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Updates on Demonstration in Bangkok

- The Royal Thai Government and the Thai authorities concerned, namely the police and the military personnel as a back-up for the policemen, reaffirm their stance to exercise utmost restraint and deal with the situation without resorting to use of force in order to prevent violence. The authorities are making best efforts to prevent the situation from further escalating.
- While foreign tourists and travellers are not the target of the demonstrations, the Royal Thai Government regrets that their travel plans have been affected by the recent demonstration at Suvarnabhumi Airport, which led to the decision to suspend airport operations for safety reasons. The welfare and safety of the people in the vicinity of the demonstration areas as well as those of tourists at the Suvarnabhumi Airport are the Government's priority, and the authorities concerned have been providing them with necessary assistance, including food, lodging and transportation.
- Tourists who travel with tour agencies have been looked after by respective tour agencies. As for individual travellers, help desks have been set up jointly by the Tourism Authority of Thailand, the Airports of Thailand Public Company Limited, Thai Airways International and the Association of Thai Travel Agents (ATTA) to assist them with a view to facilitating their safe return home. As for incoming flights bound for Suvarnabhumi, some have been diverted to Don Muang Airport, and some to U Tapau Airport in Chonburi Province and other international airports.
- Meanwhile, the authorities have made utmost efforts to negotiate with PAD leaders in order to allow operations to resume at Suvarnabhumi International Airport and facilitate travellers who are due to return to their countries.

- As for Don Muang Airport, the acting director of Don Muang Airport said on 25 November that the PAD demonstration had not affected the flights or services at the airport, and that airport staff have been assigned to ensure security and facilitate services for travellers. Don Muang Airport remains open.
- **The Thai authorities are closely monitoring the situation and will keep foreign visitors updated. Important contact numbers include:**
 - Thai Tourist Police emergency line 1155
 - Suvarnabhumi International Airport Hotline (66) 2 132 1882
(66) 2 132 1888
 - Suvarnabhumi International Airport Flight Inquiries (66) 2 132 0000
(66) 2 132 9328-9
 - Don Muang Airport (66) 2 535 1669
 - Don Muang Airport Flight Inquiries (66) 2 535 1616
 - Tourism Authority of Thailand (66) 2 652 8313-4
Fax (66) 2 652 8315
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Operation Centre (66) 2 643 5522
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