

Empowering International Trade Leaders –  
Trade Negotiators Club (TNC#2)

**STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY  
THROUGH COLLABORATION**

**NETWORKING COCKTAIL RECEPTION**



**27** AUGUST 2026  
18.00 – 21.00 HRS.

EASTIN GRAND HOTEL PHAYATHAI, BANGKOK

## Background

The global trading system is undergoing one of its most consequential transformations in decades. The post-war multilateral order – long anchored in predictable rules, open markets, and cooperative institutions – is now being tested by forces beyond the control of any single country. Strategic tariffs are re-emerging as tools of foreign policy, supply chains are fragmenting under geopolitical pressure, and artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping how trade is executed, monitored, and negotiated.

For senior trade and investment professionals, this environment calls for a more sophisticated model of commercial diplomacy – one that is proactive, data-driven, and deeply attuned to both the enduring frameworks of international trade law and the disruptive forces redefining them. Negotiations today extend far beyond tariffs and market access, increasingly intersecting with national security priorities, technological leadership, and sustainability imperatives.

Recognizing this need, the **2nd cohort of Trade Negotiators Club (TNC # 2)** serves as a platform for current and former trade negotiators, policymakers, academics, industry leaders, and diplomatic corps to exchange knowledge, discuss best practices, and foster professional collaboration.

## Objectives

The evening event aims to:

- 1. Provide a unique platform for leading trade negotiators** to discuss and share experiences, paving the way for mutual understanding and deal-making for regional prosperity.
- 2. Foster a Network of Trade Professionals** – Strengthening connections among Thailand's trade negotiators and stakeholders from both public and private sectors.
- 3. Enhance Knowledge Sharing** – Providing insights on emerging trends in trade negotiations, digital economy regulations, and global trade policy priority beyond 2026.

## Expected Participants (100 individuals or more):

- Government officials from the Ministry of Commerce and related agencies
- Trade negotiators and policymakers
- Representatives from private sector organizations
- Academics and researchers in international trade
- Diplomatic corps and international organization representatives.

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**AGENDA**

Language: English



17.00 – 18.00 hrs.

Registration

18.00 – 18.10 hrs.

Welcome Remarks

18.10 - 18.40 hrs.

Opening Remarks

“Strategic Positioning in an Era of  
Great Power Rivalry: Thailand’s Perspective”

Mr. Montri Mahaplerkpong  
Board Member of ITD



18.40 - 19.10 hrs.

Keynote Address

“The Future of Commercial Diplomacy:  
Thriving Amidst Uncertainty”

H.E. Mr. Kiat Sitteeamorn  
Former President of  
Thailand Trade Representative



19.10 – 19.20 hrs.

Photo Session

19.20 – 21.00 hrs.

Cocktail Networking



Mr. Varin Sachdev

News Anchor, TNN / News 1 /  
MCOT & Nomad Media Thailand

MC & Moderator

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