

## **Concept note - the Celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day of Thailand in 2024.**

Theme: **“Celebrate the laws to protect livelihood and promote rights for Ethnic Groups and Indigenous Peoples”**

During 8 – 10 August 2024.

at Thai PBS and Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre (SAC),  
Bangkok, Thailand

### **1. Principles and reasons.**

In year 2007, Indigenous peoples (IPs) varied ethnic groups from every region of Thailand gathered in the appellation “Network of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand (NIPT)”. It is a space for the exchange of knowledge between different ethnic groups and public campaigns to gain awareness of the situation of IPs in Thailand and announced the August 9th of every year is the “Indigenous Peoples’ Day of Thailand”. The NIPT has continuously organized campaign activities for this day every year. Later in 2010, the NIPT announced the intention to jointly establish the “Council of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand (CIPT)”

Year 2021, 13,020 voters signed their names to propose a draft law named “Council of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand (CIPT) Act B.E.... given to the president of the House of Representatives. Until January 2022 the House of Representatives contained this draft law into the official meeting agenda for the first time. But the drafted law was not considered at the House of Representatives meeting. Later, on 9th August 2023, the NIPT submitted a letter of intent to bring the drafted law, contain in the official meeting agenda for the House of Representatives to be considered again. Finally, the CIPT drafted law is contained in the House of Representatives meeting and was approved by the 1st process of law consideration together with other 4 drafted laws concerning to rights protection and livelihood promotion for ethnic groups and Indigenous Peoples in Thailand submitted by different groups, compose of the cabinet (original drafted by SAC), People Movement for Justic society (P-move), Move Forward party, and Pheu Thai Party.

The goal of the drafted law is to solve the problem of ethnic bias, natural and resource management and to promote the land using based on wisdom and culture, to solve the problem of citizenship and statelessness, comprehensive access to basic rights or government services and the restoration of the cultural identity of ethnic groups and IPs. In addition, there is another important principle: Management of the protected areas on the livelihood of ethnic groups and Indigenous Peoples to be able maintain and realize their traditional ways of life by being able to the land use according to tradition and culture. This lines up with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and international laws’ principles to endorse for ancestral land rights.

The Celebration of Indigenous Peoples’ Day of Thailand in 2024 will be organized during the 8-10 of August 2024 at the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre

(SAC), Bangkok, Thailand. The theme of this event is “Celebrate the laws to protect livelihood and promote rights for Ethnic Groups and Indigenous Peoples”

## **2. Goals and objectives of the event.**

**2.1 Goal:** To campaign and celebrate the drafted laws to protect livelihood and promote rights for Ethnic Groups and Indigenous Peoples, where of hoping Thailand will have more concrete protection of the cultural rights of ethnic groups and IPs.

### **2.2 Objectives:**

- 1) To gain an academic understanding of the issues of ethnic groups and IPs.
- 2) To create cooperation and jointly determine guidelines for pushing, propelling, and supporting the consideration of drafted laws to protect and promote the way of life of ethnic groups and IPs.
- 3) To participate in public campaigns to spread their culture and celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

## **3. Expected Participants**

- 1) Indigenous representatives of 46 ethnic groups (included CIPT members, artist, performer, 3 people per group), and CIPT Executive Committee and Senior members, 200 persons.
- 2) Other representatives of ethnic groups and IPs (Apart from group 1) 50 persons.
- 3) Network of children and youth, and Indigenous women, 50 persons
- 4) Organizational partners and networks joined in pushing the drafted laws, totaling 50 people.
- 5) IPs’ Representatives from the Asian region, 30 people.
- 6) Parliament Extra-ordinary Committee (PEC) members and advisors, 50 persons.
- 7) Representatives of political parties/ MPs/ and government agencies, 50 persons.
- 8) Mass Media, 30 people.

## **4. Operation process**

- 1) Design workplan and budget of the event including the preparation works. (from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024)
- 2) Campaign activities and celebrate the Indigenous Peoples’ Day of Thailand 2024 during 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- 3) Summarize the results of events and submitting report to related organizations and public.

## **5. Co-organizing Partners and financial supporters:**

The key partners to give financial support is the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre (SAC). However, there are other partner who support the mentioned event activities; such as the King Prajadhipok’s Institute (KPI), Office of National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT), Liberal Art’s Seminars project of Thammasat

University, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Diakonia-Thailand, Knowledge for Development (K4D) Foundation, Pestalozzi Children's Foundation (PCF-Switzerland), Plan International-Thailand, Foundation for Forests Without Boundaries, People's Empowerment Foundation, RECOFTC-Thailand, UNDP-Thailand, Thai PBS, etc.

## **6. Responsible Organizers.**

6.1 Council of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand (CIPT), Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre (SAC) and Thai PBS.

6.2 The Indigenous Peoples' organizations and networks who are working on the ethnicity issues and supporting to Indigenous Peoples, indigenous communities and their movement, such as Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Indigenous Peoples' Foundation for Education and Environment (IPF), Wisdom of Ethnic Foundation (WisE), Ethnic Minorities and Development Foundation (EMF), Inter Mountain Peoples Education and Culture in Thailand Association (IMPECT), Association Ethnic Community and Health Promotion Association (ECHA), Pgakenyaw Association for Sustainable Development (PASD), etc.

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## Agenda

### The Celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day of Thailand in 2024

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8 – 10 August 2024.

at Thai PBS and SAC, Bangkok, Thailand

Date and Time	Activity
<b>Thursday: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b> (at Thai PBS, Laksi, Bangkok)	
.	Registration
In the morning session (10.00 a.m.-11.30 a.m.)	Indigenous Peoples and partners will participate in campaign activities related to the draft law on the rights protection and lifestyle promotion of Ethnic Groups and Indigenous Peoples, on the occasion of Indigenous Peoples' Day 2024 celebration at Thai PBS.
11.30 a.m.-12.00 a.m.	Traditional ritual for guests' welcoming and giving souvenirs.
12.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Lunch and admiringly watching the indigenous cultural art performance.
1.00 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	After lunch talks: The necessity and importance of the law to Protect the livelihood and Promote the Rights of Ethnic Groups and Indigenous Peoples, dual-presented By; Ms.Chutima Morlaeku (CIPT Executive Committee Member) and Ms. Kayarat Rakchongcharoen (President of Tonkla Indigenous Children and Youth Network-TKN).
1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Public policy forum on <b>“Ethnic and Indigenous Peoples-based laws: Innovation in participation of the civil society in the parliamentary Action.”</b> (Reflection on the consideration processes and results of the drafted law to Protect the livelihood and Promote the Rights of Ethnic Groups and Indigenous Peoples Act, B.E...), shared by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Representatives of political parties and parliamentary members, such as the Pheu Thai Party, Move Forward Party, Bhumjaithai Party, Phalang Pracharat Party, Ruam Thai Sang Chat Party, Democrat Party, Prachachart Party, etc.</li> <li>➤ Representative of Indigenous Peoples and concerned civil society</li> </ul> Moderated by Ms. Nattaya Weao-virakhupt, Director of the Center for Social Agenda Communication and Public Policy, Thai PBS
Parallel activities: Participating in campaigns and supporting the draft law on the rights Protection and Lifestyles Promotion of Ethnic Groups and Indigenous peoples. The process will	

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	be led by Mr. Kriangkrai Cheechuang. Mr. Witawat Thepsong and Mr. Seksan Sumontri (members of CIPT Administrative Committee).
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b> (at SAC, Taling Chan, Bangkok)	
8.30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Register
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Activities to prepare event’s participants for meaningfully learning the stories of ethnic groups and Indigenous Peoples, and CIPT. Moderated By the representatives of SAC and CIPT
10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<p><b>Opening ceremony of the campaign and celebration on the occasion of International Day of World’s Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples’ Day of Thailand.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cultural performance of welcoming ceremony by a group of Indigenous youth performers.</li> <li>➤ Watch the 5 minute-video (Collected voices of Indigenous Peoples from various groups, how do these laws help the Indigenous Peoples, all ethnic groups, and benefit to countries?) By IMN</li> <li>➤ “<i>Bai Sri Su Kwan</i>” activity and empowerment, by Thai-Dam Knowledgeable People.</li> <li>➤ Welcoming speech by Dr. Kamat Chuengsatiansup, Director of SAC</li> <li>➤ Explanation of the purpose of organizing the event. By Mr. Kriangkrai Cheechuang, the Chairperson of CIPT.</li> <li>➤ Report on the role of the Ministry of Culture in protecting and promoting the way of life of ethnic groups. By Minister of Culture.</li> <li>➤ Opening speech and policy presentation. By Mr. Srettha Thavisin, Prime Minister.</li> <li>➤ Photograph with the Prime Minister and teams.</li> </ul>
11.30 a.m. - 12.00 a.m.	The Prime Minister and team members and honorable guests visit the exhibition and test indigenous food.
12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Lunch time
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Academic forum “Lessons learned of EIPs’ Livelihood Protected Area’s management and community-based innovation” shared by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr.Somphorn Maosri, rep. of Lai Wo community, Kanchana Buri</li> <li>➤ Mr.Bancha Muhae &amp; Mr.Phattaraphaiboon Ruanson, Rep. of Doichang Papae community, Lamphoon.</li> <li>➤ Mr.Sithichai Khongsri, Rep. of Kor Cham community, Krabi</li> <li>➤ Assoc.Prof. Dr. Naruemon Arunothai, Academist from Chulalongkorn University</li> <li>➤ Mr.Gam A. Shimray, Secretary General of AIPP</li> </ul> <p>Facilitated by Assist.Prof. Sunee Chairöse, , CIPT seniority member</p>

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3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<p><b>The campaign activity and celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day of Thailand.</b> Co-facilitated by Mr. Phattharadon Tara-udomsuk and Ms. Pinsuda Namkaew.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><i>Innovation of Indigenous food.</i></b> Moderated by Mr. Supot Leeja and team.</li> <li>➤ <b><i>Performance of Indigenous peoples' costumes and identities.</i></b> Moderated by Ms. Chutima Molaekhu and team.</li> <li>➤ <b><i>Performances of indigenous music and contemporary culture.</i></b> Moderated by Mr. Kriangkrai Cheechuang and team.</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (at SAC, Taling Chan, Bangkok)</b>	
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Consultation meetings with the leaders of ethnic groups and indigenous networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reporting on the considering progression of Extra-ordinary Committee to drafted Act on the Rights protection and Livelihood promotion of Ethnic groups and Indigenous Peoples (EIPs).</li> <li>➤ Planning the mechanisms and protocols of EIPs Council under this drafted Act.</li> <li>➤ Discussion on directions to drive the EIPs Council's affairs and its workplan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitated by Assist.Prof. Sunee Chairöse, CIPT seniority member</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12.00 p.m.– 12.15 p.m.	Summary of overall activities and Closing speech by Mr.Chupinit Kesmanee, CIPT seniority member and 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-chairperson of PEC.
<p>The parallel activities will be organized throughout 3 days at SAC; such as the Indigenous crafts and Products market and the exhibition of the Center of Excellent (CoE) from Indigenous communities and networks, the local plant seeds and food security, and blessing to His Majesty the King-Rama 10.</p>	