



# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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## Songkran Festival - Thai New Year

### Press Statement

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**Secretary of State**

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On behalf of President Obama and the American people, I extend warm wishes to the people of Kingdom of Thailand for the celebration of Songkran.

We are committed to our enduring friendship with Thailand, a partnership that has spanned over 183 years. We have worked together over the past year on important issues like promoting public health, building trade and investment ties, combatting transnational crime, and enhancing the security and prosperity of the region. The United States looks forward to continuing our valuable cooperation in the New Year.

I wish all Thai people a joyous festival with family and friends, and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Happy Songkran!