

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

Tourist Visa on Arrival to boost Tourism from Thailand

The Embassy of India, Bangkok in collaboration with the Government of India Tourist Office (GOITO), Singapore organized a Tourism Promotion event on 13 December 2014 in Bangkok. The event focused on the new Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVA) policy of the Government of India. In his remarks, Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla described India as a multi-destination country with a variety of tourist attractions and facilities and emphasized significance of people to people contacts in strengthening friendly ties between the two countries, which enjoy cultural ties and geographical proximity.



(Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla addressing the participants)

Around 100 representatives of the travel and tourism and airlines industry in Thailand attended the event. Short films on 'Incredible India' and 'Darjeeling & Sikkim' were screened and information brochures were distributed to the participants. The event was also addressed by Mr. P. Kumaran, Joint Secretary (Consular, Passports & Visa), Ministry of External Affairs of India and Mr. Y. Neelkantham, Director, GOITO, Singapore and attended by Mr. Bhagwan Shankar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs of India. Distinguished invitees included Dr. Chitrapat Krairiksh, Private Secretary to HM the King of Thailand; Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Board of Investment of Thailand; and H. E. Ms. EAT Sophea, Ambassador of Cambodia.



(A participant from tourism industry asking questions on TVA)



(Mr. P. Kumaran responding to queries on TVA)

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