

Thailand's Role on the Global Stage

Thailand in Brief

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งานชิ้นนี้เสนอข้อมูลเกี่ยวกับประเทศไทยโดยสังเขป 11 ด้าน ได้แก่ **1) ภูมิศาสตร์** (Geography) **2) ประวัติศาสตร์** (History) **3) การเมืองการปกครอง** (Politics and Government) **4) เศรษฐกิจ** (Economics) **5) ประชากร** (Demographics) **6) วัฒนธรรม** (Culture) **7) ค่านิยม** (Values) **8) คนไทยและสื่อที่คุณอาจรู้จัก** (Thai people and other popularity that you may know) **9) ความเข้าใจผิดเกี่ยวกับประเทศไทย** (Misconceptions) **10) บทบาทของไทยในเวทีโลก** (Thailand's role on the Global Stage) และ **11) การจัดอันดับที่เกี่ยวกับประเทศไทย** (Rankings related to Thailand)

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Thailand has emerged as a significant player in international relations by actively participating in various multilateral organizations and initiatives. This presentation explores Thailand's contributions to global cooperation, focusing on its role as an initiator and key member of several important regional and international bodies.

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Thailand in ASEAN

ASEAN Member Countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Founding Member

Thailand is one of the five founding members of ASEAN, established in 1967 through the Bangkok Declaration.

Key Contributor

Thailand has been a key contributor to ASEAN's evolution from political cooperation to economic and sustainable development.

Economic Importance

ASEAN is Thailand's largest export market, and the bloc remains a pillar of Thai foreign policy.

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Thailand's Role in ASEAN Cooperation

Political and Security Cooperation

- Active in peace-building through mechanisms like TAC, ADMM, ARF, and preventive diplomacy.
- Promoted the establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) in 2009.

Economic Integration

- Thailand advocates for regional economic integration, supporting AFTA and RCEP to enhance ASEAN's competitiveness and contribute to global economic growth.
- Proposed enhanced ASEAN connectivity, covering physical, institutional, and people-to-people aspects.

Socio-Cultural Cooperation

- Supports a people-centered ASEAN Community.
- Initiated engagement with ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), civil society organizations (CSOs), and youth to promote involvement in community-building.

Thailand in BIMSTEC and ACD



BIMSTEC

Thailand initiated BIST-EC in 1997, later renamed BIMSTEC. This forum connects 1.5 billion people across South and Southeast Asia.

- Member includes Thailand, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka
- Thailand leads in 14 cooperation sectors including trade and tourism



ACD

Thailand founded the Asia Cooperation Dialogue in 2002, creating the first pan-Asian forum.

- Member countries such as China, Japan, India, South Korea and Indonesia
- Thailand leads the Inclusive and Sustainable Development pillar

ACMECS and APEC



ACMECS



**Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation**

ACMECS

- Thailand co-founded ACMECS in 2003 with Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam.
- Strengthens cooperation with Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam.
- Focuses on economic development and regional stability.

APEC

- Thailand is a founding member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), established in 1989.
- Members economies such as United States, China, Russia, Japan and Australia
- Introduced the Bangkok Goals on Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economy in 2022, emphasizing sustainable growth and environmental resilience.

Thailand and the United Nations

1

Joining the UN

Thailand joined in 1946, shortly after the UN's founding in 1945.

2

Cultural Diplomacy and Education

Promotes cultural preservation and education through UNESCO.

Several Thai landmarks, such as Ayutthaya and Sukhothai, are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

3

Peacekeeping Missions

Contributed personnel to UN peacekeeping operations in South Sudan, Timor-Leste and more.

Thai peacekeepers are recognized for their professionalism and dedication to maintaining global peace.

Thailand's Integration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Thailand and UN Country Team signed the Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2022-2026.

- **National Integration:** SDGs are embedded within Thailand's 20-year National Strategy and 5-year Economic Plans.
- **Priority Areas:** Focus on poverty reduction, quality education, gender equality, and environmental sustainability.



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SEP with SDGs

Thailand's Sufficiency Economy Philosophy complements the UN's Sustainable Development Goals perfectly.

Both frameworks balance social, economic, and environmental dimensions for sustainable growth.

- SEP adds cultural values and practical implementation principles
- Knowledge, morality, reasonableness, and moderation guide actions
- Development starts locally, building community resilience

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Thailand as the "Geneva of Asia"

Home to Numerous UN and International Organizations



UN Agencies

Hosts several UN agencies, including the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok.



International Organizations

Over 30 international organizations, such as FAO, ICAO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, and UNODC, operate in Thailand.

