

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand,

Having in mind the friendly relations existing between the two countries and their peoples,

Desiring to enhance those relations, and to develop their economic and scientific relations,

Considering their common interest in cultivating and encouraging the economic and technical development of their respective countries, and

Recognizing the benefits to be derived by both countries from closer economic and technical cooperation,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to cooperate and to assist each other in economic and technical matters. On the basis of and within the framework of this Agreement, further arrangements will be concluded between the two Governments regarding individual projects and programmes.

ARTICLE II

On the basis of the arrangements to be concluded under Article I of this Agreement, the Government of the United States of America shall endeavour to assist the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, subject to mutual agreement, in development activities, projects and programmes in priority areas.

ARTICLE III

On the basis of the arrangements to be concluded under Article I of this Agreement, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand shall, as specified in a separate arrangement, provide support for the operation of development activities, projects and programmes.

ARTICLE IV

The two Governments shall also cooperate in the training of third-country nationals in the Kingdom of Thailand in accordance with arrangements to be mutually agreed upon by the parties concerned.

ARTICLE V

With respect to experts and technicians who, not being nationals of or normally resident in Thailand, are assisting in the implementation of arrangements under Article I of this Agreement, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand shall:

1. permit such personnel, as well as their spouses and children, to enter, leave and sojourn in the country for the duration of their assignment in Thailand, and exempt them from alien registration requirements;
2. levy no taxes or other fiscal charges on any emoluments or allowances paid to such personnel for their services in connection with the individual projects or programmes established under Article I of this Agreement;
3. permit such personnel to import, free from duties and taxes, household goods and personal effects, including one motor vehicle per expert or technician, within six months of their initial arrival to take up their posts in connection with the implementation of a project or programme. Such goods shall be subject to payment of local customs duties and taxes if they are subsequently sold or transferred within Thailand to individuals or organizations not entitled to exemption from such duties and taxes or similar privileges. A separate arrangement will be made to define items of household goods and personal effects;
4. grant such personnel certain facilities regarding the import of medicaments, foodstuffs, beverages and other consumable goods within the limit of their personal and household requirements as specified in a separate arrangement;
5. issue to such personnel an identification document which will ensure that appropriate authorities will accord necessary facilities to them in the performance of their functions.

ARTICLE VI

The responsibilities of the Government of the United States of America under this Agreement will be discharged by the Diplomatic Mission of the United States of America in Thailand. The two Governments will cooperate fully in the implementation of this Agreement, including the provision of facilities necessary for the observation and review of the carrying out of the projects and programmes, as well as the use of assistance furnished under it.

ARTICLE VII

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature. Thereupon it shall replace and terminate the Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement signed at Bangkok on September 19, 1950, except that the provisions relating to the special account established pursuant to Section 1 of the Annex to that Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of not more than ninety days after the signing of this Agreement, during which period there shall be a final accounting and settlement of that account.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and thereafter until ninety days after the receipt by one Contracting Party of notice from the other that it wishes to terminate the Agreement. The notice of termination shall be transmitted through the diplomatic channel.
3. All projects and programmes which have started prior to the termination of this Agreement shall, after the termination thereof, remain subject to its provisions until the completion of the said projects and programmes.

Done at Bangkok in duplicate, in the Thai and English languages, both texts being equally authentic, on this second day of June of the Twenty-five hundred and twentieth Year of the Buddhist Era, corresponding to the Nineteen hundred and seventy-seventh Year of the Christian Era.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

/s/ Charles S. Whitehouse
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

/s/ Upadit Pachariyangkun
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Thailand