

**Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Stanley Kang,
For the Joint Embassies and Chambers Networking 2017
On Wednesday, 27th September 2017
At Sala Thai Ballroom, Bangkok Marriott Marquis Queen's Park**

- *Excellencies,*
- *Presidents of the Foreign Chambers,*
- *Vice Chairman of the Board of Trade of Thailand, Mr. Jingjai Hanchanlash*
- *Distinguished Guests,*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen,*

- I am very pleased and honored to be here today. First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome for your presence at this “Joint Embassies and Chambers Networking 2017”. The function aims to be a sought-after evening where the foreign business community, embassies, our Thai colleagues and friends connect through openness, collaboration and community.

- The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand is the umbrella body for various Thai-foreign chambers or business associations operating in Thailand, where it has been playing a critical role to promote trade and foreign investment, enhance competitiveness, encourage skills development with the overall aim of contributing to the economy.

- JFCCT is one of the significant institutions which conveys the messages from the international business community and presents policy recommendations to the Royal Thai Government and its agencies as well as the private sector across all sectors of the economy.

- Ladies and Gentlemen, any nation’s economy (including Thailand’s) is greatly impacted by external things, including trade and foreign investment. With 41 years supporting the foreign business community in Thailand, the JFCCT continues to play a supporting role for Foreign Chamber Members, and, indirectly, Embassies through them. We look to enhance collaboration continually in terms of advocacy work, such as information exchange, dialogue, foreign business involvement in Thailand based on international

discourse, and more. The strength and diversity of the economic relationship of each country will contribute positively to Thai Economy at the end. If the Thai economy benefits and grows, so too will all those who are part of it.

- As we are gathering here today, I would like emphasize to you again that we welcome an even closer consultation and involvement to be able to express our views constructively and to find the best solution in areas where the foreign business community in Thailand are stakeholders.
- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, let me once again record my appreciation for your presence today. I wish you an enjoyable networking and do take the opportunity to seek a connection with JFCCT and the foreign chambers this evening.
- Thank you very much,