

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

Celebration of 50 years of the ITEC Programme

The Embassy of India in Bangkok hosted a special event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme and International Students Day on 17 December 2014. The event was attended by over 130 guests comprising Thai officials and students who had undergone short and long term courses in India under the ITEC, ICCR and Colombo Plan scholarship programmes, and by officials of the Royal Thai Armed Forces and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. The gathering was addressed by Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla and H. E. Mr. Kamon Siriban, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education of Thailand. Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla highlighted achievements of the ITEC, a flagship programme of the Indian Government's technical cooperation and capacity building, started in 1964. He added that due to ITEC's wide geographical coverage (161 countries) and an innovative form of technical cooperation to share the Indian development experience, ITEC programme has generated immense goodwill and substantive cooperation among the developing countries. Over 850 officials and students from Thailand have availed Government of India's scholarship programmes in the last decade.

Cultural performances by Ms. Ravinder Kaur and Ms. Bitul Sharma, arranged by the Indian Cultural Centre, were appreciated by all.



(Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla with alumni of ITEC and ICCR scholarship)

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