

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (“COE”)

PERIOD

This Report shall cover the International Thai Foundation’s (“ITF’s”) activities from 2019 to 31st December 2021.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM MS THANYAPHAT CHOKSIRITHANANON ON BEHALF OF THE ITF

We remain fully supportive of the UN Global Compact and its ongoing initiative. Our strategies and activities are based on the universal principles regarding:

- Human Rights,
- Environment,
- Labor;
- Anti-Corruption.

As well as general rights regarding civil liberties & justice.

Mission: empowerment of individuals and entities for equality and capacity-building.

ACTIVITY1: NETWORKING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

2019

- We were actively involved in a number of networking events:
 - 7x networking seminars in Bangkok, Pattaya, Phuket & Chiang Mai to highlight bondage labor & human trafficking.
 - Transparency International: anti-corruption lecture with MP Stewart.
 - participant in various events regarding the establishment of a Memorandum agreement between [12]x ASEAN Foundations to further the protective measures on civil liberties and the rights of defendants in the Thai, Cambodian, Myanmar, Laos & Vietnamese legal systems;
 - attended the UN Session on Anti-Corruption and Anti-Corruption Day.
 - Thai sustainability council including [38] attendees including local Thai lawyers, government officials, Thai business representatives and employees.

2020

- Due to the pandemic of Covid-19, our activities have been limited:
 - communications regarding public health, immigration, employment & economic affairs.

Outcome: increased awareness of the ITF & UN Global Compact including capacity-building, cooperation & information sharing.

ACTIVITY 2: WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

- 2019: we hosted 4 workshops to inform potential stakeholders & interested parties relating to Thai & ASEAN labor practices, human trafficking, sex working, bribery & business / sustainability practices.
- 2020: scheduled workshops cancelled; therefore, non performed.

Outcome: prior competency & skill development.

Subject to safeguarding measures, it shall require reinstitution from 2022 onwards.

ACTIVITY 3: RESEARCH / ARTICLES

- *Case Comment: R (Kodin & Ors) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] UKSC91*
- *Case Comment: R (Goodjarin) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] UKSC104*
- *Case Comment: R (Brearley & Tommasini) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] UKSC217*
- *Case Preview: R (Tonkins et.al) v Ministry of Justice [unreported]*
- *Case Comment: R (Singh & Khan) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] UKSC233*
- *Case Comment: R (Holt & Ors) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2020] UKSC316*

Outcome: maintained advocacy & representation in immigration, employment, human rights & public law cases.

ACTIVITY 4: EXPERTISE DEVELOPMENT

- Acknowledgement by the Thai Ministry of Interior that the ITF is and remains the only Thai Foundation offering pro bono legal services in various legal subject areas; including criminal law, civil law, human rights, immigration law, employment law, family law, succession law, property law, debt, welfare etc...
- Increased knowledge & capacity-building for greater awareness / skills pursuant to the SDGs.

Outcome: continuation of the Pro Bono Legal Centre.

ACTIVITY 5: STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE & CSR NETWORK

- The ITF conducted 3 Stakeholder Committee meetings consisting of 31 & 11 members from interested parties.
- The Agendas focused on (i) Human Rights, Civil Liberties & Sustainability; and (ii) Internal Compliance & Operations.

Outcome: ratification of the UNGC 10 Principles and a commitment to its practical implementation in business for economic & social development.

ACTIVITY 6: ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE LOCAL NETWORK

- 2019 & 2021 remote engagement & participation with Global Compact Local Networks and its events; including attendance at various seminars.

ITF should continue its engagement & activities with the UN Global Compact in Thailand, USA & UK and its various members.

CONCLUSIONS

Until the impact of Covid-19:

1. the ITF had effected significant measures to implement awareness of the UNGC SDGs;
2. ongoing steps regarding human rights & civil liberty advice via the Pro Bono Legal Centre.
3. continued mapping of CSR entities in Thailand.
4. further requests for cooperation from the Thai government & ASEAN entities to support the UNGC principles.

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