



FOREIGN CHAMBERS ALLIANCE (FCA)

June 12, 2020

H.E. Dr. Uttama Savanayana
Minister
Ministry of Finance
Rama VI Road, Phayathai,
Bangkok 10400

Your Excellency,

Re: Support to business to maintain employment through Social Security payment

The Foreign Chambers Alliance (FCA) is an alliance between the American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand (AMCHAM), the Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce (AustCham), the British Chamber of Commerce Thailand (BCCT) and the German-Thai Chamber of Commerce (GTCC). Many of our member companies are major investors in Thailand and we are committed to the well-being of the country, its economy and its citizens.

We would like to express our support and appreciation for the government in its critical work to address the coronavirus outbreak. Covid-19 is having an enormous long-term impact on business in Thailand and we applaud the range of measures the government has already undertaken to support our member companies, particularly the Covid-19 related Social Security compensation for the employees. Maintaining employment in Thailand is a top priority.

We are, therefore, writing to urge the government to kindly make further effort to expedite these Covid-19 related payments; our members have employees who have not received their Covid-19 related Social Security payments and are now more than two months without any income; while some employees who are not eligible for the Social Security compensation should be granted the 5,000-baht per month cash subsidies as soon as possible. We would also like the government to kindly consider extending the Covid-19 related Social Security payment beyond 3 months. We see this as the key and immediate measure to maintain long-term employment and sustain the businesses already hardest hit by the Covid-19 pandemic.



We stand ready to offer any help and support to such an initiative. Our contact person is Tomwit Jarnson, email: tomwit@amchamthailand.com

Yours faithfully,

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Gregory Wong
President
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Benjamin Krieg
President
Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce

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Andrew McBean
Chair
British Chamber of Commerce Thailand

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Andreas Richter
President
German-Thai Chamber of Commerce

CC. H.E. M.R. Chatumongol Sonakul, Minister of Labor