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## **MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND SPORTS And TAT Launch THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU CAMPAIGN**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH KING POWER GROUP**

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**USPA NEWS** - King Power Group, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, and the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), announces a phenomenal campaign 'THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU' which aims to promote Thailand to the world through Leicester City FC, a UK premier league team which boasts billion worldwide fans. The campaign highlights 'Thai Smiles' in the meaning of sending support and care from Thai people to people in the world during this difficult time of the pandemic.

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Mr. Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha, CEO of King Power Group, and Leicester City FC Chairman says, "The THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU campaign is one of the projects King Power Group proposed in the letter replying to the Prime Minister which was earlier sent to private sectors asking for support and collaboration to lessen the impact of hardship faced by the Thai people and restore the country's economic welfare."

"So far, the government has announced several policies and projects to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic which has brought the world's economy to a halt and has gravely affected the people's mental health, socialising, and ways of life. As a Thai and an entrepreneur whose ethics is firmly rooted in social responsibility, we are proud to cooperate with the government in mitigating the adversity and supporting projects that will both directly and indirectly benefit our country's economic and social well-being, hoping that it will lead us through this crisis safe and sound."

"Thailand remains one of the world's top destinations for travellers from around the world having the potential in every aspect, especially the remarkable Thainess that is inscribed in the famous 'Thai smile.' 'Smile' is the unique trait of the Thai people. It is also a universal symbol of care and moral support that can be understood by every person regardless of race, language, gender and age. It is in this belief that inspired us to name the campaign THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU."

This collaborated campaign between King Power Group, the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, and the Tourism Authority of Thailand aims at sending care and moral support from the Thai people to the world amidst this pandemic crisis through King Power's Leicester City FC's communication channels and platforms, one UK's premier league teams of which the popularity is proven by its followers in 212 countries, comprising 643 households, and 4.7 billion viewers. This collaboration marks an important occasion between Thailand, the Thai people and Leicester City FC as the world will witness the phrase 'THAILAND' SMILES WITH YOU on the LCFC footballers' jerseys for the first time and throughout the 2020-2021 season!

Moreover, the campaign's title 'THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU' will also appear on signboards at King Power Stadium, Leicester, England, as well as the club's social media which are followed by more than 13 million worldwide subscribers. The special short film 'THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU' starring LCFC footballers will be broadcasted within and outside the country. Ten thousand limited-screened jerseys titled 'THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU' will be available for sale in Thailand and all proceeds to be donated to The Faculty of Science, Mahidol University and The Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital RNA COVID-19 vaccine development programmes and other COVID-19 vaccine initiatives supported by the Thai government accordingly.

Mr. Aiyawatt concludes that "We hope that THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU campaign will leave a good impression and form a cherished memory of the Thais friendship in the mind of travellers around the world and above all, reiterate Thainess to the world."

The Prime Minister also anticipates that this project will make the world remember the country's moral support through "Thai Smile", and should act as a medium that attracts people all over the world to visit Thailand when everything is in place and ready. Subsequently, the overall picture of the Thai economy will be improved by the advent of travelling activities and tourism in the future.

The ten thousand limited-designed THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU jerseys will be available for sale in Thailand at 2,500 THB each with all proceeds to be donated to The Faculty of Science, Mahidol University and The Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital RNA COVID-19 vaccine development programmes and other COVID-19 vaccine initiatives supported by the Thai government accordingly. Pre-order is also available at [www.thailandsmileswithyou.com](http://www.thailandsmileswithyou.com) from today (23 July 2020) onwards. And for the first time in the world, people will witness LCFC footballers wearing THAILAND SMILES WITH YOU jerseys in the match against Manchester United FC on Sunday, 26 July 2020 "" which will be world's premier 'Jersey for Thailand' phenomenon.

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