

# Thailand Today



## **The Thai-Israeli Science and Technology Cooperation 2010**

From 30 August to 2 September 2010, the Royal Thai Embassy in Tel Aviv, in collaboration with the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand, is organizing a conference on Thai-Israeli Science and Technology Cooperation, held at the Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok Hotel. This is the continuation of last year's project which enhanced cooperation between Thailand and Israel on science and technology. The main focus of this year's conference is Agro-technology and Blood and Stem Cells. Seven leading Israeli scientists and researchers from the Weizmann Institute of Science, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and the Agricultural Research Organisation (ARO) – the Volcani Center will participate in the conference as guest speakers, along with hundreds from Thai science and research community. This conference is a forum for exchanging ideas and experiences, as well as building networks which will strengthen relationship and cooperation between researchers, and policy makers on Agro-technology and Blood and Stem cells fields that are mutually beneficial to both countries. Israeli researchers and scientists will have an opportunity to visit the Royal Projects, to explore the idea of sustainable development by applying the advancement on science and technology to make utmost benefit for local farmers.

## **Thailand grew on the second quarter by 9.1%**

Thailand economy grew on the second quarter more than expected. Thanks to its strong performance in export, the GDP grew in three months (April, May, June) by 9.1% comparing to the parallel quarter in 2009. In the first quarter, Thailand economy grew by 12% - the fastest growth since 1995. The Thai stock market also rose by more than 17%. With the prospect of Asian countries driving the world economy in many years to come, it has never been a better time to invest in Thailand than now.



## **Thailand's participation in the International Arts & Crafts Festival, Jerusalem, 2-14 August 2010**

The International Arts & Crafts Festival, Jerusalem is one of the biggest cultural events in Israel. The Royal Thai Embassy, Tel Aviv, officially participated in this event for the first time. Thailand's participation drew a lot of Israeli public attention because of the magnificent colorful and lively Thai booth. A display of Thai handicrafts and a demonstration of umbrella paintings struck the eyes of Israelis and foreigners who very much enjoyed visiting the Thai booth. "Sbun-Nga" cultural troupe from Chiang Mai also entertained the people with exciting performance on 9-10 August 2010. Thailand's popularity in this festival was widely covered by Israeli media.



## **The Thai Festival in Haifa 11-12 August 2010**

The Royal Thai Embassy, Tel Aviv, in coordination with Castra Hutzot Hayozter Haifa and Haifa's municipality, organized the annual Thai Festival in Haifa on 11-12 August 2010. Thai food, Thai products, Thai handicrafts were all displayed during the festival. On stage, performance of "Sbun-Nga" cultural troupe from Chiang Mai and Thai boxing demonstration glued the mixed crowd of thousand Thais and Israelis to the spot.



## **Thailand's golden girl Siripon Kaewduang-Ngam sailed to windsurfing victory to claim the first medal of the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore**

Kaewduang-Ngam sailed a conservative race and despite a fourth-place finish in the medal race, she sailed a magnificent series that has included five consecutive race wins.

