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**Subject: Invitation to Public Forum on “Shaping Public Perception towards Migrants”**

The Department of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will organize a Public Forum on “Shaping Public Perception towards Migrants”.

Migrants have long been an integral part of Thai society, yet migrants, especially migrant workers, have at times experienced stigmatization, negative stereotypes and misrepresentation in the mainstream narrative. Recognizing the media’s crucial role in shaping public attitudes, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IOM launched a project to foster evidence-based migration discourse and media reporting in 2023. The public forum “Shaping Public Perception towards Migrants” represents a critical component in this endeavor as it aims to provide a platform for professionals and experts in the relevant fields to share their experience, exchange opinions and discover ways to best navigate the complexities of migration in the public narratives and discourse.

We hereby cordially invite you to join us in this important discussion, which will take place on Wednesday, 10 January 2023, from 14.00 – 17.00 hrs., at Vithes Samosorn, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Sri Ayudhya road). Please see enclosed programme.

We would highly appreciate it if you could confirm your participation by registering online at <http://tinyurl.com/arhtnpm6>, or by scanning the QR code below. For any questions or clarifications, kindly contact [information05@mfa.go.th](mailto:information05@mfa.go.th) or +66 2 203 5000 ext. 22044.

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QR Code for Registration

**Programme**  
**Public Forum: “Shaping Public Perception towards Migrants”**  
**10 January 2024, at 14:00 – 17:00 hrs. at Vithes Samosorn,**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

*\*conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
14.00 – 14.30 hrs.	Registration
14.30 – 14.35 hrs.	Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs
14.35 – 14.40 hrs.	Welcome remarks by Ms. Gita Sabharwal, United Nations Resident Coordinator (TBC)
14.40 – 15.20 hrs.	Audience poll & Presentation of key findings of the Public Perception Survey of Migrants by Ms. Géraldine Ansart, Chief of Mission, IOM Thailand
15.20 – 15.22 hrs.	Video clip on Mainstream and Social Media Narratives of Migrant Stories
15.22 – 16.20 hrs.	<p>Moderated conversation on <b>“Domestic public perception of migrants and migration largely positive: What can media do to promote balanced and accurate narratives of migrants, especially migrant workers in Thailand?”</b></p> <p>Moderated by <b>Ms. Thapanee Eadsrichai, Founder of the Reporters</b></p> <p>Panelists include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Sriprapha Petcharamesree, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University</b></li> <li>• <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sudarat Musikawong, Deputy Director for Research and International Relations, Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Adisorn Kerdmongkol, Manager of Migrant Working Group</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Pongpiphat Banchanont, Executive Editor, Nation Online</b></li> </ul>
16.20 – 16.30 hrs.	Q&A session
16.30 – 17.00 hrs.	Refreshments