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**PRESS RELEASE**

On the occasion of 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between India and Thailand a conference under the theme **“Thailand-India Relations: Partnership for Peace and Prosperity”** was held today at Thammasat University, Bangkok. The conference is jointly organized by the Faculty of Political Science and India Studies Centre of Thammasat University in collaboration with the Embassy of India, Bangkok.

The conference was attended by a large number of academics, intellectuals and other dignitaries. Ambassador of India, H. E. Ms. Latha Reddy delivered the keynote speech covering all aspects of our growing relationship and its mutual importance to both the countries as well as to the South-East Asian Region. Two delegates from Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, firstly – the former Ambassador of India to Thailand Shri A. N. Ram, who served as Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, in India and secondly, Prof. Ganganath Jha, a distinguished faculty member from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, attended the conference. Shri A. N. Ram presented his paper on the theme “India-Thailand Diplomatic Relations: Evolving Convergences” and Professor Ganganath Jha presented his paper on the theme “Prevailing trade and economic relations between India and Thailand including prospects for FTA etc.” Associate Professor Dr. Chulacheeb Chinwanno, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University presented his papers on the theme “1947-2007 Sixty Years of Diplomatic Relations between India and Thailand: From Friendship to Partnership”.

In the afternoon session panel discussions were held in on Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Cooperation between the two countries and the following academics presented their papers:

- **Political Cooperation:-** by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jaran Maluleem, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University
- **Economic Cooperation:-** by Dr. Suchati Chuthasmit (Former Thai Ambassador to India) the Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand.
- **Social Cooperation:-** by Prof. Srisurang Poolthupya, Fellow of Royal Institute of Thailand.
- **Cultural Cooperation:-** by Dr. Anath Amatayakul, Faculty of Political Science and Humanities, Mahidol University.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Thai Government was represented by Ms. Arunroong Photong, Counsellor who delivered a keynote speech on behalf of Director-General of Department of South Asia, Middle East and African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok. The conference also included an Indian dance performance. The event was well attended and an important milestone in the commemorations of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations.

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