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A MILITARY BRIEFING EXAMPLE

“Role of the Royal Thai Armed Forces against Narcotics Problems”

Presented by

Chief of Joint Staff, Royal Thai Armed Forces

At the Asia-Pacific Chiefs of Defence Force Conference

United States Pacific Command, Hawaii

Distinguished officers, ladies and gentlemen…, I feel deeply honored to be at such a gathering of high ranking officers from various countries, and I do really enjoy being here with all of you.

My presentation concerns narcotics problems which are one of the non-traditional security problems in this region and role of the Royal Thai Armed Forces against this type of problems.

I will first talk about the security problem in Southeast Asia and the narcotics problems in Thailand. Then I will go on to explain the policies and the measures, and I will finally talk about the role of the Royal Thai Armed Forces in combating Narcotics problems.

[The narcotics problems in Southeast Asia]

Let me begin with the security problems in Southeast Asia security problems stem from disputes between various groups over differences in ideologies. Religions or races, and the problems can also arise from poverty.

They also include border problems, such as conflicts over border demarcation lines. Competing for natural resources, illegal immigration, illegal foreign labors, smuggling of illegal goods, cross-border crimes and so on.

In addition, some other problems are considered to be security problems, such as the economy crisis and the narcotics problems

The Royal Thai Armed Forces has successfully tried to solve the problem by developing and promoting good relations with neighboring countries and others throughout the region.
Joint committee has been established with the armed forces of all neighboring countries to hold meetings and consultations in order to solve the various problems bilaterally.

The Royal Thai Armed Forces also arrange student exchanges, observation tours, joint and combined exercises and seminars.

With the intention of building trust and conference, exchange visits by representatives of the armed forces at all levels have been arranged sports and religious activities have also been conducted to promote friendship.

In addition, the Royal Thai Armed Forces has published defence white paper to illustrate transparency if the intention to develop forces and capabilities, military activities along the border have been announced in order to reduce suspicion. Training and other assistances have also been provided to neighboring countries.

All of these activities have successfully contributed to a secure environment in the region.

However, there is one security problem that is currently escalating rapidly, and that is the narcotics problems.

Since most of the narcotics is illegally brought into the country from neighboring countries, and distributed widely in various communities. The government has tried very hard to solve these problems by intercepting and arresting narcotics dealers.

However, narcotics trafficking and the wide spread of drugs in Thailand has not lessened in any way, especially the Meth-Amphetamines, or as we call it in Thailand, Ya Ba or the “Mad Drug”

Currently, Meth-Amphetamines are the most prevalent illegal drug in Thailand, and about one million pills are seized every month, which amount to about 70% of all illegal drugs seized.

There is a trend for this number to increase, and it is estimated that by the end of this year, about 200 millions Meth-Amphetamines pills will have been smuggled into the country.

The process of smuggling begins with the transportation of the basic ingredient, the Ephedrine – A chemical which can be obtained from the local plant – from one neighboring country to another, where it is then processed into Meth-Amphetamines, both in concentrated form for use in further production, and as the finished product.

The drugs then smuggled into Thailand where they undergo further processing or are sold to the selected target group such as youths and students.
This has resulted in various social problems at all levels, and has led to other problems, such as crime and an increase in the number of unproductive people in the country, as well as the expenditure of vast amount of money by the government to tackle the drug problems.

To make matters worse, drug trafficking is a victimless crime and a highly lucrative business, with efficient organizations and networks and involving influential groups.

In addition, people connected with drugs, from growers of the basic substance to suppliers of raw materials, producers, sellers and users, are all tightly bound together and have worldwide connections, thus making it even more difficult to eradicate the problems.

[**Policies and measures in narcotics prevention and suppression**]

The Thai government is fully aware of the serious dangers posed by the narcotics problems and has therefore reviewed the existing measures which lacked unity, cooperation and decisiveness.

New policies were formulated which were aimed at upgrading narcotics suppression and brought together the public and private sectors, as well as the people, in the fight against drugs.

A strategy of joint action between the state and the people to combat drugs was initiated, and the year 2000 was set as the target year for Thailand to be a drug-free country.

The new policy was issued in the form of a government’s order which established the policies and guidelines and defined the responsible agencies to implement the order.

The most important point in the policy was that every government agency had to include narcotics prevention and suppression as one of its missions.

In solving the problems, unity was stressed, and addicts were to be regarded as patients needing treatment and rehabilitation.

The government concept started that every community must have the three following conditions: to be free from narcotics production.

This concept can only succeed if all sectors of the society join hands together to really fight drugs.

The new drug policy specified three measures, namely prevention, suppression and treatment of addicts.

For the preventive measures, the vigorous psychological and public relations campaigns were launched to increase public awareness of the danger of narcotics.

Target group included the family, educational institutions and the community.
Economic and social conditions for the spread of narcotics were also reduced, and coordination with foreign countries was increased to lessen the quantity of narcotics entering the country.

For the suppressive measures, the target areas were clearly defined, and officials and local inhabitants were mobilized to suppress and take decisive legal action against traffickers and their supporters.

Court cases were speeded up, and importance was placed on intelligence and psychological operations in order to eliminate narcotics trafficking networks.

In addition, added protection was given to suppression officials, and severe punishment was handed out to officials involved in narcotics trafficking.

As for the last measure-treatment of the addicts, the drug addicts were to be treated as patients and given the opportunity to seek treatment and rehabilitation in public and private centers that were currently available, as well as in new centers to be built.

Agencies responsible for the implementation of the policy were set up and given clear responsibilities, as follows…

At the national level, the Narcotics Control Board or the NCB is the highest level agency, and is responsible for formulating policy and coordinating national narcotics control activities.

The NCB is chaired by the prime minister, and members are composed of representatives from various organizations. The secretary-general of the officer of the Narcotics Control Board acts as secretary.

The NCB has set up five sub-committees as follow: one on administration, plans and budget, one on prevention, one on suppression, another on treatment and rehabilitation, and the last one on follow-up and evaluation.

To implement NCB policies and guidelines, a national drugs operations center has been set up, with the minister of interior serving as chairman, and the director-general of the Police Department as secretary.

At the provincial level, the provincial narcotics control committees and the Bangkok Narcotics Control Committee are responsible for formulating policies and guidelines for their individual provinces and Bangkok metropolis respectively.

The government of each province is the chairman of the committee with representative from various government agencies serving as members.

Narcotics control centers have been set up in each province and in Bangkok to implement the policies and guidelines on prevention, suppression, treatment, and rehabilitation.
The governor of each province also serves as director of the centers in their respective province.

At the districts and village level, which is the lowest administrative units in Thailand, the district chiefs and village headman are responsible for drug control in their areas of responsibility, in term of both policy and operations.

[Role of the Royal Thai Armed Forces in Supporting Narcotics Control]

Since narcotics in Thailand are usually smuggled in from abroad, it is necessary both to intercept narcotics coming into the country as well as prevent their distribution within the country. The Royal Thai Armed Forces play an important role in both these activities.

The Royal Thai Armed Forces performs the major role in narcotics interception from neighboring countries.

In operates either in accordance with its primary mission, or on specific tasks assigned by the government.

With the respect to the primary mission of the armed forces, the supreme command headquarters is responsible to implement the border policy, while the Royal Thai Army and Navy protect the borders by deploying troops to maintain security.

The army headquarters exercises command and control over the four army regions. Each army region has one or two task forces to control the border areas under its responsibility.

The Navy is also assigned a border area of responsibility and it has set up a similar task force.

In addition to border surveillance and other security related activities, these forces have also been tasked by the Army and the Navy to intercept narcotics entering the country by land or sea.

As well as conducting other related activities, such as gathering intelligence on narcotics, suppression of influence groups, producers and traffickers, and conducting public relations campaigns aimed at people living in the border areas.

Specified tasks include destruction of opium plantations maintained by hill tribes or setting up task forces to support the office of narcotics control board on suppressing Meth-Amphetamines in the north.

In past operations, large quantities of Meth-Amphetamines were intercepted and seized currently; the government has placed greater importance on the interception of narcotics.
It is now considering increasing the responsibility of the armed forces for both the interception of narcotics along the borders and the suppression of drugs in its areas of responsibility.

Each army region will be assigned to serve as a regional narcotics control center, with representatives from other government agencies participating in the operations of the center.

Concerning the role of the armed forces in preventing the distribution of narcotics within the country, the armed forces has provided representatives to various narcotics control committees and subcommittees at all levels.

These representatives are from units based in the area of responsibility of the committees concerned, and they are able to assist in formulating policies, supplying intelligence and conducting combat and civil affairs operations.

The armed forces can perform these activities efficiently.

In addition to supporting the government in intercepting narcotics and preventing the distribution within the country, the armed forces, like any other government agency, must look after its own personnel and prevent them from the narcotics.

The Royal Thai Armed Forces has assigned the Directorate of Joint Personnel, which is already responsible for the welfare and discipline of the soldiers, to take overall responsibility for the task.

The Directorate of Personnel of the three services has also set up Narcotics Control Coordination Center at many levels.

These centers are run by the Military Police under the direction of the Directorate of Personnel.

At present, about 4% of all personnel in the armed forces are narcotics users next year; the armed forces will receive a budget of about 47 million baths for use in narcotics control programs which will include prevention, suppression and treatment.

In order to make the military installations totally drug-free five programs have been initiated, as follows: Personnel Development Program, Education and Training Program, Environment Development Program, Drug Interception Program, and Research and Evaluation Program.

[Conclusion]

Narcotics is a problem involving all sectors of society, and is considered a serious threat to national security.
At present, the second of narcotics has caused a loss of qualified personnel and weakened various institutions.

The country has to waste huge sum of money each year on the control of drugs, resulting in economic decline, deterioration of infrastructure, and inability to fully developed national strengths.

If personnel in the armed forces are addicted to narcotics, then the armed forces will be weak, making the country vulnerable in terms of security in the region.

The narcotics problems cannot be solved by one country alone since they are international problems, and every country must cooperate, coordinate and support each other in intelligence, prevention, suppression and treatment.

The armed forces of each country should play a leading role in combating narcotics by making it a part of its military operations other then war mission, and extend scope of cooperation among the armed forces to include narcotics control as well.

Activities that the armed forces of each country should undertake include coordinating information on the movement of narcotics traffickers and narcotics, and suppressing vigorously the production and distribution of narcotics only through such cooperation will the region become drug-free by the year 2020 as proposed in a recent Asean Joint Communiqué.

Do you have any question?

Thank you.
Coming Speech

By

Gen. .................................................., Chief of Joint Staff, RTARF

To

Ltg. .................................................., Chief of Staff, MAF

General .................................................., distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen…

First of all, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to you and all Malaysian Delegation. It is with great pleasure for me to host this dinner in your honor tonight. I hope you will have a pleasant time in Bangkok, and if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to let us know.

I am fully aware that over the past year, our joint working group has been putting in so much hard work, working together in this revising the agreement on border cooperation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you and those involved for the splendid effort which has resulted in the success of the mission.

General, our close relationship and mutual understanding have long been nourished and prospered; I wish to reassure you that these will continue to grow to reach for even greater heights.

Tomorrow, the “Last” joint working group meeting under the current agreement will be held. It will mark yet another chapter of our cooperation, which I firmly believe reflects our desire to see everlasting peace and stability in the region, and as the new chapter unfolds, we shall look forward to working even more closely to reach that goal.

Now, I would like to invite all of you to join me in a toast to relationship between our two countries, wishing it all the best.

To our friendship…(TOAST)…

…I understand that today is also Dató Lamil’s birthday, so on this auspicious occasion, may I wish you on behalf of the men here…A very, very happy birthday…Gentlemen, please sing with me “Happy Birthday”…
Returning a Welcome

By

Director of Joint Operation, RTARF

General, General, General, ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank General for kindly inviting me and my staff to the first corps and the beautiful state of Washington, particularly for the superb dinner tonight.

Just like all J-3S, being away from the office means being away from never-ending hard work, nevertheless, despite the fact that this visit is work, but working with all of you, our true close friends, and also in this beautiful state of Washington doesn't make me feel like working at all.

I am sure, and you will agree that it is not an over-spoken statement to say that this truly manifests the friendship, trust and confidence built-up between us as well as our two armed forces over the years. I’m quite certain that whenever and wherever the situation requires the next combined peace operations, the mission will be jointly and successfully accomplished under a friendly atmosphere.

Once again, I thank you and your staff for arranging such a wonderful reception and make me feel like home especially for the dinner tonight. I thank you sincerely for your warm hospitality, and trust that this will continue to flourish in many years to come.

I would now like to propose a toast to General for all the success in your endeavors, and to the eternal friendship of our two offices, and above all our two armed forces…(TOAST)…

Thank you.
Accepting a Decoration: Return Speech

For

The Legion of Merit Medal Presentation Ceremony

By

General

Former Chief of Joint Staff, RTARF

Your excellencies admiral commander in chief, U.S. Pacific Command, Mr. The U.S. Ambassador, Distinguished dignitaries, ladies and gentlemen…

I feel deeply honored and I am very proud to receive the U.S. Decoration, the region of Merit-Degree of Commander. Today I realize that such an honor is not for me and my family, but it is the honor of the RTARF as a whole.

During my tenure as a Chief of Joint Staff, I had tried to put a great effort in promoting closer relationship and better cooperation between RTARF and the U.S. Armed Forces, especially the U.S. Pacific Command, through many of the activities that both of our officers, men and women, participated whether they might be operations, trainings, seminars and meetings. It was a great privilege for the RTARF to have committed itself in those activities in order to bring about peace and stability to this region.

I hope the Legion of Merit medal that I am honored to receive today will be a symbol of friendship and cooperation between the U.S. and Thailand. I would like to assure you that I will continue to commit myself in whatever capacity I am to strengthen the bond of existing friendship between our two armed forces and countries.

May I take this opportunity both your excellencies for being so kind to arrange such memorable ceremony which I would cherish through the future, and may I also express my appreciation to all of you who have made today possible for me. I wish you good health, happiness and success.

Thank you.
Introducing a Briefing: Opening Address of RTARF Briefing

By

Chief of Joint Staff, RTARF

Minister Director of the International Policy Division/Head of the Delegation, Distinguished Australian Defense Attaches, ladies and gentlemen…

On behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, I would sincerely like to welcome each and everyone of you to our headquarters. I am pleased to learn that the Australian Defense Force is conducting the annual World-wide Defense Attaché Conference in Thailand this year, and I am honored to be with you today.

I hope you would enjoy your stay in our country during this time of the year which we are celebrating the second “Amazing Thailand” year, and I also wish you the most successful and memorable visit.

Australia and Thailand have a long history of cooperation and the Royal Thai Armed Forces is grateful for the Australian assistance and support through various “Defense Cooperation” programs. The joint Australia-Thailand defense coordinating committee has been established with four sub-committees to deal with combined exercises, education and training, logistics and defense science and technology. We sincerely cherish your kind cooperation on those matters.

The Royal Thai Armed Forces is as old as the country. It has always been successful in defending the kingdom in time of war and helpful in building the nation in time of peace in conducting its assigned missions, the Royal Thai Armed Forces has four strategies – They are…Deterrence Strategy, Collective Defense Strategy, Forward Defense, and Total Defense Strategies.

The officers and men of the Royal Thai Armed Forces are considered to be an elite group. We are devoted to the monarch and the people. We have always rendered whatever help needed for the well being of the people, through many of the development projects and the so-called “Royal Initiation” projects. We are also the bulwark of democracy and the defender of freedom. We stand ready to join other countries in the U.N. peacekeeping operations.
Ladies and gentlemen, I would now like to have our staff officers brief you on the strategic environment of the region, the strategic interests of Thailand and the security measures of the Royal Thai Armed Forces
Changing of Command: Address

By

Supreme Commander

(Changing of Command Ceremony)

At RTARF Headquarters

Your excellencies, Commander – in – Chief of Allied Nations, Commander – in – Chief of the Services, the Royal Thai Police officers, ladies and gentlemen…

Following the Royal Decree, Appointing General Supreme Commander from 1st October 2000 onwards, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations. I firmly believe that the new Supreme Commander will lead the Royal Thai Armed Forces into prosperity with his wisdom, ability, and vision, together with the experience that he gained during important assignments in the Royal Thai Army. Nevertheless, on this occasion, I must bid farewell upon completion of my service.

Today, I wish to thank all of you for adhering to the principles of unity and harmony; for your cooperation in serving the armed forces and the nation in all aspects including those on national security, development, humanitarian aid with sincerity and fruitful results. During my tenure as Supreme Commander, I have modernized the armed forces to high potential, so it be able to safeguard our national sovereignty, monarchy, interest, and democracy having His Majesty the King as the monarch, as well as for our national development. In particular, we have help built our military institution with honor and dignity, gaining wide acceptance by the general public. I ask you, my fellow soldiers, to serve our country with honesty, truth, justice, and righteousness, with the common goal of national interest.

Now is the auspicious opportunity, I would like to hand over all my rights and responsibility, including my command as Supreme Commander to General………………….

Finally, may I ask for the power of the Triple Gems, the holy spirits and the mighty and glory of Their Majesties the King and the Queen to bless General………………… and all the fellow officers and families with health, happiness, prosperity, and wisdom to eternally safeguarding our nation.
GIVING A BLESSING EXAMPLE

Giving a blessing: Salutation

By

Deputy Supreme Commander

At the reception honoring General upon his retirement

At RTARF Headquarters

Supreme Commander,

On behalf of all the men and women in RTARF, I wish to express the sincere admiration to you; for during your time as Supreme Commander, the appointment of which is the most esteemed in the armed forces, you have developed the unit into a Supreme Command in the true sense of the world. You have untiringly dedicated yourself, both physically and mentally, to the duty with the desire to see the armed forces forwardly modernized. All the respectable qualities, expressed by those who have worked with you, are your wisdom and initiative in applying new ideas and doctrine, proving beneficial to the cooperation and day-to-day work tremendously. As a result, the armed forces have continued to gain the morale, spirit and warmth under your leadership. Moreover, you have exhaustively promoted unity among the three armed services and the Royal Thai Police, enabling the force to achieving its ultimate goals in every aspect, particularly that of harmony. In addition, you have developed and further strengthened the close relationship with military leaders of the allied nations, earning high praise all around in the military circles both domestically and abroad. Your relentless devotion of the service to their Majesty the King and the Queen has helped the royal initiated projects to be carried out with success.

On the occasion of your retirement on September, the Royal Thai Armed Forces will lose another great leader who will be sorely missed by all members of RTARF. On behalf of my subordinates, I wish to assure you that no matter which course you take after your retirement, we will all hold our respect to you and will always be willing to assist you with sincerity. Taking this opportunity, may we ask for the power of the Triple Gems, Phra Siam Thevathiraja and the mighty and glory of Their Majesties the King and the Queen to bless you and your family with health, happiness, prosperity and success in all endeavors.

I thank you for your kind words in wishing me and my family. May your wish be also blessed upon all of you. May you be blessed with happiness, prosperity in your career, and success in all endeavors through upholding moral value and righteousness.
RETURNING A BLESSING EXAMPLE

Returning a blessing: Return Address

By

Supreme Commander

At the reception honoring Supreme Commander upon his retirement

At RTARF Headquarters

Your excellencies, Commanders - in - Chief of Allied Nations, Commanders - in - Chief of the Services, the Royal Thai Police, ladies and gentlemen.

I am most grateful to all of you for attending the ceremony today. Throughout my time as Supreme Commander, I resourcefully tried to promote bond and unity in the Armed Forces to see it flourish, including the promotion of peace keeping in the region, to which I received full cooperation from our allies and all of you present here. As a consequence, the missions were readily accomplished. In addition, I would like to sincerely thank all the officers for the cooperation in helping modernize the Supreme Command, echoed by praise from various societies both domestically and abroad. Everyone has shown their royalty and harmony, building a solid foundation for the Armed Forces. In particular, every unit has efficiently given its full effort to His Majesty the King’s works in developing the nation. Thailand is still faced with economic and social hardships; the military institution has the responsibility of safeguarding the nation and the monarchy. We must be the force that people can rely upon and look after their well-being. The strength of our personnel and armament, as well as the harmony among our services and the Royal Thai Police are therefore essential, holding dear to our hearts without fail.

On the occasion of my retirement, I would like to pass on the Armed Forces to be under your care. Our Armed Forces has built its reputation and dignity over a long period of time with much sacrifice. We must firmly uphold these honors. My most desirable wish is to see the Armed Forces be the pillar of our nation, and the most worrying concern now is the plaguing of narcotics in our Thai society. It is one of the most detrimental forms; and if we remained ignorant, the loss would be compared to the loss of our sovereignty. The Armed Forces must give its full attention on this issue, and cooperate with organizations concerned in eradicating this national problem.
EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES EXAMPLE

Following the Terrorist Attacks
In New York and Washington D.C.
ON 11 September 2001

FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING:

I have learned with deep distress and profound sorrow of the terrorist attacks which struck New York and Washington D.C. causing great loss of lives, injuries and immense damage to property.

On behalf of the people of Thailand, The Queen and I would like to extend to you, and through you, to the American people, in particular members of the bereaved families, our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences for their irreparable loss and the immeasurable suffering caused by this tragic incident…….

FROM THE PRIME MINISTER:

I am deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic event. These terrorist incidents have caused irreparable loss of life and property. The Thai people also share my view that these terrorist acts are to be condemned in the strongest terms.

The government and the people of Thailand stand ready to render any possible assistance to relieve the suffering and the plight of the victims of these terrorist acts…….
To  
The Late Nepalese Kind Birendra And The Royal Family  

FROM THAILAND:  
.........On behalf of the government and the Thai people, I would like to express our profound sorrow to your excellency. Their Majesties’ tireless devotion to the progress and prosperity of Nepal and the well-being of the Nepalese people will long remain in the memories of our two nations. The people of Thailand shave the sentiment of grief of the Nepalese people over the tragic and irreparable national loss…….  

FROM U.S.A.:  
.........was deeply saddened and shocked by King Birendra’s untimely death and also mourn the loss of Queen Aishwarya and other family members and extend deepest sympathies to the King’s extended family.  

FROM INDIA:  
.........as a close neighbor and friend, India conveys its heartfelt condolences to the mourning nation of the Royal Kingdom of Nepal and to the members of the royal family ………  

FROM FRANCE:  
.........France expresses its consternation at the deaths of the King Nepal and Her Majesty Queen Aishwarya in dramatic circumstances, which also cost the lives of several members of the Royal Family and its entourage. It joins in the mourning of the Nepalese people ………….  

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Bidding Farewell and Welcoming Speech: at Luncheon in Honor of
Air Commodore .......................... and Colonel & Mrs. ..........................

The Dynasty Restaurant, Central Plaza Hotel

Air Commodore .........................., Colonel & Mrs. .......................... And gentlemen,

Even though, I want to keep this lunch as informal as possible, but I need to say a few words to you.

Jack, first, may I congratulate you on your promotion to the higher grade of Air Commodore. I knew that it has been very competitive in the Australian Armed Forces nowadays to get selected and promoted to the General grade.

Second, Jack, I just cannot let you leave Thailand without telling you that while serving as the defence attaché in Thailand, you have performed a remarkable outstanding job tremendously created military understanding and cooperation among our two Armed Forces and yet provided a great military support to the Royal Thai Armed Forces as well.

Jack, on behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Supreme Command, please accept our sincere appreciation. If I can be of your further assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to let me know. More importantly, remember that you are always welcomed to Thailand as one of our members.

Ash and Narell, also, on behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Supreme Command, welcome to Bangkok. We are very pleased and delighted to have you here as a member of our combined team. I was told about your professionalism. It is very impressive. I am quite sure that together we can create a tighter military cooperation and relationship between our two Armed Forces.

Ash, you are welcomed to my office any time. And if I can be of your assistance in all matters, please do not hesitate to call or visit me in my office. I would be pleased and delighted to assist you.

As I promised you to keep it very informal, I will conclude my speaking by asking you Jack to receive a small souvenir as a token of our sincere appreciation, and as a welcome to Ash and Narell, please.
CITATION EXAMPLE

The President of the United State of America,
Authorized by act of Congress, July 20, 1942 has awarded
The Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to:

General .................................................................

Royal Thai Armed Forces

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General, as Chief of Joint Staff, Royal Thai Armed Forces, distinguished himself by continuous leadership of Thai Supreme Command’s joint staff, and effective management of policies and actions pertinent to the allied military relationship with the Armed Forces of the United State, from 1 October 1998 through 29 September 2000. General’s proven ability to deal with complex joint/combined and multilateral issues at the highest levels of military exchange repeatedly facilitated the very best in Thai - United States allied commitment. General played a critical role in advancing the many initiatives that mark Thai - United States defense cooperation as one of the most important and comprehensive in the Asia - Pacific Theater. His sound judgment and diplomacy insures that both allies are fully apprised of the intricate requirements and facts to achieve operational success. General’s tenure as Chief of Joint Staff culminates a career of sustained significant contribution to the defense of the region that reflect great credit upon himself, the Royal Thai Armed Forces, and the Kingdom of Thailand.

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PRESENTING A GIFT EXAMPLE

Presenting a Gift Speech by

COJS - RTARF

To Australian Delegation of Thai - Australian Cooperation Committee

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Mr.……………………………. , distinguished guest, ladies and gentlemen…

We are very pleased to have an opportunity to host this dinner for our Australian friend tonight.

Last year we were very impressed with your warm welcome and hospitality extended to us while we were in Australia. We do hope that you would find your visit to Thailand enjoyable and memorable.

Throughout the passing year, our friendship and cooperation has prospered. We try to cooperate with you the best we could in order to show you our gratitude. The case in point is that when Air Marshal…………………………The Australian Vice Chief of Defence Force, came to Thailand one morning and asked us to send our troops to East Timor. We made the decision readily and that same night we sent some 30 of our troops, under the command of General…………………………to East Timor and we later sent more troops to work with the Australian side by side.

Well, from your experience and your kind assistance and support, the Royal Thai Armed Forces has been able to develop and modernize. Thanks to the officers and men and the personnel of the Australian defence Ministry, and especially to the Australian delegation who are here tonight.

Ladies and gentlemen, will you please join me in toast to the everlasting friendship and cooperation between personnel of the Australian Defence Ministry and the Thai Ministry of Defense.

As a token of our appreciation, I would like to present these gifts to you to remember the fruitful meeting we had today.

Thank you.
Once again, we are pleased to have all of our distinguished friends here today. We hope that you have enjoyed the briefing and the discussion as much as we do, we in the Royal Thai Armed Forces, always feel grateful for your assistance and cooperation.

We hope that you would have good memories of your shot visit to Thailand, and on behalf of General .................., our Supreme Commander. We wish you health, happiness and success. May you have a safe trip home.

Thank you for being with us.
INTRODUCING A BRIEFING EXAMPLE

Introducing a Briefing:
Opening Address of TMAC Briefing

…..Your Excellencies Mr. the Ambassador of Australia, Mr. the Ambassador of Poland, distinguished representatives of other ambassadors, military attaches, ladies and gentlemen……

I would first like to welcome each and everyone of you to the RTARF headquarters. It is quite a great pleasure and privilege for me to host this briefing of Thailand Mine Action Center this afternoon. The purpose of the briefing is to familiarize all of you with TMAC establishment and activities, so that you could gain some insight in what we have done and what we are going to do with your kind assistance and cooperation for humanitarian purposes. As you are well aware of, Thailand is one of the countries in the region that suffer from consequences of internal conflicts within neighboring countries which have left several border areas full of unexploded mines. As a result of the 1998 survey, we found out that there was a total of 796 square kilometers of mine danger areas within 17 provinces along the border, and every couple of days we had a casualty.

Presently, Thailand has been a formal member of the Ottawa Convention since 1 May 1999, therefore, one of our objectives, in complying with this convention, is to carry out humanitarian mine action center in Thailand which in the future may become the training center for Southeast Asian countries. Another objective is to destroy not only all stockpiles of our anti-personnel landmines within 4 years, but also those landmines which have been laid by foreign forces along the border inside our own territory within 10 years.

Actually, TMAC started to operate on 18 January 1999, but it was officially opened on 18 January 2000 by Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana, with the financial and equipment supports from the U.S. for the establishment of TMAC and the training of its personnel. The 1st humanitarian mine action unit of 99 men will be deployed this month to the eastern border to conduct determining activities in Sakaeo province to include such actions. As public relations and mine awareness intelligence collection, technical survey, search and destroy operations.

From the briefing today, we sincerely hope that you will understand the situation we are facing and what we are going to do.

May I now invite my staff to present the briefing to you…..
Opening a Seminar:

Opening Address of Chief of Joint Staff

At the Environmental Security Seminar

UN Conference Center, Rachadamnoen Avenue, Bangkok

Distinguished U.S. participants, representatives from the Royal Thai Armed Forces headquarters, the Royal Thai Army, Navy, Air Force, Ministry of Defence, Government agencies and private sectors…..

On behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, I would sincerely like to welcome each and every one of our U.S. colleagues and I do hope that your stay in Thailand is memorable. I am very pleased to preside over the environmental security seminar today, and I feel deeply honored and delighted to be among our distinguished colleagues and friends.

The Royal Thai Armed Forces realizes that the environmental issue is one of the important issues that should be undertaken at present. As the world develops and grows, people are suffered from polluted air and water and the land is degraded with the loss of natural habitats. Environmental protection is the problem of everyone. It should not be left to only government agencies to sole, but it is committed to this important role, because our daily life concerns with the environmental impacts that occur both at our installations and in the fields.

Today’s seminar is a good opportunity for us all; we can exchange our ideas and experiences that will lead to practical measures to preserve the environment for the benefit of national security. I sincerely hope that today’s seminar will be successful and achieve the desired objectives, and will lead to a closer cooperation in establishing the U.S. and Thai environmental protection program that will encourage all of us to take a more active role in preserving the environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to the government of the United State of America, our American colleagues and all concerned government agencies and private sectors who organize and participate in this seminar.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I now declare the environmental security seminar open.
HOSTING A DINNER EXAMPLE

Hosting a Dinner: Dinner Speech

To Participants of Mission Management Seminar

At Miracle Grand Hotel

…..Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen…..

It is a great pleasure for me and I feel deeply honored to host tonight’s dinner on behalf of the exercise headquarters of the Mission Management seminar.

As you are well aware of, the world today is not yet a secured place. Conflicts may occur anytime and anywhere due to differences of interests. We all have to participate in peacekeeping operations which are important undertaking to solve international conflicts. The key factor to a successful peacekeeping operation is international cooperation.

Thailand, as a member country of the UN, has an obligation to participate in peacekeeping operations, and we have been trying to improve our readiness to perform the sacred mission. With such support and assistance from our American friends in the seminar, we are certain that we will be able to conduct our mission better when the situation calls for.

On behalf of RTARF, I would like to express our deep gratitude to the USCINCPAC and Mr.----------------------------- and his staff from the center of excellence, who provided us with outstanding speakers on peacekeeping lessons and experiences. And I would also like to thank Chief JUSMAGTHAI, Colonel-----------------------------, and all his concerned staff for their sincere gestures in making this seminar a fruitful one

I wish each and everyone of you health and success. Thank you.
OPENING A JOINT PROJECT EXAMPLE

Opening a Joint Project: Opening Speech

In Opening a Joint Project

Between the Royal Thai Survey Department

And the Institute Geographic National (IGN)

Your excellency, distinguished delegates of the French Embassy and the Institute Geographic National (IGN) Framed International, ladies and gentlemen…..

On behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces and the Royal Thai Government, I would like to take this auspicious occasion to express our deep appreciation to the French Government and the Institute Geographic National (IGN) for offering and support the Map’up project assistance by the French Government will be beneficial to both the military and the civilian alike. I would sincerely like to thank the French Government, the Institute Geographic National and all concerned again for this cooperation.

Distinguished guests, this ceremony is a symbol of our cooperation in the field or surveying and mapping. It reflects the exiting friendly relationship between Thailand and French, as well as the bright future of our cooperation that will be of mutual benefits to both our countries.

Your excellency, ladies and gentlemen, may I take this opportunity to propose a toast to the success of the Map’up project and the long lasting friendship between our two countries.
REPORTING A PROGRESS EXAMPLE

Reporting a Progress:

Report of Special Committee Joint Chairman

To the Third High Level Committee Meeting

.....Your excellencies General and General Tan Sri Dato Sere, Joint Chairmen of the High Level Committee, distinguished members, ladies and gentlemen.....

As the Joint Chairman of the Special Committee, may I take this opportunity to present the reviewing of border cooperation agreement between Thailand and Malaysia, as follows.

The agreement between the government of Thailand and the government of Malaysia on border cooperation, dated 4th March 1977, has been reviewed by the High Level Committee or the HLC which was established during the 36th General Border Committee Meeting in Bangkok on 28th February 1992.

The High Level Committee, headed by Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces and Chief of Defense Forces of the Royal Malaysian Armed Forces, held the first meeting in Bangkok on 24th October 1993 and the second meeting in Kuala Lumpur on 18th July 1994.

During the second meeting, it was agreed that the committee should scrutinize the differences between the Thai proposed draft of agreement and the Malaysian proposed draft of agreement in order to merge these two drafts into one joint working draft.

On the 5th of July 1997, the 39th General Border Committee meeting which was held in Kuala Lumpur had introduced a Special Committee under the High Level Committee to continue the agreement on border cooperation.

The Special Committee is co-chaired by Chief of Joint Staff of the Royal Thai Armed Forces and Chief of Staff of the Royal Malaysian Armed Forces.

The first Special Committee meeting, held in Bangkok on 20th August 1998 which was jointly chaired by General Chainarong Noonpakdee and Lieutenant General Dato Nawi Bin Alias had approved of these following action.

1. To formulate new orientation and direction for the General Border Committee or the GBC
2. To prepare draft agreement by each country.
3. To compare both draft agreements and identify the main differences.
4. To find a solution to overcome the differences and
5. To formulate the common draft agreement.

Consequently, the Joint Secretariat of the Special Committee had been working closely to prepare their draft agreements. Although there were still some differences exist between the two drafts. The Joint Secretariat had been trying to find the acceptable solution to these differences through correspondence and meetings.

The second Joint Special Committee Secretariat meeting which held in November 1998 in Kuala Lumpur had successfully come up with the common draft agreement on border cooperation between Thailand and Malaysia.

The objectives of the agreement are summarized as follow:

- To strengthen the existing bonds of friendship and neighborly ties between the two countries,
- To promote cooperation the enhancement of security and stability including promotion of matters of mutual interest in the border area,
- To be aware of the existing of common problem which affect the security and stability in the border area including illegal activities which may harm the cordial relations between the two countries.
- To encourage and promote social and economic development activities as means to enhance the security and stability in
- To facilitate, upon request, other Thai - Malaysian bilateral efforts in taking measures and providing assistance during disaster.
- To facilitate other Thai - Malaysian bilateral efforts in delimitation and demarcation of boundaries and
- To take measure on any other common problems in the border area to be agreed upon by the General Border Committee.

Your Excellencies Joint Chairmen of the High Level Committee, it is of Joint Special Committee recommendation that the proposed common draft agreement between the government of Thailand and the government of Malaysia on border cooperation be kindly accepted, approved and signed by the Joint Chairmen of the High Level Committee before proposing to the General Border Committee.

Thank you.
OPENING SPEECH EXAMPLE

Opening Speech

By

Minister of Defence, the Kingdom of Thailand

Delivered at the Heli-Asia Exhibition

Shangri-la Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

General Dato Sri……………………………, Chief of the Royal Malaysia Air Forces, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

It is a great privilege and a pleasure for me to welcome each and everyone of you to the opening of the Heli-Asia Exhibition………………………… in Bangkok today. I am also delighted to be here to open such an important event.

Let me begin by first mentioning the important roles of the helicopters for both the military and civilian sectors since their inception by the genius invention of Mr.Igor Sikorsky.

Over the course of history, we have seen the usage of helicopters not only the combat roles to protect the countries but also for the logistic roles to transport men and material to all types of terrains. As well as for the relief operation roles to save lives. Helicopters are truly a magnificent tool to use both in times of war or peace.

As for peace time, we have recently witnessed the deployment of the helicopters to assist in natural disaster relief operations in the states of Louisiana and Texas of the under states, after hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the earthquake in Pakistan. We had also remembered their rescuing roles during the aftermath of the tsunami incident in Southeast Asia.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr…………………………, the organizer of this event and all those involved for their contributions to interesting discussions and exhibits and of course, to thank all of you who participate in such an interesting event.

We are proud and feel deeply honored to serve as the world’s venue for this wonderful sector of aviation activity and provide a forefront of global attention towards the helicopter sector.
Ladies and gentlemen, please enjoy your stay here at the Heli-Asia Exhibition and once again I would like to express my deep appreciation for your participation.

May I take this opportunity to declare open the Heli-Asia Exhibition and I wish it a success.

Thank you.
His Majesty’s Address of Welcome

On the Occasion of the State Banquet Given in Honour of

Their Majesties the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and

The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia

At Chakri Throne Hall

On Monday, the 27th of March B.E.2543 (2000)

Your Majesty,

The queen and I are greatly pleased to have the opportunity of welcoming Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong in our capital city. We hope that your entire stay in our country will turn out to be very pleasant in every respect.

Malaysia and Thailand have long enjoyed friendly relations which have always been very close and smooth, and both countries have always co-operated and supported each other in wide-ranging fields of endeavor. This has been made possible because we are neighboring countries with a common border and with populations sharing very similar and corresponding ways of life. Both our peoples, for example, enjoy freedom and liberty and favor an easy and unassuming way of life. They both as well hold fast to virtuous qualities and continuously seek peaceful happiness. Such are solid foundations which contribute to the mutual good understanding and sincere co-operative efforts between Malaysian and Thai people in various forms of activities and on every level of contact. I am thus confident that this state visit of Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong to Thailand will help to enhance even further the close and friendly relations between our two countries and peoples so as to last for always.

On this auspicious occasion, I should like to invite everyone to join me in drinking a toast to the good health and happiness of Their Majesties the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XI and the Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia as well as to the everlasting well being success and prosperity of Malaysia and her people.
QUEEN ELIZABETH’S ROYAL MESSAGE

Queen Elizabeth’s Royal Message

To

His Majesty the King

“I was concerned to hear of your recent ill health. I would like to express my best wishes for a full and swift recovery. I sincerely hope that you will be able to resume your royal duties soon.

I look forward to continuing the close ties between the Thai Royal Family and my own and between our two countries.”

(.........October, 2007)
Welcoming Speech

To

Chief of the General Staff, CPLA

General, distinguished guests, and gentlemen,…

On behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, it is indeed my great pleasure in welcoming you to this lively city, Bangkok. We, the ranking officers, junior officers, and all of proud military personnel of Royal Thai Armed Forces are much privileged to have you hear visiting us. We are above all honored to have the opportunity to welcome, member of the Central Military Commission and Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army, as the first Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army to visit Thailand in almost 30 years of our long standing friendship.

General, Chinese People’s Liberation Army has, since the very beginning, shown great assistance, cooperation and friendship to the Royal Thai Armed Forces, and with the continue relations we are delighted to host this dinner in your honor this evening.

Through the year, tight collaborations of our two forces have opened up many significant opportunities in extended areas, accomplished countless goals, fulfilled many empty gaps and overcome numerous obstacles. This year collaborations have evidently further cemented our tight relations, from the 15th annual intelligence exchange program to other success programs in defense industry, science and technology, education and more importantly your visit today, General, has proven an astounding collaboration of our two Armed Forces.

General, the Renowned Chinese People’s Liberation Army has in many ways influence both political and social reform of the country; its character, pride and honor have embedded in every scope of Chinese culture and its people. Consequently, countless members of military personnel in the past had played major roles in China’s accomplishment both domestically and internationally. You have, General, played an important role in that achievement. Thus, I wish to applaud you for it.
With that being said, General, your visit today will embark up as a new chapter in our cooperation and friendship with tighter, more mature and more promising cooperation and friendship that would not only confirm the exiting tie of our two forces but also give us the opportunity to promote future goals that can be accomplished by our mutual understanding and consideration.

Distinguished guests, may I invite all of you to join me in a toast to General................., for his good health, happiness, and great success. And may the good relations and cooperation between the two Armed Forces long continue.

Thank you.
FAREWELL SPEECH EXAMPLE

Farewell Speech:

To

Admiral Tan Sri Dato’ Sri…………………………

Chief of the Malaysian Defense Forces

In Bangkok, Thailand

Admiral Tan Sri Dato’ Sri…………………………, Puan Sri Datin Sri…………………………

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen….Good evening.

On behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, it is indeed, my great pleasure and honor to welcome and receive the Chief of Defense Forces, Malaysian Armed Forces, My dear friends Tan Sri and Puan Sri tonight.

Tan Sri, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Thailand once again. The Malaysian Armed Forces and the Royal Thai Armed Forces have shared common interests which have closely been pursued through mutual assistance, cooperation and friendship. Our close collaborations have opened opportunities as well as expanded several areas of defense cooperation. The cooperation between the two Armed Forces have resulted in great successes and benefited both sides;…and you, Tan Sri, are the driving force behind these successes.

Tan Sri, it is sad to learn of your retirement and, in particular for me, to say farewell to an old friend. Your soon retirement will undoubtedly leave us with great memories of your contributions that have strengthened our two armed forces.

I hope you will soon have time to enjoy your well-earned rest, especially after a long and distinguished career in service of your country. Let me reassure you that you are always welcome to visit us any time you wish.

Tan Sri, it is without a question that you have leaved a big shoe to fill for your successor. And please rest assures that I will continue the tradition of close friendship and cooperation that exists between our two Armed Forces for the years to come.

Admiral Tan Sri and Puan Sri, on behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, I think you, once again, for your friendship and your strong support that have founded good relationship of the two Armed Forces. I wish you much joy in the days to come.
Distinguished guest, may I ask you now to join me in a toast to Tan Sri and Puan Sri and his family. Wishing them happiness, good health, prosperity, every success in the future and very happy retirement. Thank you.
CONGRATULATIONS SPEECH EXAMPLE

Congratulations Speech

To

Lieutenant General ..............................................
Chief of the Singapore Defence Forces

In Bangkok, Thailand

General .............................................................., Mrs. .........................................................,
distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen…..

First of all, I would like to officially congratulate General ......................, on your recent promotion and appointment as Chief of Defence Force, Singapore Armed Forces. This honor reflects a concrete proof of the trust and confidence that your government has in your abilities. I am quite certain that the existing relationship and cooperation between our Armed Forces will continue to prosper under your able guidance.

Distinguished guest, Singapore Armed Forces and Royal Thai Armed Forces have for many years shared common interests through mutual assistance, close cooperation, and long lasting friendship. All of these have opened up many significant opportunities in the area of defense that has continuously benefited both sides.

The long continued tradition of exchange visits of commanders and senior officers, like your visit today, has not only further cemented, the close tide of our two Armed Forces, but evidently proved to be the effective means in strengthening the already good friendship among us.

General, on behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, I wish to once again welcome you to Thailand, as I am personally pleased to host tonight dinner in your honor.

I hope that you have a great time in Bangkok so far. And if there is anything that we could do to make your visit more pleasurable, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I now invite you to rise and join me in a toast to General ......................, Mrs. ......................, and their family, for health, prosperity, happiness and every success in your high office. And may the good relation and cooperation of our Armed Forces continue to prosper for the year to come. Thank you.
WELCOMING SPEECH EXAMPLE

Welcoming Speech

To

General ........................................................................................................

Chief of the Indonesian Armed Forces Delegation

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General .................................................., distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Good evening.

On behalf of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, I’m very pleased to have this opportunity to welcome and receive the delegation from the Indonesian Armed Forces on an official visit to Thailand. We, the ranking officers, junior officers, and all of proud Military personnel of Royal Thai Armed Forces are much privileged to have you here with us. We are above all honored to have the opportunity to officially welcome General ......................... to Bangkok.

General, we have for many years enjoyed great military to military assistance, cooperation and friendship which has closely been pursued through mutual understand and common interests. Through the years, tight collaborations of our two forces have opened up many significant opportunities in extended areas. The continuity of our joint and combined multi-national exercises reaffirms our close cooperation.

Your visit today, General, has significantly paved an ideal path towards a tighter, more mature, more promising cooperation and friendship that would not only confirm the existing tide of our two forces but also give us the opportunity to promote future goals that can be accomplished by our mutual understanding and consideration.

General, I am dearly looking forward and confident that the future of our cooperation is very attractive. I also hope that this tradition of exchange visits will continued to bond our every level of officers together.

Distinguished guests, may I invite you to join me in a toast to our great relations, for our good health, happiness, and prosperity and to a very promising future ahead of us. Thank you.
DINNER SPEECH EXAMPLE

Dinner Speech by

General................................................., Chairman of “The.................................”

KL Towers, Malaysia

General Tan Sri, Chairman of the Chief’s Circle, distinguished members of the Chief’s Circle, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, on behalf of the members of “The.................................”, I would like to say how deeply honored and extremely pleased we are to be invited by “The Chief’s Circle” to visit your lovely city of Kuala Lumpur. We would therefore like to express our deep appreciation for your kind gesture and to say how happy we are to be here among old friends and to reminisce about the good times we had together in the past.

In Thailand, there is a saying that you know you are getting old when you start talking about “The Good Old Days”. I don’t believe in this – after all, I like talking about the good old days, and I am only…..I would like to say to everyone here that when we were still in uniform, there is no member of the Chief’s Circle who has not attended a meeting in Bangkok, Chiang Mai or Pattaya, and likewise, There is not a member of the….who has not sat down with his counterpart in Kuala Lumpur, Penang or Johor Bahru. This is because our ties come in many forms, such as the High Level Committee and the Land Boundary Committee. We have attended many meetings together, played golf together and dined together many times. This has bound us together so closely that we can say we are true friends. Are we to give up this friendship just because we have retired? On the contrary, because we are retired, we should meet more often, and I hope the tradition we have started will continue with future generations so that our friendship will be beyond time.

My good friends, I know that all members of the...........................would like to have been here this evening, but some of them could not come because of previous engagements. Nevertheless, they have asked me to express their sincere best wishes and warm regards to each and every one of you.

General Tan Sri and distinguished member of the circle, we would like to thank you and your staff for being so kind to arrange such a wonderful program for us and also for this welcome dinner tonight. It is always a great sincerely hope that our visit will not only strengthen our already strong bonds of friendship, but also promote further co-operation between our two countries in whatever way possible through old soldiers like us.
Well, my good friends, we will find out in the next few days that who has or has not done his homework in the game of golf since our last match in Pattaya. I know those of you who lost last time are keen to take revenge. So I wish all of you good fortune, but don’t forget what golf stand for: G is for Game, O is for Of, L is for Luck (Love) and F is for Fluke (Friend). However, please remember you make more friend by losing than winning – so I hope you that “War is the continuation of politics by other means”, but I say that “Golf is the continuation of friendship by other means”. So play golf, and may all your putts be birdie putts. To win or lose, it doesn’t matter. If you win, it’s good for you. If you lose, it’s also good for you because you have made more friends.

Finally, General Tan Sri and all my good friends, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your heart warming hospitality and warm welcome. I am certain that our visit will be most enjoyable.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to invite my Thai colleagues to join me in a toast to General Tan Sri, Chairman of the Chief’s Circle, and to all members of the Chief’s Circle, wishing them health, happiness and success, and to our “Friendship Beyond Time.”

Thank you.