



Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha has stressed the need to solve the corruption problem by using the "Pracharat, or "public-private-people partnership, mechanism to ensure the success of the anti-corruption movement.

In his national address on 23 March 2018, the Prime Minister stated that the Government, the National Council for Peace and Order, and other relevant public organizations would inspect various major projects in accordance with the law. If corrupt practices are found and involve government officials, or business people, or members of the public, legal action must be taken against them through the normal justice process.

In dealing with corruption more effectively, he said, prevention is better than remedy. Prevention must be made through law enforcement and the proper use of regulations. Superiors must supervise the operations of their subordinates closely to prevent corruption and malpractices.

The Prime Minister called for cooperation in ensuring transparency to prevent and suppress corrupt practices, saying that no one could handle this problem alone. The Government has opened several channels to receive complaints about corruption and bribery.

For instance, information about corruption will be accepted from anyone at the Governments hotline 1111, the Ministry of Interiors hotline 1567, and the National Council for Peace and Orders hotline 1299. The Damrongtham Centers in all provinces also receive complaints against state officials involved in corruption practices.

He said that the complaints on major issues could also be sent to the Prime Ministers Office, so that the Prime Minister would handle them. As for small issues, they should be sent to responsible agencies for officials at the operation level to tackle.

The Government will soon open a new channel, called "Thai Niyom hotline in the form of applications on mobile phones, websites, and Facebook. The new channel aims to provide quick operations and for convenience, as almost everyone have mobile phones.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the Government and the National Council for Peace and Order would handle all corruption issues from the complaints of the peoples sector, if there is sufficient evidence. The inspection process would be transparent to ensure justice for the accused, based on the law.