

**Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Stanley Kang,
Chairman JFCCT
For the Joint Embassies and Chambers Networking 2019
On Monday 23rd September 2019
Hyatt Regency Bangkok Sukhumvit Hotel**

- *Excellencies,*
 - *Presidents / board members of Foreign Chambers,*
 - *Chairman of the Board of Trade of Thailand, Mr. Kalin Sarasin*
 - *Distinguished Co-Founder of JFCCT, Mr David Lyman*
 - *Distinguished Guests,*
 - *Ladies and Gentlemen*
 - *And last but not least, our sponsors*
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- A very warm welcome this evening for this “Joint Embassies and Chambers Networking 2019” ! 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.
 - As you know, the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand is the umbrella body for various Thai-foreign chambers or business associations operating in Thailand, now in its 43rd year of serving the foreign business community.
 - JFCCT continues to play a supporting role for Foreign Chamber Members, and, indirectly, Embassies through them. The key to this is collaboration and building consensus. 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. JFCCT has been a factor in building consensus.
 - We have had a busy year on the policy front, with a new government and many plans. “Ease of doing business” and regulatory reform are paramount to being attractive and lifting productivity. The TM.30 saga has made real progress due to a government which has listened to us and others. This is just an example.

- The JFCCT team has devised a theme for this year's major events

“The Challenge Ahead: Stability, Reform, Competitiveness”

- 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 am also delighted that Mr Kalin Sarasin, Chairman of the Board of Trade, and Mr David Lyman a father of foreign business, are part of this event. I wish you a most enjoyable evening.
- Thank you very much,