UNITED STATES-THAILAND PARTNERSHIP



The U.S. private sector has contributed greatly to Thailand's prosperity as some 2,000 U.S. companies in Thailand have invested tens of billions of dollars in the Thai economy in the last two decades. Thais count on the U.S. as their largest export market, sending \$33.5 billion in goods to the U.S. in 2019.

 Over 7,000 Thais study at the best universities in the U.S. every year and return to Thailand to use their knowledge to serve and improve the lives of the Thai people. Thai and U.S. universities have more than 200 collaborative agreements to share research and conduct exchanges. Annually, Thailand and the U.S. co-host Cobra Gold, the Indo-Pacific region's largest multinational military exercise. Our military partnership enhances maritime security, fights disease, protects civilians and responds to natural disasters to ensure that the future of Thailand and the region is more secure and more prosperous for our children and grandchildren.







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HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

- Since 1998, the U.S. and Thailand have jointly operated the International Law Enforcement Academy in Bangkok, training more than 20,000 law enforcement officials from across Southeast Asia
- From the banks of the Mekong to the Isthmus of Kra, more than 5,500 Peace Corps Volunteers have lived in and worked with local Thai communities since 1962
- In Bangkok, a collaboration between Carnegie Mellon University and King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang is providing cutting-edge engineering research and education
- In Chonburi, Ford has established a technical training partnership to support its two Rayong factories and its 10,000 Thailand-based employees

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

- In Samut Prakan and Nakhon Ratchasima, Seagate employs 20,000 Thais to produce and assemble high-tech data storage devices
- In Rayong, Jelly Belly underwent a third expansion in 2020 of its manufacturing of world-renowned jellybeans, candies, and chocolates
- In Songkhla, U.S. Halyard Rubber Glove Factory is exporting 300 million rubber gloves a month around the world
- In Pathum Thani, Goodyear produces state-of-the-art tires for the aviation industry
- Frito-Lay is teaching new potato growing techniques to 3,000 farmers in **Lampang** who supply Frito-Lay Thailand and the regional market

SECURITY COOPERATION

- In Udon Thani and Chiang Mai, U.S. Drug
 Enforcement Administration Officers are working closely with Thai law enforcement to combat narcotics smuggling
- In Sukhothai, Phitsanulok, Rayong,
 Chachoengsao, and Chanthaburi provinces, U.S.
 and Thai military engineers are building schools and community centers that double as emergency shelters
- In Sa Kaeo, U.S. and Thai military forces jointly destroy landmines and unexploded ordinance found throughout Thailand, reducing risk to civilian populations and freeing up new land for agriculture and other productive use
- In Chonburi at Laem Chaebang, the U.S. helps
 Thailand scan shipping containers for radiation, deterring hazardous material from entering the country

HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- In Phuket, the U.S. has worked with the Phuket Hotels Association to battle marine plastic pollution
- The United States, through USAID, the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - has partnered with Thailand for over 60 years to safeguard the health of American, Thai, and international communities. The U.S. has provided nearly \$214 million for health programs in the last 20 years alone, including over \$16 million to fight the spread of COVID-19
- U.S. Trade and Development Agency grants helped Thailand develop an emergency early warning system for the Indian Ocean after the events of the 2004 Tsunami





