



Official Visit to Thailand of U.S. President Barack Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama will visit Thailand on 18 November 2012 to mark 180 years of diplomatic relations and reaffirm the strength of the Thai-US alliance. On this occasion, his Majesty the King will grant an audience to President Obama on 18 November at Siriraj Hospital, followed by a meeting conference between Prime Minister Yingluck and the U.S. President at Government House. This is his first official visit to Thailand after the victory of second U.S. presidential election. To reflect the opinions of Thais who are interested in Thai politics, "Suan Dusit Poll" surveyed Thai-opinions of 1,274 respondents during 12nd – 16th November 2012. The results are summarized as follows:

1. What do you think about the first official visit to Thailand of U.S. President Barack Obama?

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| 1 st Feel honored, excited and proud about the first official visit of U.S. President. | 45.20% |
| 2 nd The visit is supporting and reaffirming diplomatic relations between Thailand and the U.S. | 26.55% |
| 3 rd Show that Thailand is safe and this visit will stimulate the economy. | 14.69% |
| 4 th It is a good opportunity to US President and the Thai Government in joining and share ideas. | 8.47% |
| 5 th The world and Southeast Asia know Thailand better from this visit. | 5.09% |

2. What do you think that Thailand could gain the benefits from this visit?

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| 1 st Foreigners have more confidence to invest in Thailand; encourage trade, economic and tourism. | 48.11% |
| 2 nd The US and Thailand can improve diplomatic relationship. | 23.78% |
| 3 rd It is a good public relation of Thailand; Spreading Thai culture to the world. | 16.76% |
| 4 th It makes political situations in Thailand better than before; Making the unity in other organizations. | 7.03% |
| 5 th Get new beneficial ideas and new perspectives in developing the country. | 4.32% |

3. If you had a chance, What would you like to tell the U.S. President Barack Obama in coming to Thailand?

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| 1 st Being a good leader and give all countries importance, especially developing countries. | 33.07% |
| 2 nd Supporting and paying attentions to all countries in Asia on the World stage | 25.20% |
| 3 rd To retain good relations with Thailand and come back to Thailand again. | 22.04% |
| 4 th Do not interfere in politics and security policy in others countries and think about the human rights. | 13.39% |
| 5 th Being the good economic leader and develop the world economy. | 6.30% |