



Statement from the Ministry of Tourism and Sports

Following the peaceful transition of political power in Thailand implemented by the Council for Democratic Reform under Constitutional Monarchy on September 19, 2006, the Ministry of Tourism and Sports wishes to advise that this transition has been totally peaceful in nature, with no incidents of violence in any form.

The Ministry also wishes to reaffirm that the Thai tourism industry remains an important part of the national economy and no action will be taken by the Council to undermine its growth and well-being. The Ministry is committed to supporting the operations of the Thai tourism industry whenever possible through continuous communication and cooperation in all areas of tourism development and promotion. Furthermore, the Ministry will work with offices concerned to ensure the safety and convenience of all visitors traveling in Thailand.

All tourist destinations, facilities and services in the country remain in operation without disruption, and all tourism-related events organized under the authority of the Ministry will be held as scheduled. These include the Thailand Travel Mart 2006 Plus Amazing Gateway to the Mekong Region, the Thailand Tourism Awards 2006 and the Thailand Open tennis tournament, among others. In addition, airlines have confirmed that domestic and international flights will continue as normal.

The Ministry will continue to closely monitor the tourism situation domestically and overseas, and will take appropriate and immediate actions to restore and maintain travelers' confidence when necessary.

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