

## Thailand supports Vietnam's fight against COVID-19

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### **Mobilised necessary medical equipment and supplies**

Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs Thani Thongpakdi, together with President of the Thailand-Vietnam Friendship Association Sanan Angubolkul, presided over the handover ceremony of medical equipment and supplies for the treatment of COVID-19 patients in Vietnam to Ambassador of Vietnam to Thailand Phan Chi Thanh.

The Thai side, led by the Thailand-Vietnam Friendship Association, mobilized necessary medical equipment and supplies, worth about 2.5 million baht, from both the public and private sectors of Thailand to support Vietnam's fight against COVID-19.

The medical equipment and supplies consist of N95 surgical masks, infusion pumps, emergency rescue beds, oxygen systems, and mobile x-ray scanners.

The objective of this contribution is to support the capacity of Vietnam's healthcare system and foster cooperation between Thailand and Vietnam in controlling the spread of COVID-19.

It is also part of the activities marking the 45th anniversary of Thailand-Vietnam diplomatic relations this year, and a reflection of the close friendship between two neighboring countries.

Since the outbreak of the new wave of COVID-19 in Vietnam earlier this year, the Royal Thai Embassy in Ha Noi and the Consulate-General in Ho Chi Minh City, in cooperation with the Thai private sector in Vietnam, have provided support to Vietnam's efforts to mitigate the effects caused by the pandemic, including through financial contribution to Vietnam's Vaccine Fund and the provision of medical supplies to Vietnam's local authorities.