

Work Performance
of
Dr. Ir. Martono Anggusti, S.H., M.M., M.HUM
Honorary Consul in Medan
during 1 January – 31 December 2023

1. Activities that uphold or promote a better understanding of Thailand's highly revered institution (monarchy)

In 2023, significant efforts were made to uphold and promote a better understanding of Thailand's highly revered institution, the monarchy. These activities were strategically designed to strengthen the cultural bonds between Thailand and Indonesia, fostering appreciation and respect for the Thai monarchy.

1. Brief Visit to Jakarta (June 10, 2023):

During a productive meeting with the Ambassador and his team, updates on the establishment of the upcoming Honorary Consulate office in Medan were discussed. Future plans for the Thai Festival were outlined, with a focus on promoting Medical Tourism, Educational Tourism, Thai Agritech Sharing, and introducing various Thai products and services. Opportunities for student exchanges and cultural trips were explored to further enhance the bond between Thailand and Indonesia.

2. National Day Reception (December 4, 2023):

Mr. Martono Anggusti, Thai Honorary Consul for North Sumatera, attended a reception commemorating the National Day of the Kingdom of Thailand. The event, held on the Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great and Thai Father's Day, aimed to deepen appreciation for Thailand's esteemed monarchy.

3. Inauguration of Royal Thai Honorary Consulate in Medan (December 12, 2023):

Subsequently, on December 12, 2023, Mr. Martono Anggusti, serving as the Thai Honorary Consul in Medan, and his wife joined Ambassador H.E. Mr. Prapan Disyatat and his wife in the inauguration of the Royal Thai Honorary Consulate office at Jalan Brastagi No. 8 in Medan. A ceremony was held at the Grand Ballroom of JW Marriott Hotel in Medan, attended by a total of 183 representatives from the North Sumatera Government, General Consuls, Consuls, Honorary Consuls, various companies, associations (including employees' associations, chambers of commerce in industries, and community associations), and business leaders in North Sumatera. The celebration was further enriched by the participation of Muay Thai, fashion displays, Thai dance performances, and an informative investment talk facilitated by Ms. Chatcha, Minister Counsellor (Investment) at the Thailand Board of Investment from the Royal Thai Embassy. All these elements contributed to the promotion and understanding of Thailand's revered institution. The Honorary Consulate Office of the Kingdom of Thailand in Medan was officially inaugurated by Thailand's Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Prapan Disyatat, and Honorary Consul Dr. Ir. Martono Anggusti at Jalan Berastagi No.8, Medan on Tuesday (12/12). The event commenced with Ambassador Prapan Disyatat visiting the premises, expressing satisfaction with the facilities, and then proceeded with the formalization process.

In his address, Ambassador Prapan Disyatat highlighted the Honorary Consulate's pivotal role in fortifying bilateral relations between Thailand and Indonesia, expressing optimism about receiving support from the local government for the office's sustained operation.

The establishment of the Honorary Consulate Office in Medan is expected to contribute to the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMTGT), fostering economic, social, and cultural transformation in each country. Geographically, the proximity of North Sumatra to Thailand is seen as a foundation for enhanced cooperation between local governments and the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Thailand in Medan.

Honorary Consul Dr. Ir. Martono Anggusti, SH, MM., M.Hum, expressed gratitude for the support from the local government, central government, and the private sector in Medan. The successful execution of the Honorary Consul's work program in the Riau Archipelago, Riau, and North Sumatra for the year is attributed to the support of all relevant stakeholders.

Martono also acknowledged the presence of Consuls General, Honorary Consuls, and entrepreneurs from various countries in Medan during the inauguration. This included members of The Employers Association of Indonesia North Sumatra (APINDOSU) and the North Sumatra Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADINSU).

The Governor of North Sumatra (Pj. Gubsu), represented by Muhammad Rahmad Effendi, reported positive progress in cooperation between Indonesia and Thailand. Ongoing efforts between the Provincial Government of North Sumatra and the Provincial Government of Songkhla, Thailand, aim to establish direct flights from Kualanamu International Airport, North Sumatra, to Hat Yai International Airport in Songkhla.

In conclusion, these activities not only celebrated the rich cultural heritage of Thailand but also laid the foundation for deeper collaboration and understanding between the two nations, reflecting the shared commitment to mutual respect and cooperation.

2. Activities that promote or strengthen relations between Thailand - Indonesia

2.2 Economic Aspect

Accompanying the Ambassador's Visit to Medan: January 18-19, 2023.

Delegation:

- H.E. Mr. Prapan Disyatat (Ambassador)
- Ms. Prance Prasom (Minister Counsellor)
- Ms. Pucharat Muansoy (Acting Minister Counsellor (Agriculture))
- Ms. Pamela Sirichuchnin (First Secretary)
- Mr. Arisza Wiryawan (Royal Thai Embassy's Staff)

Event Highlights: Networking Lunch and Lucky Draw Event at Grand Ballroom

1. Welcome address by Ambassador.
2. Group Photo session.
3. Networking Lunch.
4. Lucky Draw conducted by Ambassador and Mr. Tanes Petsuwan, Deputy Governor for International Marketing – Asia and the South Pacific.
5. Networking activities.

Key Discussions and Points Raised:

1. Gateway of Business between Thailand and Medan:
 - Emphasis on education, tourism, and various sectors such as port, the Malacca Strait sector, and the economic sector.
 - Recognition of Thailand as a significant investor in Indonesia across economic, commercial, and agricultural sectors.
2. Trade Balance and Opportunities:
 - December 2022 trade balance between Indonesia and Thailand stood at 2 billion.
 - Major exports: palm oil, coffee, cacao, rubber; Imports: rice and sugar.
 - Identified opportunities in the world's largest halal market, F&B products, garments, and overcoming language barriers.
3. Challenges and Proposed Solutions:
 - Issues related to the Strait of Malacca and sea port borders between Thailand and Indonesia discussed.
 - Impact of COVID-19 on IMT-GT; Proposal to conduct a Halal Food Expo well-received.
 - Exploration of spice and herbs trade through food expos.
 - Exchange of advanced techniques in various sectors, especially food and halal market.
4. Commerce and Investment:
 - Proposal to explore direct commerce of car manufacturers to Medan, bypassing Singapore to Jakarta.
 - Involvement and support from private catering sectors in North Sumatra to promote Thai halal food.
5. Health and Tourism Collaborations:
 - Discussion on addressing the issue of stunting.
 - Fortification of rice from Thailand in Medan.
 - Thailand's offerings in medical checkup services and collaboration for medical tourism.
6. Potential Collaborations:

- Collaboration between TAT (Tourism Authority of Thailand) and KADINSU for medical tourism.

- Exchange programs for young entrepreneurs between Thailand and North Sumatra.

- Proposal to set up an Indonesian local taste landing station through the Chamber of Commerce from Thailand in Indonesia.

7. Technology and Assistance:

- Assistance discussed regarding Thailand's technology for rice fortification, aiming for a direct route to Medan instead of the current route through Singapore to Jakarta to Medan.

- Offer of assistance in addressing issues faced by Thailand's fishermen.

This comprehensive discussion highlighted various economic aspects and potential collaborations between Thailand and Medan, focusing on trade, investment, tourism, and technological exchanges. The active involvement of both parties in overcoming challenges and exploring opportunities bodes well for future cooperation.

During the Konhor Thailand - Kadin Sumatera Utara (KADINSU) meeting on August 11, 2023, KADINSU expressed their hopes for the resumption of operations of Roro ferry vessels, aiming to support various economic aspects such as food and clothing across Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand. They also sought collaboration in agricultural technology with Thailand and emphasized the importance of cooperation in developing small and medium-sized enterprises (UMKM) in the culinary and coffee product sectors. Furthermore, KADINSU urged special attention to be given to addressing the issue of human trafficking involving Indonesians in Thailand, highlighting the need to safeguard Indonesian nationals.

On August 15, 2023, Mr. Martono Anggusti, Thai Honorary Consul of Medan, engaged in a friendship meeting with Mr. Tanawut and Mr. Bertman Siagian, staff from PT. Charoen Phokpand Indonesia. During this meeting, discussions centered around extending support for upcoming Thai events from the consulate.

On September 5, 2023, The Honorary Consul of Thailand in Medan engaged in a formal meeting of goodwill with the APINDO North Sumatra (APINDOSU) team in APINDOSU's office at Grand Jati

Junction, office tower level 25, generally discussing about potential business promotions especially Thailand's business expansion through the help of APINDOSU.

On September 11, 2023, Mr. Martono Anggusti, the Thai Honorary Consul of Medan, met with KADINSU. The discussions encompassed:

- a. Introduction of the Thai Honorary Consul in Medan.
- b. Follow-up on the January 2023 discussions between KADINSU, the Ambassador, and the Chairman of Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Mr. Firzal Mutyara, with a reminder about the upcoming business trip, particularly focusing on halal-related matters.

This activity report details the events that transpired during the visit to Batam from September 13 to 16, 2023:

On September 13, 2023, between 14:00 and 16:00 WIB, a formal study visit was conducted at Batu Ampar Port, Batam.

Moving to September 14, 2023, the day commenced with an official visit by the Thai Ambassador and their team, accompanied by the Thai Honorary Consul and their team. The visit to the Kepri Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin) took place between 09:50 and 11:00 WIB, followed by a study visit to the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Nongsa from 14:00 to 16:00 WIB. The SEZ Nongsa, designated as an investment zone, was elucidated, showcasing the specific facilities provided to streamline economic functions, including convenient accessibility to ports, jetties, airports, and incentives geared towards bolstering competitiveness among neighboring countries, notably Tax-Holiday benefits.

Shifting to September 15, 2023, the day's agenda featured an official visit by the Thai Ambassador and their team, in collaboration with the Thai Honorary Consul and their team. Commencing at 08:00 and concluding at 14:45 WIB, a visit to Rudenim Tg. Pinang was conducted. The primary goal for the Ambassador on this occasion was to secure the release and subsequent deportation of three Thai citizens, accomplished through methodical coordination with the relevant authorities. This was followed by a visit to the BAKAMLA Batam Base from 15:30 to 17:15 WIB, concluding with a dinner gathering with Thai nationals residing in Batam.

Lastly, on September 16, 2023, the Batam visit was concluded, and all participants embarked on their respective departures.

Continuing the efforts, on October 18, 2023, Mr. Martono Anggusti, the Thai Honorary Consul of Medan, orchestrated a meeting responding to the request from Bangkok Sukhothai Ltd with six companies in the fisheries business in Medan. The meeting took place at the Thai Honorary Consulate Office in Medan, where UDOM Seafood, in particular, came to explore opportunities related to fish roe and specific fish requirements.

Following this, on October 19, 2023, Mr. Sanit Vorapanya and his team arranged a visit to PT. Lautan United Fishery in Belawan, further contributing to the economic collaboration between the two nations.

A valuable training program for 16 Female Prisoners (WBP) at Medan Women's Penitentiary began with great enthusiasm, inaugurated by Mrs. Ika, Chairperson of the Committee representing the prison. The training, taking place from November 7 to November 25, 2023, received full support from the Head of Medan Women's Penitentiary, as expressed by Dahlia Murni, Head of Personnel Affairs, who hoped that the training would provide essential skills for the WBP to reintegrate into society. Dr. Martono Anggusti, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand in Medan and Vice Chairman of KADINSU, commended the initiative, as it stemmed from his visit to the Immigration Detention House in Medan, where he enjoyed Middle Eastern cuisine prepared by detainees, inspiring him to share their cooking knowledge with the broader Indonesian community. This event marks the first of its kind at Rudenim Medan, with three instructors from Sri Lanka participating. The program received strong support from Andri Susila, Chairman of the Medan Vocational Training and Productivity Center (BBPVP), and Dian Ari Permana Harapan, Vice Chairman of Entrepreneurship and SMEs at KADINSU, expressing gratitude and a commitment to supporting the economic well-being of the participants. The event featured group photos and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between KADINSU, BBPVP Medan, Medan Women's Penitentiary, and Rudenim Medan for the Cookery and weaving training program. The training was officially initiated with the symbolic presentation of training materials to representatives of the WBP Rutan Perempuan

Medan, followed by a captivating performance by the WBP Rutan Medan and a culmination of the event.

2.1 Political/Security Aspect (If any)(such as expanding its networks with local authorities through visits to their departments or joint activities with local authorities)

On March 28, 2023, a luncheon was held with the Honorary Consulate Representative in Batam, Mr. Djoli. During the meeting, discussions were initiated to explore ways in which Mr. Djoli could actively contribute to the promotion of economic activities in Batam, particularly within the Special Economic Zone. The importance of fostering a close relationship with the local government in Batam was also emphasized. This strategic alliance aims to facilitate the well-being of Thai nationals and citizens residing in Batam, ensuring they receive necessary support and assistance whenever required.

On August 29, 2023, at 10:30 AM WIB, Dr. Ir. Martono Anggusti, SH., MM., M.HUM, the Honorary Consul of Thailand for North Sumatra, Riau, and Batam, along with Mr. Erianto (Secretary) and Mr. Jeremia, held a meeting at the Regional Office of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of North Sumatra in Medan. Drs. Imam Suyudi, Bc.I.P., S.H., M.H, the Head of North Sumatra Kemenkumham (Kakanwil Kemenkumham Sumut), accompanied by Mr. Purwanto, the Head of the Immigration Division (Kadiv Keimigrasian), Mr. Rudy S, the Head of Penitentiary Division (Kadiv Lembaga Pemasyarakatan), and Mr. Rudi, the Head of Administrative Division (Kadiv Administrasi), warmly welcomed and hosted the Honorary Consul and his team.

The atmosphere of the meeting was marked by friendliness, and Konhor's visit was received with great appreciation. The Honorary Consul explained that the primary purpose of the meeting was to introduce himself as the recently appointed Royal Thai Consul and to collaboratively address any issues concerning Thai citizens in North Sumatra. In addition, Konhor highlighted five key areas of focus, namely Fashion, Food, Fighting (Muay Thai), Festivals, and Film.

The Head of the Immigration Division (Kadiv Keimigrasian) provided insights into the current Thai population in North Sumatra, which stands at 45 individuals, with 90% of them being students enrolled in various universities. During the meeting, the Head of the Immigration Division

(Kadiv Keimigrasian) also shared comprehensive data about the Thai citizens along with a list of their activity locations.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both parties exchanging souvenirs as tokens of goodwill. The session adjourned at 11:45 AM WIB.

Following the meeting on August 29, 2023, with the Head of the Regional Office of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights, on August 30, 2023, the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand for the North Sumatra, Riau, and Batam regions, Dr. Ir. Martono Anggusti., SH., MM., M.HUM, along with Mr. Erianto (Secretary) and Mr. Jeremia, visited the Immigration Detention House in Medan Belawan Subdistrict.

Upon arriving at the Detention House at 10:00 AM local time, the delegation from the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Thailand was warmly welcomed by the Head of the Immigration Detention House in Medan, Mr. Sarsaralos Sivakkar, and his team. The delegation was then taken on a tour of all the facilities within the Immigration Detention House. Additionally, the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand had the opportunity to meet and greet some of the detainees.

After the tour of the facilities, the delegation gathered in a prepared meeting room. Following presentations from both sides, the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand had a special session to meet with Mr. Somkuat, a Thai national detained due to lack of proper documents upon entering the Republic of Indonesia. After listening to Mr. Somkuat's detailed issues (a detainee for 7 years to date), the Honorary Consul expressed a commitment to making every effort to find a solution for the document-related problem, as the individual in question has an Indonesian wife and three children.

The visit concluded with a lunch reception featuring a special menu prepared by the detainees of the Immigration Detention House in Medan.

Following up with the case above, here is the Visit Report to Songkuan's Wife Residence in Pancur Batu:

On September 5, 2023, the Konhor team conducted an on-site visit to the residence of Somkuat's wife, a Thai national detained at Medan Detention House. The residence, inhabited by the wife and their three children, is located in the Pancur Batu area and is owned by the mother-in-law.

During the visit, Konhor engaged in a dialogue with Somkuat's wife to gather information regarding their journey to Medan. Furthermore, Konhor and the team inquired about the presence of any identification documents belonging to Somkuat.

Upon confirming the absence of Somkuat's personal identification documents, Konhor conveyed the commitment to exert maximum effort to

address this matter. Konhor requested Somkuat's wife to draft a letter of request to the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia (Kemenkumham RI) seeking issuance of the required identification documents for her husband. The letter of request will also bear signatures of neighbors as witnesses to corroborate the authenticity of the situation, thus reinforcing the content of the request letter.

Medan, December 1, 2023. The Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand in Medan, along with the secretary and public relations, arrived at the North Sumatra Regional Police office at around 13:45 WIB for an introductory and friendship visit. Upon arrival at Poldasu, the Honorary Consul was warmly welcomed by the Chief of the North Sumatra Regional Police, Mr. Irjen Pol. Agung Setya Imam Effendi, S.H., S.I.K., M.Si, accompanied by the Director of Intelligence and Security, Kombes Dwi Indra Maulana, the Director of Vital Object Security, Kombes I Made Oka Putra, and the Director of Community Development, Kombes Muhammad Muslim Siregar.

The meeting proceeded warmly and positively. On this occasion, an invitation was extended to Mr. Kapoldasu (Kepala Kepolisian Daerah Sumatera Utara i.e. North Sumatera Police Chief) to attend an event on December 12, 2023, at the JW Marriott Medan hotel. Discussions continued with a focus on the potential collaboration between Indonesia and Thailand. Kapoldasu expressed keen interest in Thailand's methods for handling narcotics and hoped for an opportunity to study this directly in Thailand. After a substantial discussion, the meeting concluded with the exchange of mementos between both parties and ended at 15:30 WIB.

2.3 Cultural Aspect (if any) (such as boosting Thailand's positive image among the Indonesian public)

Since 1st October 2023 until now, Mr. Martono Anggusti and team, Thai

Honorary Consul of Medan actively involved in the logistics of the Buddha Statue from Thailand to Medan.

On 4th October 2023 at 14:00 WIB, at Vihara Buddharatana in CBD Polonia, Block G 1-2 Medan, a formal meeting occurred. The Honorary Consul paid a visit to Bhikkhu Dhammadhiro to discuss the shipment of two 3-meter Buddha statues from Thailand. These statues, along with 120 small sculptures, were graciously provided by the Kingdom of Thailand to Vihara Buddharatana in Medan and Vihara Jinapannasarana in Perbaungan through the Buddhasayankita Foundation. Following this meeting, immediate follow-up actions will be taken with the Thai Embassy in Jakarta, and a committee will be formed in Medan to coordinate the shipping process from Thailand to Medan, Indonesia. The meeting concluded with the presentation of souvenirs from the Honorary Consul to Bhikkhu Dhammadhiro, reciprocated with the handing over of photocopies of documents related to the Buddha statues' donation.

On October 11, 2023, a meeting with the committee members of the Buddhasayankita Foundation for the preparation of the reception of the Buddha image bestowed by the Kingdom of Thailand.

Following up the same case, on 11 December 2023, it was a distinct honor to accompany His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Prapan Disyatat, along with his wife and esteemed delegates, to two significant locations: Buddha Jinnapanasarana Temple in Kecamatan Perbaungan and BuddhaRattana Temple in Kecamatan Medan Polonia. Following this visit, a scheduled meeting has been arranged to discuss the facilitation of transporting Buddhist statues to Medan.

Subsequently, we were privileged to meet Sultan Deli at the esteemed Istana Maimun, where we were graciously served local cakes and tea, fostering a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Engaging in a delightful conversation, we explored opportunities for mutual visits to tourist sites in both Medan and Thailand. The opulent beauty of Istana Maimun and the gracious hospitality of Sultan Deli enriched our experience, further enhancing the cultural ties between our regions.

In the evening, we had the honor of accompanying the Ambassador on a visit to the University of Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara (UMSU) and participating in a dinner gathering with 25 Thai students. The engagement was lively, featuring various skillful performances by talented UMSU students. Ambassador H.E. Mr. Prapan Disyatat received a gracious

welcome with a traditional Batak ulos, and the occasion was further elevated with an array of delectable cuisines, including rendang and mutton. The day concluded with a visit to Maha Vihara Maitreya, one of the largest modern Buddhist temples in Indonesia, located at Cemara Asri, Medan.

On 10 December 2023, we were cordially hosting Ambassador H.E. Mr. Prapan Disyatat, accompanied by his spouse and diplomatic delegation from Jakarta, for an evening reception. This will be followed by insightful discussions with the Thai chef within the welcoming ambiance of Sawadee.

2.4 Other Aspects (if any)

Visit to University		
Date	University	Remarks
11 th September 2023	Universitas HKBP Nommensen (Nommensen) During the Konhor Thailand - Universitas HKBP Nommensen meeting on September 11, 2023, Univ. HKBP Nommensen expressed aspirations for collaboration with universities in Thailand through student exchanges. Additionally, they emphasized the desire for cultural exchange and introduction of both Indonesian and Thai cultures. Univ. HKBP Nommensen also expressed interest in establishing study visit programs to Thailand through collaborative initiatives.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To search for Thai students. 2. Exchange students and lecture program 3. To do research program 4. To build small medium enterprises from Thailand to
11 th September 2023	Mahkota Tricom Unggul (MTU) During the Konhor Thailand - Universitas Mahkota Tricom Unggul meeting on September 11, 2023, Univ. MTU expressed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia university 5. Exchange of culture

	<p>their aspirations for diverse collaborations with Thai universities. They aimed for partnerships in agribusiness, specifically urban farming research, and multimedia development like video editing. The university was keen on facilitating student exchanges and opening classes for Thai students. Additionally, they showcased readiness to contribute to Konhor Thailand events and offered to be a hub for Muay Thai sports development in Medan.</p>	<p>6. To build Thai students club.</p>
<p>4th October 2023</p>	<p>Universitas Sumatera Utara (USU)</p>	
<p>13th October 2023</p>	<p>Universitas Prima Indonesia (UNPRI). At the meeting between Royal Thai Honorary Consulate and the representatives from the Office of the Rector of Universitas Prima (UNPRI), who were represented by the Vice Rector and the International Relations team, held at the UNPRI Campus on Sampul Street in Medan, various important matters were discussed. The primary topic of discussion was to explore the potential for implementing student and faculty exchange programs between UNPRI and universities in Thailand. UNPRI has equipped itself with specific facilities for student exchange programs in the field</p>	

	<p>of culinary arts. In this context, UNPRI provides facilities for students to acquire expertise in cooking traditional dishes unique to North Sumatra, such as Ombus-ombus and other regional specialties.</p>	
<p>13th October 2023</p>	<p>Universitas Pembangunan Panca Budi (UNPAB), in collaboration with the Honorary Consulate of Thailand, conducted an audience in Room M102 of Universitas Pembangunan Panca Budi on Friday, October 13, 2023. Present at the meeting were Dr. H. Muhammad Isa Indrawan, SE., MM (Rector of UNPAB), H. Abdul Razak Nasution, S.H.Int., M.Sc (Head of UNPAB's Department of International Cooperation), DR. IR. Martono Anggusti, SH., MM., M.HUM (Honorary Consul of Thailand), Uswatun Hasanah, SE., M.Si (Head of the Strategic Research and Development Cooperation Institute), and DR. Annisa Ilmi Faried, S.Sos., M.SP (Head of the Community Service and Village Development Cooperation Institute). During this meeting, discussions centered around the cooperation between the two parties, which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaboration involving villages in Thailand and a 	

	<p>Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) related to halal matters.</p> <p>2. Collaboration for the development of villages in North Sumatra and villages in Thailand.</p> <p>3. Collaboration in the field of social and cultural development in Thailand.</p> <p>It is hoped that UNPAB will continue to contribute on the global stage, and this collaboration will provide opportunities for UNPAB's students and faculty to learn and engage in joint research projects and village development in North Sumatra and Thailand.</p>	
17 th October 2023	<p>Universitas Islam Negeri Sumatera Utara (UINSU)</p> <p>Discovered that there are 2 Thai students studying at UINSU</p>	
25 th October 2023	<p>On October 25, 2023, the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand in Medan conducted an official visit to the University of Muhammadiyah North Sumatra, located at 3 Kapt Mukhtar Basri Street, Medan. The Consul and the delegation were warmly received by the Deputy Rector 3, Associate Professor Dr. Rudianto, M.Si, and the Director of the Office of International Affairs and Cooperation, Rafieqah Nalar Rizky, S.Sos, M.A, along with all the approximately 40 students from Thailand.</p>	

In his welcoming address, Deputy Rector 3 expressed his enthusiasm for the visit of the Honorary Consul of Thailand and the delegation. He noted that international students, including those from Thailand, have been attending UMSU since the 1990s, with many Thai students making their academic home on Halat Street. Currently, there are around 40 students from Thailand, pursuing various academic disciplines at UMSU. Deputy Rector 3 expressed hope that the Honorary Consul would visit UMSU again on future occasions.

In his response, the Honorary Consul expressed his delight and pride in the growing number of Thai students, which has exceeded initial estimates of about 18 students. He emphasized the importance of enhancing the abilities of Thai students and their potential to make positive contributions in the fields of knowledge and business in the future.

Apart from the speeches by Deputy Rector 3 and the Honorary Consul, Thai students had the opportunity to share their experiences while studying in Medan. They expressed their happiness at learning at UMSU and highlighted the valuable Indonesian language education they have received. On this

	<p>occasion, Mrs. Rizky added that UMSU treats foreign students as part of the family, providing attention to even the smallest details.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with the exchange of gifts and a group photo.</p>	
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In a formal ceremony held in Bali on August 4, 2023, Mr. Andy Rachmianto, the Director-General of Protocol and Consular Affairs, formally presented the exequatur letter to Mr. Martono Anggusti, along with seven other distinguished Honorary Consuls. Moreover, it was indeed an honor to engage with Ms. Hataichanok, who serves as the Deputy to His Excellency Mr. Prapan Disyatat, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand.

We wish to convey our appreciation for the kind hospitality offered by Honorary Consul Bapak I Nyoman Astama, representing the Ukrainian Consulate in Bali on August 11, 2023. This event presented us with a meaningful chance to engage in enlightening discussions concerning his experiences and acquire priceless guidance.

On 14 August 2023, we also had the opportunity to meet and exchange greetings with fellow consuls and ambassadors as we were invited by Consul General of the Republic of Singapore in Medan, Dr. Edmund Chia & Mrs Huei Ying Chia at the Glass House, Mutia Garden, Medan.

The Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand in Medan and the Princess Maha Chakri Award delegation visited SMP Negeri 2 Binjai on September 29, 2023. The warm reception by the school community included traditional performances. The Head of SMP Negeri 2 Binjai, Dra. HJ. Merry Yosepha Gusnaini, expressed pride and commended a teacher's achievement. Dr. Krissanapong Kirtikara, Chairman of the PMCA Foundation (University Council President, Kasetsart University, and Former Deputy Minister of Education), congratulated Mrs. Harisdayani on being chosen to represent Indonesia and receive an award from Princess Maha Chakri.

Dr. Krissanapong mentioned that the year 2023 marks the fifth year of the Princess Maha Chakri Award, given to teachers who have demonstrated

effective, creative, and principles of Independent Learning and sustainability in their teaching methods. "This award is given every 2 years to 10 countries in Southeast Asia and Timor Leste," Dr. Krissanapong stated.

The Consul highlighted the program's role in enhancing bilateral relations and mentioned plans for sustainable development initiatives.

The delegation's visit from PMCA Foundation was also attended by the Secretary of Binjai representing the Mayor of Binjai and representatives from the Department of Education and Culture of Binjai City.

On 19 December 2023, the Thai Honorary Consul Team organized a special event to publicly acknowledge and express our gratitude to the dedicated team behind the scenes, which includes universities with participation from both local students and Thailand students studying in local universities, consulate staff, and various brand partners. This event was aimed at recognizing and celebrating their invaluable contributions to the success of the inauguration ceremony.

Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand in Medan, Dr. Ir. Martono Anggusti, SH., MM., M.Hum, welcomed the visit of U.S. Consul Bernard C. Uadan on Wednesday (20/12) at the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Thailand in Medan, located at Jalan Berastagi No. 8, Medan. The visit served as an introduction and friendly exchange, with congratulations extended to Dr. Ir. Martono Anggusti for his appointment as the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand for the regions of North Sumatra, Riau, and Riau Islands. During the meeting, both parties discussed various aspects of North Sumatra, including tourism, cuisine, the local and national conditions.

Consul Bernard C. Uadan expressed his pleasure at the warm reception by Honorary Consul Dr. Ir. Martono Anggusti SH., MM., M.Hum, emphasizing the friendship between the two.

Bernard mentioned that the U.S. Consulate has several programs, including an annual Independence Day event in July held at various locations, as well as scholarship and academic programs supporting human resource development.

Honorary Consul Dr. Martono Anggusti SH., MM., M.Hum expressed gratitude for Consul Uadan's visit, marking the first official consul visit to the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Thailand. He hoped for enhanced

collaboration among consuls in Medan to address various issues affecting each country and facilitate assistance for citizens within their consular jurisdiction in Indonesia.

Meanwhile in Batam, we extend a warm welcome to the esteemed members of the Thai Delegation, including the Deputy Minister of Finance and the Deputy Secretary General of (National Economic and Social Development Council) NESDC, who will be gracing the 29th (Indonesia–Malaysia–Thailand Growth Triangle) IMT-GT Ministerial Meeting and Associated Meetings scheduled from the 25th to the 29th of September 2023 at the distinguished JW Marriott Hotel in Batam. We express our best wishes for their fruitful and productive engagements during their time in Batam.

Efforts were undertaken to enhance and fortify relations between Thailand and Indonesia through the utilization of online/digital platforms, specifically the official Instagram account (@thaihoncommedan) and the dedicated website (www.thaihoncommedan.com).

3. Activities that involve the protection of the interest of Thai people in Indonesia (particularly, consular matters)

On 10th March 2023, Mr. Martono Anggusti and team, Thai Honorary Consul of Medan, brought 1 Thai young mother (Miss Thanchanok Moonsongcaw and 4 months old baby) back to hometown. This close communication was supported and monitored closely by Ms. Kwang from the Thai Embassy with an overnight case started at 17:29, 10 March 2023 - 10:50, 11 March 2023. This case was successfully done with the help from various stakeholders in Medan.

On September 5th, 2023, the Thailand Honorary Consul, Mr. Martono Anggusti, and his team came to the aid of Mr. Songphow Photjumnean, who found himself stranded without a means to return to Thailand. Mr. Martono Anggusti generously purchased an air ticket and organized transportation to the airport for him. The scheduled departure was from Medan to Penang on September 5th, 2023, at 06:50 PM. In addition to the ticket, they provided Mr. Songphow with RM 100 to cover his transportation expenses for the remaining journey from Penang to

Hatyai via land transport, including fees related to transportation to the airport.

This meeting took place at the East Medan Police Station.

Mr. Songphow arrived on Penang Island at 08:45 PM local time. On September 6th, 2023, at 05:10 AM, he continued his journey to Hatyai by train from Penang train station. The most recent update from Mr. Songphow indicated that he reached the Padang Besar Thailand border at 07:12 AM on 6th September 2023.

On 4th October 2023, Mr. Martono Anggusti and team, Thai Honorary Consul of Medan follow up the Belawan Immigration officers for deporting 4 Thai fishermen (Mr. Sompron Prombut, Mr. Aphichok Phosri, Mr. Bumloet Lummaimit, Mr. Setthawut Suriya) back to Thailand.

On 20th October 2023, Mr. Martono Anggusti, Thai Honorary Consul of Medan and team going to Belawan Immigration officers deported Thai ship captain (Mr. Somsak Prombut) back to Thailand.

On 14th December 2023, Mr. Djoli as team of the Thai Honorary Consul at Batam, follow up for 3 Thai fishermen in the process of the deportation.

4. Miscellaneous

4.1 Recommendations on how to effectively promote Thai interests in the responsible areas

4.2 Challenges/Obstacles in the responsible areas that require the Embassy's immediate attention

4.3 Work plan to promote Thailand – Indonesia relations or Thai interests in the responsible areas in 2024

1. The Honorary Consul team in Medan is strategically planning a visit to the Embassy in January 2024 to delve into potential events that can further strengthen the ties between Thailand and Indonesia. The focus of

the events will be on fostering a deeper understanding of Thai products, scientific advancements, and cultural aspects.

2. Additionally, special attention will be given to nurturing and maintaining the relationships established in the year 2023, ensuring continuity and growth in diplomatic connections.

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