

(Translation)

**Announcement by the National Legislative Assembly
on the Invitation for the Ascension of the Heir to the Throne**

Phra Bat Somdetch Phra Paramindra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Mahitala Dhibesra Rama Dhibodi Chakri Naribodindra Sayamindra Dhiraj Barommanath Bobitra passed away at 15.52 hours on 13 October 2016. The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (Interim) B.E. 2557 (2014), Section 2, paragraph two, and the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2550 (2007), Section 23, paragraph one, stipulates that in the case where the Throne becomes vacant and the King has already appointed His Heir to the Throne under the Palace Law on Succession, B.E. 2467 (1924), the Council of Ministers shall notify the President of the National Assembly. The President of the National Assembly shall convoke the National Assembly for the acknowledgement thereof, and the President of the National Assembly shall invite such Heir to ascend the Throne and proclaim such Heir King.

Phra Bat Somdetch Phra Paramindra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Mahitala Dhibesra Rama Dhibodi Chakri Naribodindra Sayamindra Dhiraj Barommanath Bobitra appointed His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn His Heir to the Throne on 28 December B.E. 2515 (1972) in accordance with the Palace Law on Succession B.E. 2467 (1924).

The National Legislative Assembly, acting as the National Assembly in accordance with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (Interim) B.E. 2557 (2014), learned with the deepest sorrow of the passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The National Legislative Assembly convened a meeting on 29 November 2016 to acknowledge the appointment of the Heir to the Throne, and the President of the National Legislative Assembly, acting as the President of the National Assembly, formally invited His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn to ascend the Throne in accordance with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (Interim) B.E. 2557 (2014), Section 2, paragraph two, and the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2550 (2007), Section 23, paragraph one.

I wish to announce that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn has succeeded the Throne since 13 October 2016 onwards.

Announced on 1 December B.E. 2559 (2016)

(Mr. Pornpetch Wichitcholchai)

President of the National Legislative Assembly
Acting as the President of the National Assembly