## **Press Releases: Thailand National Day**

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer my sincerest and warmest wishes to the Kingdom of Thailand on your National Day. This year marked the 200-year anniversary of the historic U.S.-Thai friendship that has united our two nations through war and peace, hardship and prosperity. Under the leadership of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun, Thailand continues to prosper, and both our nations benefit from our friendship and alliance as seen in the successful, Thai-led rescue of the Wild Boar soccer team.

We look forward to a successful 2019 in which Thailand will hold national elections and play a leading regional role as Chair of ASEAN. I would like to convey our warmest regards to all the Thai people, and best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous year to come.

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