spare no endeavor to further promote the excellent relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in the political, economic and cultural fields and also to foster the mutual understanding and respect of the Thai and Luxembourg peoples. It is my sincere hope that I should be able to rely on the support of Your Majesty's Government in the fulfillment of this high task and responsibility.

Your Majesty,

Taking this auspicious opportunity I would like to extend my personal best wishes for Your Majesty's good health and happiness as well as for the well-being and prosperity of the members of the Royal Family and the people of Thailand.