

## Ambassador Pisan's letter to the Editor of the New York Times

On 17 April 2015, The New York Times published Ambassador Pisan's letter to its Editor, titled "Thai Ambassador's View", in response to the former's editorial on Thailand. The text of the letter appears as follows:

To the Editor:

Re "Trickery and False Promises in Thailand" (editorial, April 11):

On April 1, the Thai government lifted martial law and replaced it with a set of measures sanctioned by the interim constitution. When studied carefully, these measures are actually limited in scope, governed by due process, and allow for compensation and appeals. Such measures to ensure public safety also exist in constitutions and laws in developed countries.

Since May 2014, Thailand's leaders have lifted the country out of political paralysis and violence. Until then, Thailand's version of democracy was plagued by rampant corruption, abuse of power and absence of rule of law.

Thailand is now developing a sustainable democracy with checks and balances that seek to promote good governance, manage political disagreement and ensure accountability. We are on track for free and fair elections next year.

Our leaders and ministers have been welcomed worldwide, and our diplomatic, investment and trade relationships remain robust and unchanged.

Meanwhile, law and amendments have been passed to better protect people's rights and animal welfare, and the Thai government has declared zero tolerance on human traffickers and child sexual abuse.

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