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# Chairman of JFCCT



“We greatly value this engagement and we can all continue to play a part in enhancing our Competitiveness. Progressive, sustained and consistent effort will help us to overcome challenges.”

– Mr. Stanley Kang –

# Vice Chairman of JFCCT



“We strongly support human capital development which is one very crucial factor for Thailand 4.0 in order to overcome the middle income trap and move Thailand forward”

– Mr. Phongsakdi Chakshuvej –

# Vice Chairman of JFCCT



“The requirement for a work permit for business visitors is a big problem. We need to change the law regarding the definition of what “work” means”

– Mr. Marc Spiegel –



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# Education & Skills Committee



"Education and skills are the backbone for sustaining Thailand's long-term competitiveness and well-being of the citizens so working together with all stakeholders, especially among Thai and foreign business communities, will bring new ideas and mindset to the ongoing educational reforms."

– Dr. Kongkiti Phusavat –

Chairman of Education and Skills Committee

# Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Committee



“ICT / Digital Economy are strategic sectors; if they function well all sectors of the economy gain and society benefits. The ICT Committee supports these broad objectives.”

– Mr. Robert C. Fox –  
Chairman of ICT Committee

# International Trade Committee



“The JFCCT International Trade Committee supports Thailand's effort to improve its competitive edge through existing and future free trade agreements (FTAs)”

– Mr. Nu To Van –

Chairman of International Trade Committee

# Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Committee



"To enable Thai SMEs to compete effectively in the world market, we need policies and a SME and Startup-friendly eco-system to create opportunities, entrepreneurship and innovation"

– Mr. Steve Cheah –

Chairman of SME Committee



# Tourism Committee



"The JFCCT Tourism Committee supports Thailand's vision of sustainable growth of its tourism sector, which currently represents 19% of the country's GDP."

– Mr. Willem Niemeijer –  
Chairman of Tourism Committee



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No. H330 / 1975

Secretariat of the Prime Minister,  
BANGKOK.

19 September, 1975

Dear Sir,

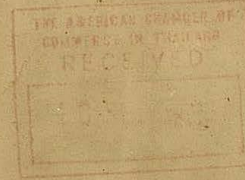
In the address made to the joint Chambers of Commerce on August 20, 1975 by His Excellency the Prime Minister inviting the heads of the foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand to join with members of the Thai private sector who would be nominated by the government to act as a "Foreign Investment Advisory Council", His Excellency the Prime Minister now has appointed Mr. Tamchai Kambhato, Advisor to the Prime Minister, to implement the said proposal. The purpose of the Council is to advise and recommend policy measures and other matters related to foreign investment in Thailand.

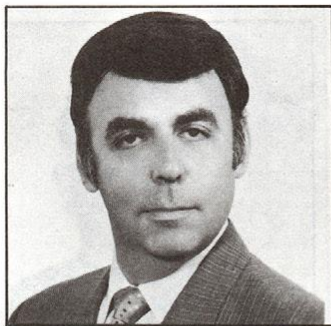
Mr. Tamchai Kambhato will contact you for further action. I trust you will offer your full cooperation to Mr. Tamchai to ensure that the Council will succeed in its objectives.

Sincerely yours,

(Prakaiwet Indhusophon)  
Secretary-General

Mr. David Lyman,  
The President,  
American Chamber of Commerce,  
140 Wireless Road, P. O. Box 11-1095,  
BANGKOK. 11

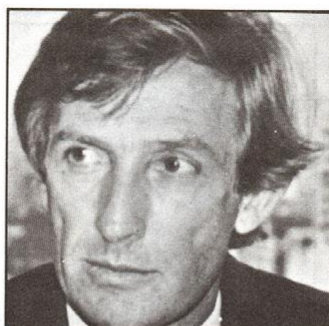




**Mr. David Lyman**  
 (President, American Chamber of  
 Commerce in Thailand)  
 Director May - Dec. 1986



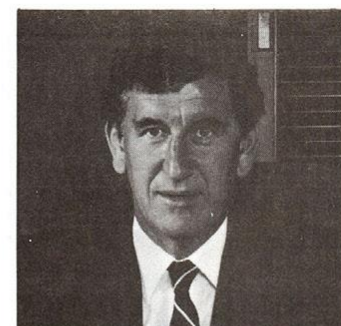
**Mr. Roy W. Weiland**  
 (President, American Chamber of  
 Commerce in Thailand)  
 Director Jan. 87 - Present



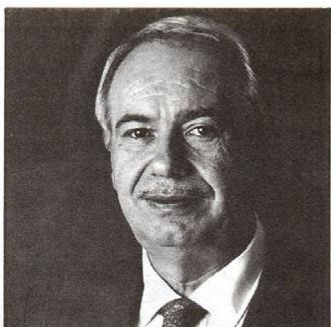
**Mr. John W. Hancock**  
 (President, Australian - Thai - Chamber  
 of Commerce) Director



**Mr. Bernard A. Coe**  
 (President, British Chamber of  
 Commerce) Director  
 Feb. 84 - Jan. 87



**Mr. David D. Tarrant**  
 (President, British Chamber of  
 Commerce) Director Mar. 87 - Present



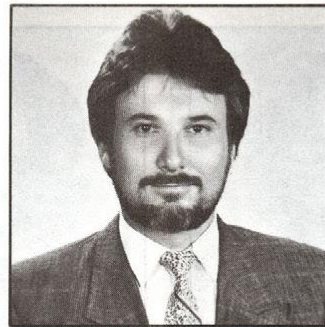
**Mr. Jean-Andre Andarelli**  
 (President, Franco-Thai Chamber  
 of Commerce) Director



**Mr. Jayavadh Bunnag**  
 (President, German-Thai Chamber of  
 Commerce) Mar. 87 - Present



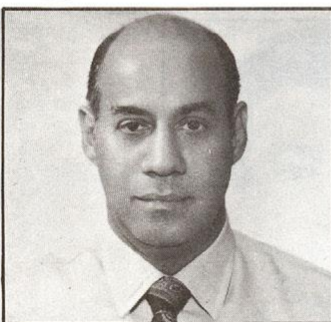
**Mr. Roberto Jotikasthira**  
 (President, Thai-Italian Chamber of  
 Commerce) Director Feb. 84 - Feb. 87.



**Dr. Martin Albani**  
 (President, Thai-Italian Chamber of  
 Commerce) Director Mar. 87 - Present



**Mr. Amporn Bulpakdi**  
 (President, Thai-Chinese Chamber  
 of Commerce) Director



**Mr. Sutham Sachaphimukh**  
 (President, India-Thai Chamber of  
 Commerce) Director



**Mr. Taizo Kiyomine**  
 (President, Japanese Chamber of  
 Commerce-Bangkok) Director



**Dr. Mana Pitayaporn**  
 (President, Thai-Korea Chamber of  
 Commerce) Director



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## LAW CHANGES PROJECT

On Behalf of  
THE FOREIGN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

SUBMISSIONS TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT AT THE REQUEST  
OF THE PRIME MINISTER:

- Item 1 - Civil Offenses*
- Item 3 - Work Permits*
- Item 4 - Visas*
- Item 6 - Customs*
- Item 7 - IPR- Trademarks Only*
- Item 10 - Land - Long Term Leases*
- Item 13 - Foreign Schools*
- Item 15 - Environmental Laws*
- Plus Relevant Correspondence*

*(From Thursday, 11 April 1991 through Monday, 16 September 1991)*



David Lyman (left), General Prem Tinsulanonda (second from left) and Dr. Snoh Unakul (fourth from left) with other government officials.



Peter van Haren and H.E. General Sarayud Chulanont at JFCC Prime Minister's address 2007





H.E. Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and members of his Government to JFCCT luncheon address in 2009.



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