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UN Representative and Head of UNDP Thailand pays a courtesy call to Minister of Foreign Affairs

On 14 June 2007 Mrs. Gwi-Yeop Son, the UN Representative and Head of UNDP Thailand called on Mr. Nitya Pibulsonggram, Minister of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of taking up [her] new post and presenting her credentials to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Nitya Pibulsonggram reaffirmed the government's policy of collaboration with the UN which has been in place for over 50 years. Over 25 UN agencies are based in Bangkok.

Ms. Gwi-Yeop Son expressed her thanks to the Thai Government for its continued support to the UN. This includes premises for the UN agencies and other elements related to UN Reform. She requested advice from the Foreign Minister about cooperation between the Thai government and the UN. The Foreign Minister said that there will be more discussions on this subject in the future. He added that Thailand placed great importance on the Millennium Development Goals in the social, economic and cultural areas. Also, [he said] Thailand is ready for wide-open opinions from all parties, including the UN.

Both agreed that there were more possible channels of cooperation between Thailand and the UN. Ms. Son affirmed that the UN was ready to collaborate with the Royal Thai Government in connection with development whenever requested by the Royal Thai Government.

The Foreign Minister explained Thailand's political situation to Ms. Son and reaffirmed the current government's commitment to quickly return democracy back to the Thai people.