## **Press Release**

## President of the National Assembly led the Thai Parliamentary Delegation to exchange views with the delegation of the People's Republic of China during the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter–Parliamentary Union and related meetings

On Tuesday October 15, 2019, at 17:40 hrs. at Hall 2/1A Meeting Room, Sava Centre in Belgrade, the Republic of Serbia, H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, President of the National Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives as the Head of the Thai Parliamentary delegation to the 141<sup>st</sup> Inter–Parliamentary Union Assembly and related meetings led the Thai delegation to meet H.E. Mr. Hao Mingjin, Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

In this regard, both sides emphasized the long–standing relationship, in which H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai congratulated the Chinese on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of on the People's Republic of China. And he had the opportunity to join the celebration as a keynote speaker on the National Day of China in early October. Over the past 70 years, China has succeeded in shaping the country and paving the way for success in the present day.

H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai asked the Vice Chairman to share his work experience when he was the Vice Minister of Supervision and also expressed condolences on the recent China–related incident, namely the Chinese tourist ships crashed in Phuket, a tragedy that caused the loss of more than dozens of Chinese people. During the last several years, many countries have seen the results of the Belt and Road Initiative that benefit all parties and promote development in various fields in order to create a better quality of life for citizens. Moreover, the cooperation in the legislative branch of both parties have progressed consecutively. In bilateral relations, exchange visits and meetings have been continuously promoted. In multilateral relations, both countries have actively urged to intensify cooperation in large organizations such as the Inter–Parliamentary Union for the benefit of the international community.

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