

Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha stated that Thailand is ready to work with the United Nations and all friendly nations in confronting all challenges and promoting sustainable peace and prosperity.

The statement was made when ambassadors and permanent representatives to the United Nations from 12 countries paid a courtesy call on him at Santi Maitri Building, Government House, on 27 May 2015.

The 12 countries include Antigua and Barbuda, Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Ghana, Hungary, Kiribati, Nauru, Cameroon and Vanuatu.

The ambassadors and permanent representatives to the United Nations joined the "Friends of Thailand program, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to provide them with a familiarization trip to Thailand.

On this occasion, Prime Minister General Prayut told them about the current political situation in Thailand. He said that Thailand is in the process of reforming toward a strengthened democracy. The first draft of the new constitution has been submitted to the National Reform Council by the Constitution Drafting Committee. It is being opened for amendments, and it is expected that the process of amending the charter will be completed in early September 2015.

However, he said, if a national referendum is required, the next general election has to be postponed. If people are in favor of the new constitution, organic laws will be issued to pave the way for the general election.

The Prime Minister explained that conflicts during the past 10 years were an obstacle to efforts to move Thailand forward. He stressed that Thailand is moving toward full democracy based on the rule of law. The Government has adopted the people-centered approach and accelerated all areas of reforms. It attaches importance to reducing disparities, bringing about stability, and focusing on transparency, good governance, and human rights.

Thailand has been working closely with the United Nations. It is well aware of many global challenges and is stepping up efforts to promote sustainable development and cope with traditional and non-traditional threats.

The Prime Minister pointed out that such problems as human trafficking and irregular migration came from social inequality. He called for cooperation from all countries in tackling these problems for the benefit of mankind.

Mrs. Marlene Moses, Permanent Representatives of Nauru to the United Nations, hailed the Thai government for applying the Sufficiency Economy philosophy of His Majesty the King as guidelines for national administration and for its focus on people-centered approach, natural resources, water management, and agriculture.