

Press Release

**Ceremony for Anti-Corruption Intention Announcement
to Create Thais' Anti-Corruption Awareness**

Monday 8 June 2015

Outer Santi Maitri Building, Parliament House

On 8 June 2015, His Excellency General Prayut Chan-o-cha, the Prime Minister and Chairman of the National Anti-Corruption Committee, presided over an opening ceremony of a nation-wide anti-corruption campaign at the Outer Santi Maitri Building, Parliament House. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of creating anti-corruption awareness and the need for all sectors of communities to work together against corruption. High-level representatives from diplomatic corps, media, relevant public agencies, private organizations and civil societies also took part in the event. An exhibition to create anti-corruption awareness was also held in the Santi Maitree Building. The event was broadcast live on National Broadcasting Services of Thailand (NBT - Channel 11) and telecast to all of Thailand's 77 provinces as Governors of Provinces and local administrators joined in the activities. Over all, more than 16,000 participants took part in the event.

The Prime Minister has declared a fight against corruption as one of the Government's top national agendas, and has approved the establishment of the National Anti-Corruption Committee (NACC) as a center to forge cooperation between various agencies. The NACC has formulated a comprehensive action plan aimed at eradicating and preventing corruption in all its forms, as well as raising an anti-corruption awareness among the public. The NACC are working together with all concerned agencies, most importantly the Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission and the Office of Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission, in an integrated and comprehensive manner. To this end, Thailand has enacted relevant domestic laws in accordance with the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

The public was also introduced to two anti-corruption initiatives put forward by the State Enterprise Policy Office, namely, the implementation of the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) designed to promote transparency and accountability in publicly financed construction, and the application of Integrity Pact to ensure accountability and transparency in public contracting. The Integrity Pact is being applied in two important projects, namely, the procurement of 489 NGV-fuelled buses and the extension project for the Bangkok Mass Transit System (BTS). The initiatives will be expanded to other government projects and other policy areas in order to ensure that the public governance are transparent, just, accountable, and in the best interest of the public.
