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DSI's Director General

Name	Term of Office
1. Pol.Lt.Gen. Noppadol Somboonsap	8 Nov. 2002 - 21 Sept. 2003
2. Pol.Gen. Sombat Amornwiwat	7 Feb. 2004 - 9 Jan. 2007
3. Mr. Sunai Manomaiudom	16 Jan. 2007 - 24 Feb. 2008
4. Pol.Col. Tawee Sodsong	11 Apr. 2008 - 29 Sept. 2009
5. Mr. Tarit Pengdith	19 Oct. 2009 - 27 Jun. 2014
6. Pol.Gen. Chatchawal Suksomjit	27 Jun. 2014 - 17 Nov. 2014
7. Mrs. Suwana Suwanjuta	17 Nov. 2014 - 30 Sept. 2015
8. Pol.Col. Paisit Wongmuang	1 Oct. 2015 - 2 Apr. 2020
9. Pol.Lt.Col. Korrawat Panprapakorn	15 Jun. 2020 - 30 Sept. 2021
10. Mr. Triyarith Temahivong	1 Oct. 2021 - 8 Mar. 2023
11. Pol.Maj. Suriya Singhakamol	9 Mar. 2023 - 28 Nov. 2023
12. Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam	17 Nov. 2024 - Present



The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) is a multidisciplinary law enforcement agency founded on October 3, 2002, under the Ministry of Justice pursuant to the Ministries, Bureaus, and Departments Restructuring Act, B.E.2545 (2002), to prevent, suppress and control serious and complex crime that cause huge damage, both economically and socially, to national security.

Vision

A key organization enforcing laws against special crime by international standards

Mission

To efficiently prevent, suppress and investigate crime, and to fairly proceed with special cases

Power and Duty

The missions of the DSI abided by the ministerial regulations are to prevent, suppress and control serious cases affecting the nation's economy, society, security and safety by monitoring crime, investigating serious cases, and prosecuting criminals so as to protect and preserve the nation's income, suppress corruption and dismantle transnational organized crime. The power and duty of the DSI are as follows:

- To deal with administrative work of the Board of Special Case (BSC) under the Special Case Investigation Act and related laws;
- To prevent, suppress and investigate serious cases pursuant to the Special Case Investigation Act and the rules or the resolutions made by the BSC as well as to perform its work conforming to the Criminal Procedure Code and other laws relating to the criminal offences regarded as special cases;
- To study, collect, systematize and analyze information for the benefit of the performance of the BSC and for serious crime prevention, suppression and investigations;
- To educate about, train on and develop special case investigation systems as well as to enhance knowledge and evaluate the work performance of personnel of the DSI;
- To perform its work relating to the laws and regulations under the responsibility of the DSI and related work; and
- To perform any other tasks according to the laws under the responsibility of the DSI or as assigned by the Minister or the Cabinet.



Organizational Culture

Dignity, Specialty, Integrity

D: Dignity

Be proud of, dignified and faithful to the organization, behave in honor, dignity and proper to the status with self-discipline, and love, be united with the organization and colleagues.

S: Specialty

Have knowledge, ability and expertise from learning and collecting work experience until being recognized by people from inside and outside.

I: Integrity

Have virtue, ethics, honesty and integrity to oneself and others, perform duty by upholding good governance principles, and behave properly consistent with Sufficiency Economy Concepts.

DSI's Scope of Special Cases

Special cases are serious and complex criminal cases that are committed by influential persons acting as principals, instigators, or accessories, or associated with organized criminal groups who possess and abuse knowledge of highly sophisticated technology in their criminal conduct, and that require innovative forms and special methods of inquiry, investigation and evidence collection to dismantle organized crime syndicates that cause serious effects upon public order and moral, national security, international relations, or the country's economy or finance.

Special cases within the scope of the DSI's authority include any criminal act under the following laws*:

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| 1) Law on Loan of Money Amounting to Public Cheating and Fraud; | 8) Industrial Products Standards Act; |
| 2) Exchange Control Act; | 9) Copyright Act; |
| 3) Act on the Offences Relating to Submission of Bids to Government Agencies; | 10) Patent Act; |
| 4) Consumer Protection Act; | 11) Securities and Exchange Act; |
| 5) Trademark Act; | 12) Fiscal Code; |
| 6) Public Company Act; | 13) Customs Act; |
| 7) Anti-Money Laundering Act; | 14) Excise Act; |
| | 15) Computer-Related Crime Act; |
| | 16) Foreign Business Act; |

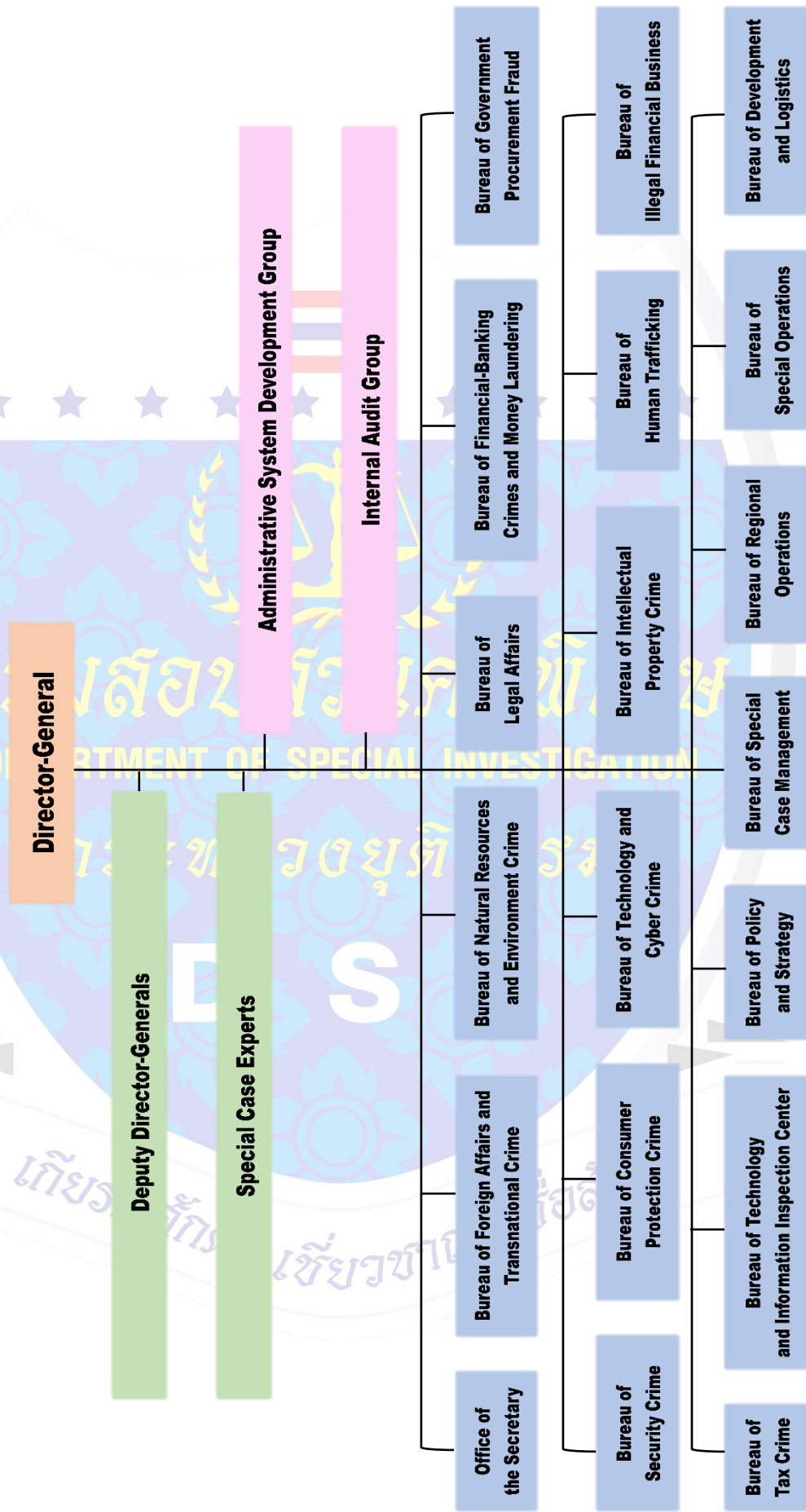


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| 17) Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act; | 24) National Park Act; |
| 18) Mineral Act; | 25) Land Code; |
| 19) Financial Institution Business Act; | 26) Food Act; |
| 20) Hazardous Substances Act; | 27) Drug Act; |
| 21) Wildlife Reservation and Protection Act; | 28) Cosmetics Act; |
| 22) Forest Act; | 29) Criminal Code (in respect of child pornography); |
| 23) ★ National Reserved Forest Act; | 30) Act Prohibiting the Charging of Excessive Interest Rates; and |
| | 31) Narcotics Code |

*According to the Notification of the Board of Special Case (No.9), B.E.2566 (2023)

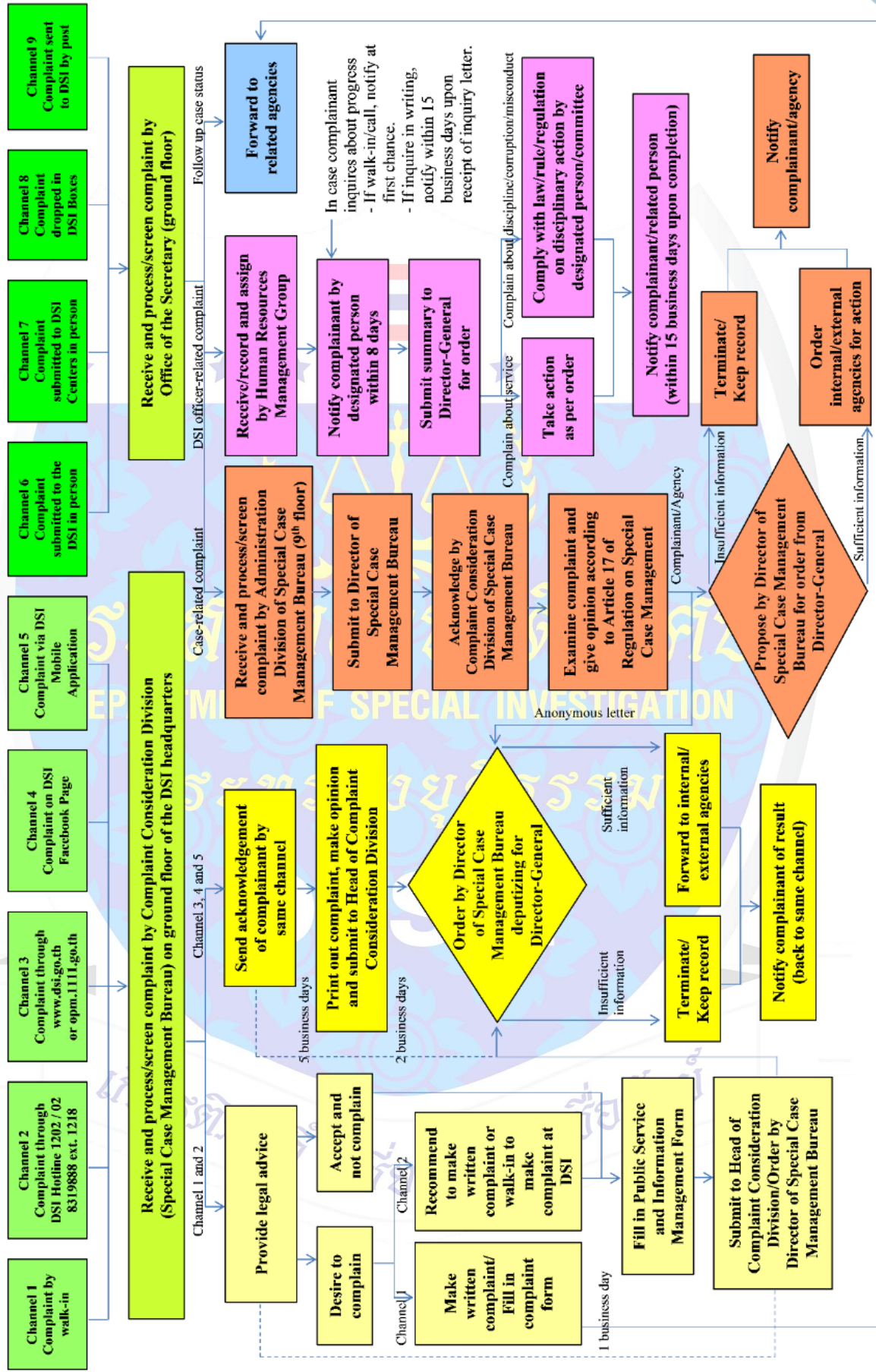


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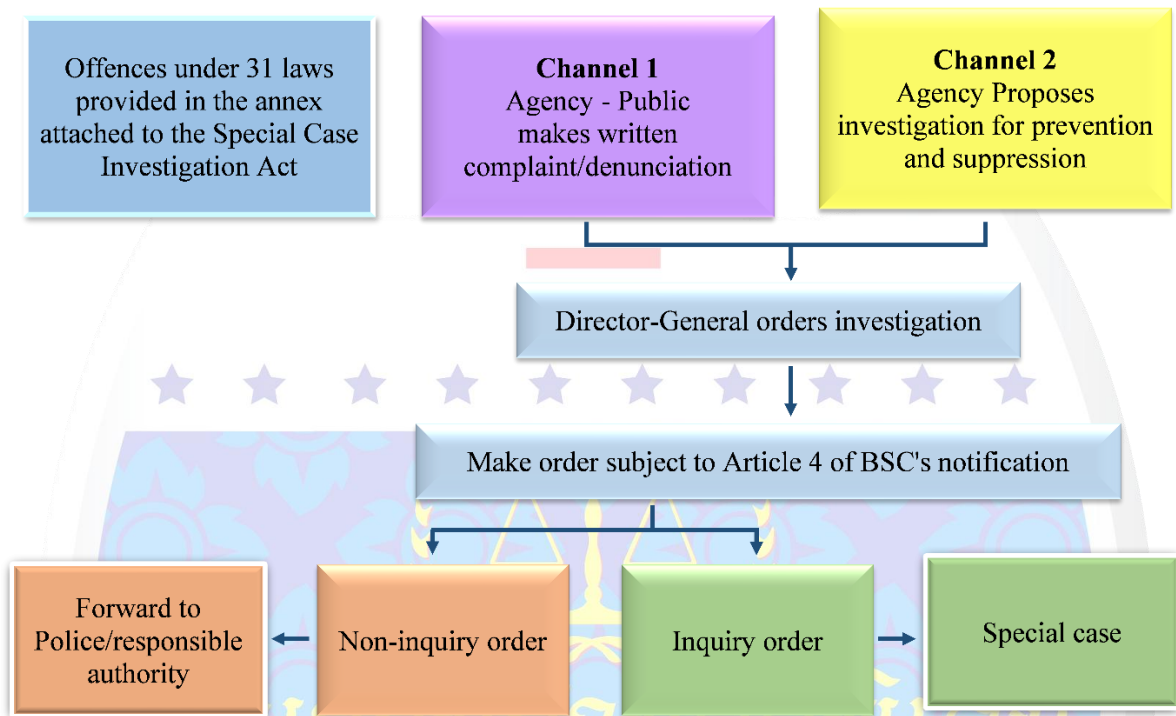




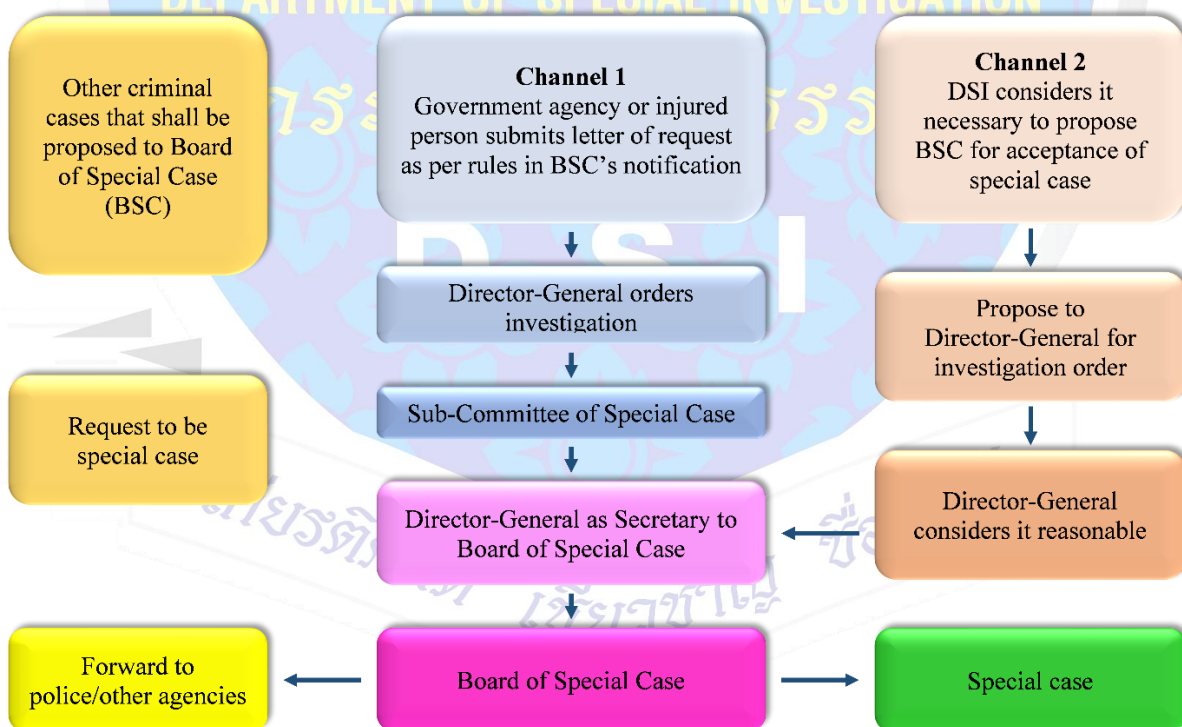
DSI's Complaint Acceptance Process



Acceptance Process for Special Cases under Section 21 Paragraph 1 (1)



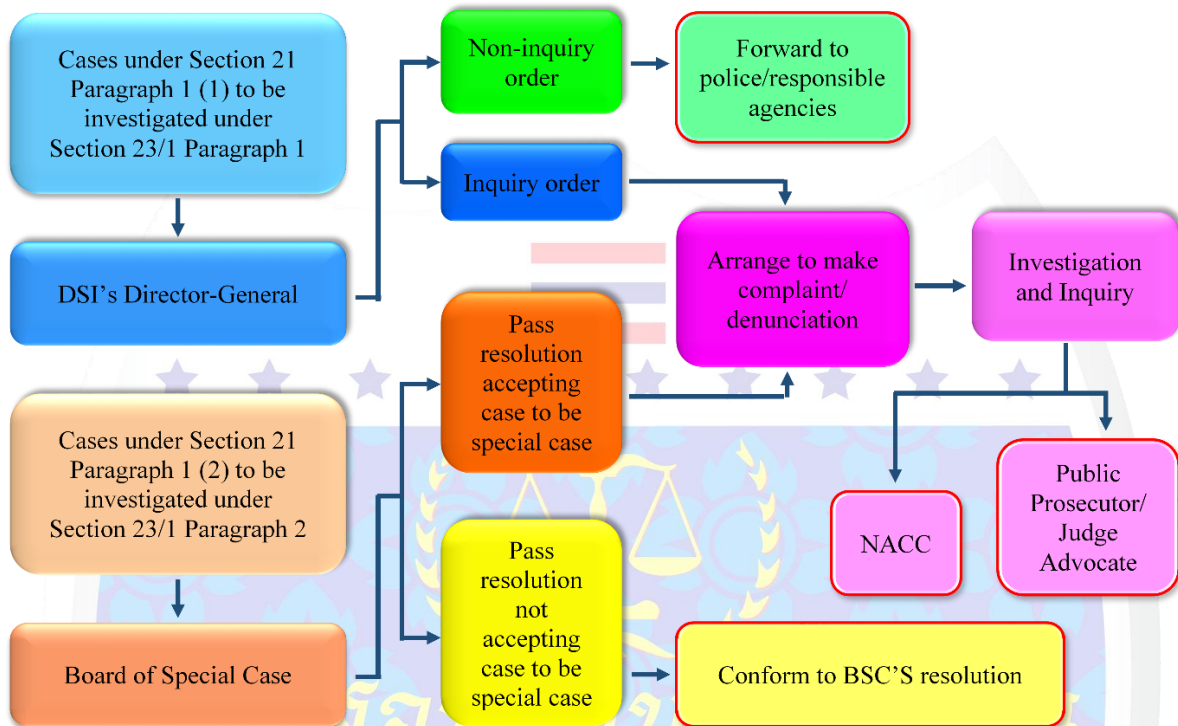
Acceptance Process for Special Cases under Section 21 Paragraph 1 (2)



Source: Bureau of Special Case Management



Special Case Investigation and Inquiry Process

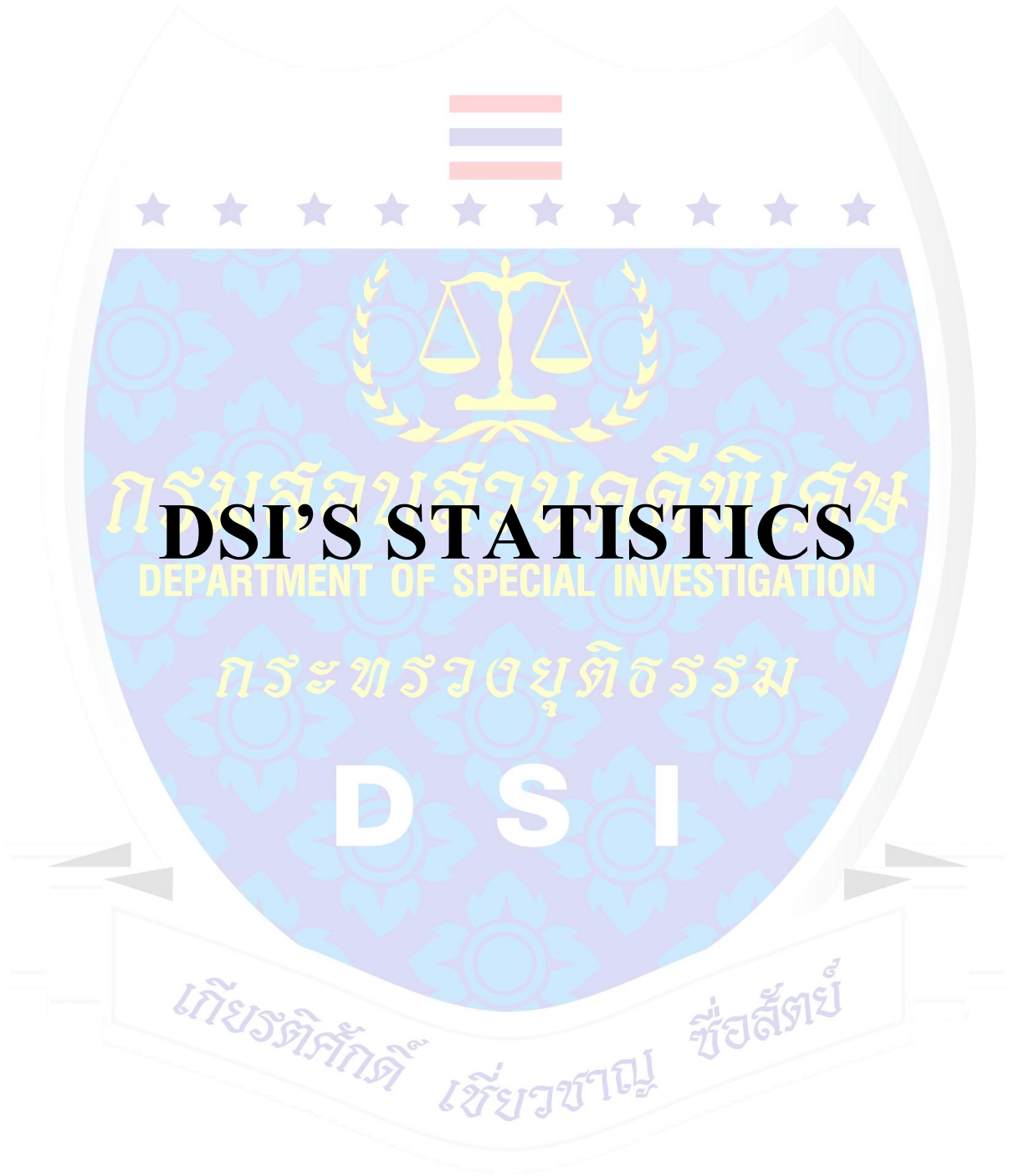


Special Case Inquiry Process



Source: Bureau of Special Case Management



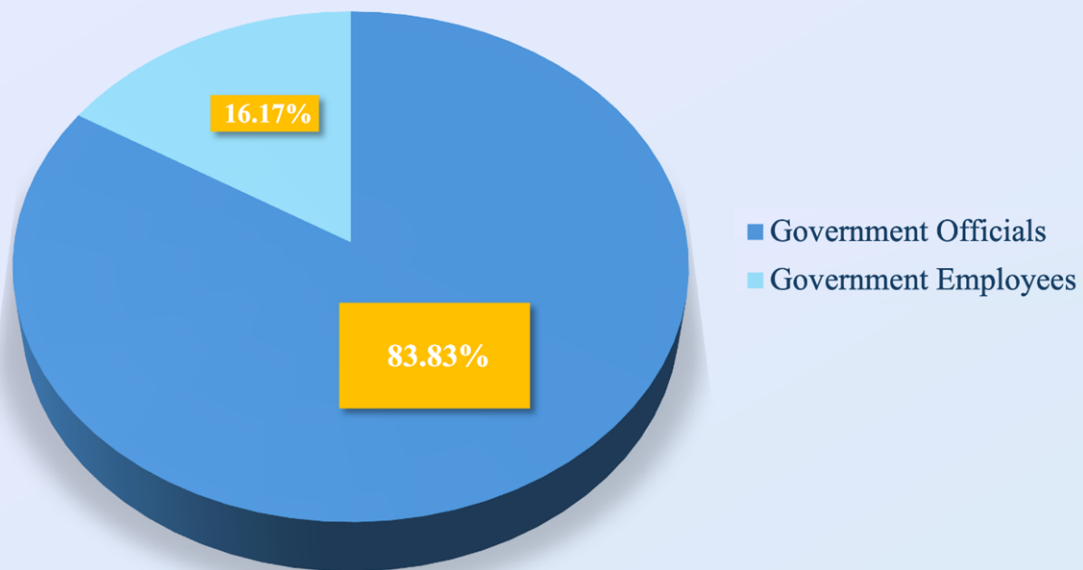


DSI's Personnel Statistics

As of the end of 2024, the DSI had 1,150 personnel consisting of 964 government officials and 186 government employees. Details are shown in the table and pie chart below:

Types of Officers	Number of Officers	Percentage (%)
Government Officials	964	83.83
Government Employees	186	16.17
Total	1150	100

Percentage of Officers



Source: Human Resource Management Division, Office of Secretary



DSI's Case Statistics

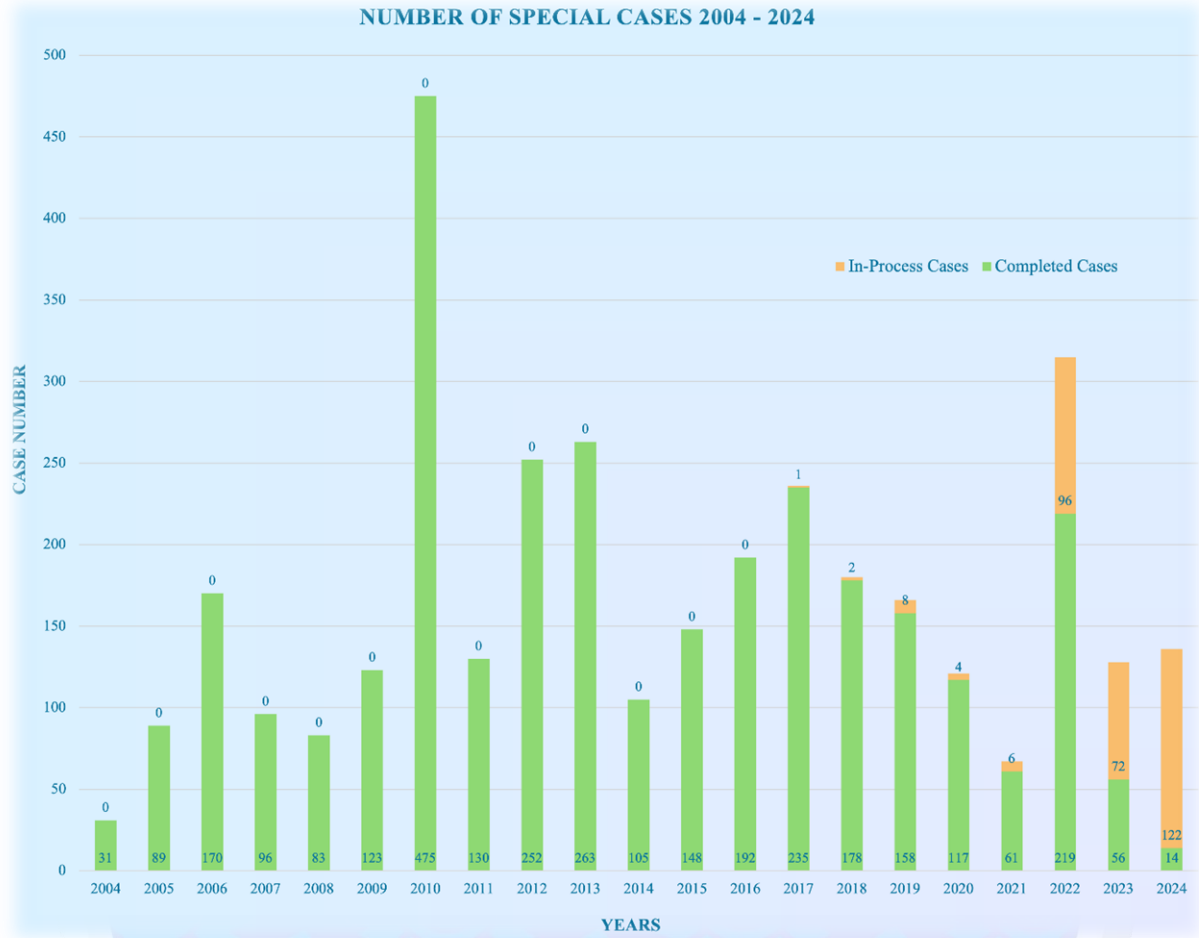
The Number of Special Cases from 2004 – 2024

The number of special cases investigated and examined by the DSI from 2004 until the end of 2024 was 3,506 cases. These comprise 3,195 completed cases (91.13%) and 311 in-process cases (8.87%). Details are shown in the table and bar chart below:

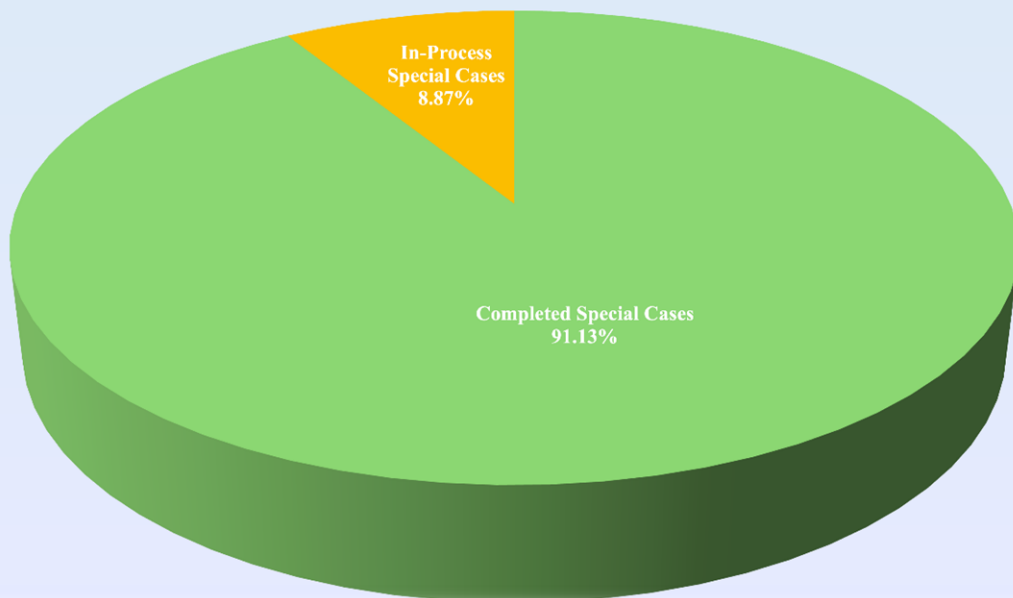
Year	Total Special Cases	Completed Special Cases	In-Process Special Cases
2004	31	31	0
2005	89	89	0
2006	170	170	0
2007	96	96	0
2008	83	83	0
2009	123	123	0
2010	475	475	0
2011	130	130	0
2012	252	252	0
2013	263	263	0
2014	105	105	0
2015	148	148	0
2016	192	192	0
2017	236	235	1
2018	180	178	2
2019	166	158	8
2020	121	117	4
2021	67	61	6
2022	315	219	96
2023	128	56	72
2024	136	14	122
Total	3,506	3,195	311
Percentage (%)	100	91.13	8.87

Sources: Bureau of Special Case Management





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Percentage of Completed and In-process Special Cases from 2004 - 2024



Sources: Bureau of Special Case Management



The Number of Special Cases by Category from 2004 – 2024

The special cases are categorized into four main types: Economic Crime, Information Technology and Intellectual Property Crime, Crime against Consumers, Environment, and Industrial Product Standard, and Transnational and Special Crime.

Details are shown in the table and pie chart below:

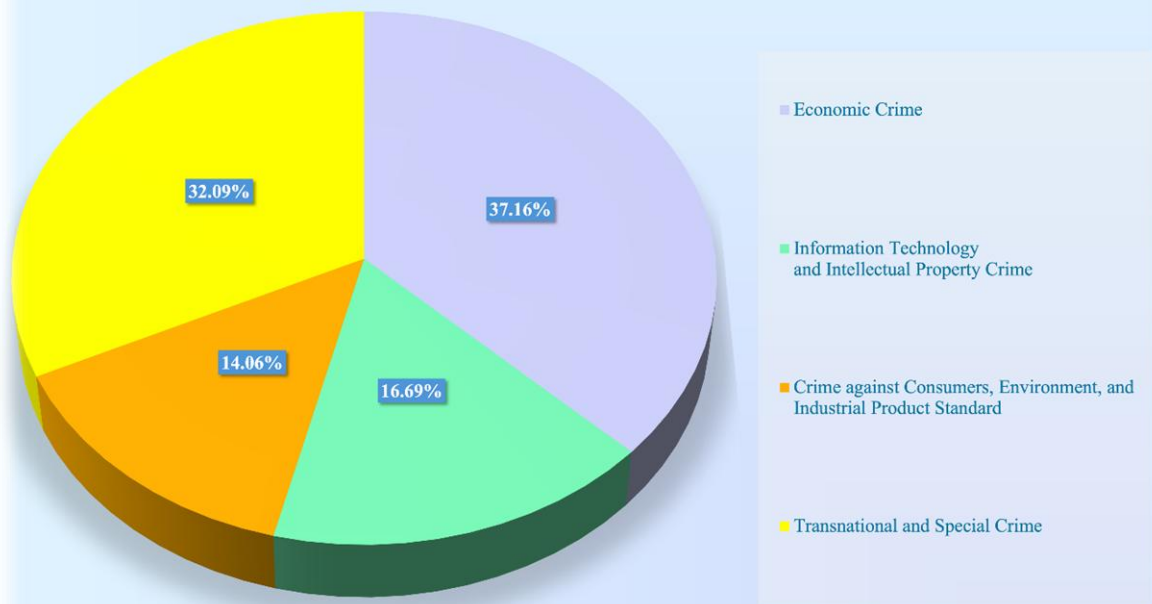
Year / Nature of Crime	Economic Crime	Information Technology and Intellectual Property Crime	Crime against Consumers, Environment, and Industrial Product Standard	Transnational and Special Crime	Total Cases
2004	10	3	0	18	31
2005	35	7	3	44	89
2006	40	52	44	34	170
2007	38	23	6	29	96
2008	42	15	6	20	83
2009	47	21	3	52	123
2010	19	29	134	293	475
2011	44	30	2	54	130
2012	49	62	41	100	252
2013	63	112	33	55	263
2014	38	20	14	33	105
2015	41	46	18	43	148
2016	88	42	24	38	192
2017	174	24	15	23	236
2018	42	37	21	80	180
2019	102	9	11	44	166
2020	43	16	42	20	121
2021	25	5	16	21	67
2022	250	8	16	41	315
2023	63	11	17	37	128
2024	50	13	27	46	136
Total Cases	1,303	585	493	1,125	3,506

Nature of Crime	Total Special Cases	Percentage (%)
Economic Crime	1,303	37.16
Information Technology and Intellectual Property Crime	585	16.69
Crime against Consumers, Environment, and Industrial Product Standard	493	14.06
Transnational and Special Crime	1,125	32.09
Total	3,506	100

Sources: Bureau of Special Case Management



Percentage of Special Cases by Category from 2004 - 2024



Sources: Bureau of Special Case Management





January 2024

DSI dispatched officials to participate in the ASEAN cybercrime conference to exchange experiences and prepare for global cyber threats

On January 30, 2024, During January 22-25, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General, Department of Special Investigation, assigned Ms. Patamaporn Krisanayuth Sirivatcharapaiboon, Director of Technology and Cyber Crime Division 1, and Mr. Ekachai Puangpronpitak, Director of Technology and Cyber Crime Division 2, to travel abroad for official duties. Their mission was to participate in a conference aimed at enhancing capabilities in preventing and combating cybercrime in Southeast Asia, held in Cebu City, Republic of the Philippines.

The conference was organized by the UNODC Global Program on Cybercrime of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). It aimed to share information and analyze case studies related to cybercrime. Discussions were held to exchange knowledge on preventing, prosecuting, and combating cybercrime, with the goal of enhancing cooperation between law enforcement agencies for greater efficiency. Officials from law enforcement agencies in Southeast Asian countries, including Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand, participated in the conference, with over 30 attendees in total.



Ms. Patamaporn, Director of Technology and Cyber Crime Division 1, stated that the conference was a valuable opportunity to exchange information and experiences in preventing and combating cybercrime with law enforcement agencies in the Southeast Asian region. The topics discussed and shared during the conference included strategies to prevent cyber-attacks, techniques for investigating cybercrime cases, and approaches to international cooperation in combating cybercrime. These insights will assist the Department of Special Investigation in enhancing its capabilities and developing effective strategies to deal with cyber threats.

Additionally, Mr. Aekachai, Director of Technology and Cyber Crime Division 2, commented on his participation in the training, stating that cybercrime



poses a threat to global security due to the rapid expansion of technology and communication. International cooperation is crucial, as cybercrime often transcends borders. Therefore, law enforcement agencies in the region should collaborate to exchange information and experiences and coordinate efforts to investigate and prosecute cybercriminals effectively.



The Department of Special Investigation of the Ministry of Justice cooperates with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in various aspects. This includes supporting the organization of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Conference, aiding the operations of the Anti-Human Trafficking Center, investigating sexual offenses and exploitation of children online, and developing database systems, among others. Continuous participation in various UNODC training programs has equipped the special

case inquiry officials with knowledge and skills that have been effectively applied in their investigations. This has led to the successful apprehension of suspects in several significant cases.

DSI and Cambodian National Police hold meeting to discuss the exchange of information on human trafficking

On January 30, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General, Department of Special Investigation, assigned Police Captain Piya Raksakul, Deputy Director General, Department of Special Investigation, as the head of the DSI delegation to participate in a meeting with the Cambodian National Police, along with Police Major Siriwish Chantechasitkul, Director of Bureau of Human Trafficking, Ms. Arunsri Wichawut, Director of Bureau of Special Case Management, and Ms. Atitaya Thongboon, Director of Foreign Affairs Division at the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice. Together with a delegation from the Department of Special Investigation, they traveled to Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, to participate in the meeting with Pol.Lt.Gen. Chiv Phally, Deputy Commissioner General of the Cambodian National Police, and



Pol.Maj.Gen. Sim Phanom, Director of the Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection Department, along with a delegation from the Cambodian National Police. The Department of Special Investigation and the Cambodian National Police held a bilateral meeting with more than 40 participants to discuss international cooperation in the investigation of human trafficking cases for the year 2023. The event was part of the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking (ASEAN-ACT) project.

The aforementioned meeting, organized annually between the Department of Special Investigation and the Cambodian National Police since 2014, aims to enhance cooperation in preventing and combating human trafficking. The focus is on fostering more comprehensive information exchange and enhancing the capabilities of the respective agencies. This aligns with the policy outlined by Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice. He emphasized that the fight against human trafficking



should be conducted based on the 5P principles: Policy, Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnership. This particular meeting served to reinforce the principle of Partnership, making it more tangible. Both agencies exchanged information about the situation of human trafficking, intelligence, and strategies for prosecution. Most importantly, they worked together to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the

Cambodian National Police and the Department of Special Investigation. This MOU focuses on bilateral cooperation against cross-border human trafficking, which will benefit the operational activities of both agencies in the future.

Director General of the Department of Special Investigation co-signed an academic cooperation agreement between the Department of Special Investigation and the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University

On January 17, 2024, at the reception room of the Rajaburi Direkridhhi Building, Government Complex (Building A), Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, graced DSI with his presence at the signing ceremony of the academic cooperation agreement between the Department of Special



Investigation, represented by Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General Acting Director General of the Department of Special Investigation, and the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, represented by Associate Professor Dr. Pavika Sriratanaban, Director of the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University. Also present were Dr. Ratchada Jayagupta, Director of the Asian Migration Research Center, Center of Excellence in Migration and Development, and the Thailand representative on the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) as an expert on women's rights, advisor to the Minister of Justice, faculty members from the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn



University, Mr. Seksit Sawanyathiput, Director of Bureau of Development and Logistics, and directors of the Department of Special Investigation. On this occasion, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong delivered a special talk to share knowledge and experience related to driving the rule of law of the Ministry of Justice and the government.

This academic cooperation agreement aims to foster collaboration in the development of academic work, research, and personnel development in the field of justice administration. It involves cooperation in sharing information and academic knowledge, creating a network for organizing academic conferences, training, seminars, and research dissemination. This includes publishing academic works, documents, media, and videos for educational and promotional purposes to systematically prevent and reduce crime, leading to a more peaceful and orderly society. It also aligns with the key policies of the Minister of Justice and contributes to the restoration of the rule of law.

The Department of Special Investigation expresses its gratitude to the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, and all involved parties for the successful signing of this cooperation agreement. The Department of Special Investigation will work towards achieving the goal of 'Justice for All' in accordance with Section 68 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, B.E. 2560 (2017), which mandates the state to efficiently, fairly, and impartially manage the justice system to ensure timely justice for the people. The signing of this cooperation agreement symbolizes the sustainable collaboration between the two organizations going forward.



“Conference on Cooperation in Exchanging Information and Sharing Experience in Combating Human Trafficking”

The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) organized “Conference on Cooperation in Exchanging Information and Sharing Experience in Combating Human Trafficking” from January 17 to 19, 2567 at the Shangri-la Chiangmai hotel in Chiangmai province. The objective was to exchange information and experiences in preventing and combating human trafficking, with support from the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking (ASEAN ACT), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Regional Support Office of The Bali Process on Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (RSO), A21 Foundation, LIFT International, Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.), the SCIENTIA project, IJM Foundation Thailand, ZOE Foundation, and RAPHA International.



The conference received high honors from Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, who presided over the opening ceremony. Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General acting Director General of the DSI, delivered the briefing of conference, and Mr. Nirat Pongsithataworn, the Governor of Chiang Mai province, delivered the welcoming remarks. The conference included participants from various relevant sectors, with over 100 attendees from more than 40 organizations, including representatives from the DSI and affiliated agencies of the Ministry of Justice, various related government agencies such as the Royal Thai Police, the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Labor, as well as representatives from international organizations, foreign embassies in Thailand, and non-government organizations.

The conference aligned with the national policy and strategy plan, specifically the 7th policy on preventing and solving human trafficking issues. It



aimed to elevate and enhance Thailand's capacity to prevent and address human trafficking issues, making it globally recognized. Furthermore, it aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, focusing on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, ensuring access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The conference emphasized collaboration between agencies to make the prevention and suppression of human trafficking more effective. Representatives from each organization had the opportunity to exchange various information, leading to successful relationship building and integration of efforts to strengthen and standardize operations according to international standards. The ultimate goal is to benefit victims of human trafficking, allowing them equal and comprehensive access to the justice process and ensuring their protection and aftercare.



February 2024

DSI coordinates with Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) on issues related to human trafficking and human smuggling

On February 1, 2024, at 10:00 AM, in Meeting Room 1 on the first floor of the Department of Special Investigation building, Police Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime, assigned Mr. Somroek Tangkharawakhun, Deputy Director of Bureau of Foreign Affairs



and Transnational Crime, to welcome Mr. Paul Huston, Police Liaison Officer/Counsellor at the Embassy of Canada, and a delegation from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) stationed in Thailand. The meeting also included Police Major Siriwish Chantechasitkul, Director of Bureau of Human

Trafficking, Mr. Khomkanit Phonghirun, Director of Transnational Crime Division 1, and Ms. Karnapat Kornkaew, a Special Case Inquiry Official from Transnational Crime Division 2. The meeting provided for the opportunity to discuss, exchange information, and share experiences related to the issues of illegal immigration and human trafficking.

The officers from the Department of Special Investigation and the RCMP discussed various issues, focusing on the situation of human trafficking in Thailand, the mission to assist victims, and the connection to crimes related to deception via the internet or phone that involve forced labor, often based around the border areas of Thailand. This problem is of significant concern and is prioritized by law enforcement agencies in multiple countries.

In addition, discussions also covered offenses related to commercial surrogacy, which could lead to the exploitation of children born from surrogacy arrangements, such as organ trafficking, prostitution, and forced labor. They also addressed illegal immigration through the falsification of travel documents, a practice that often serves as a precursor to other crimes such as terrorism, human trafficking, drug trafficking, and economic crimes.



The meeting between the RCMP officers and the Department of Special Investigation officials, focusing on human trafficking and human smuggling, led to a collaboration involving the exchange of information on perpetrators and technical cooperation. The RCMP will provide ongoing support for training programs in intelligence analysis to the officers of the Department of Special Investigation.



DSI participated in the 2024 National Conference on Child Protection in the Digital Age "Towards a Safer and More Comprehensive Online Environment for Children" of UNICEF Thailand

On 8 February 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Pol.Lt.Col. Phayao Thongsen, DSI Deputy Director General, along with Mr. Yosson Ruangsungamsiri, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, Ms. Kannika Suksomnil, Head of the Child Sexual Exploitation Division, and officials from Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, participated in the 2024 National Conference on Child Protection in the Digital Age.



The event titled "Towards a Safer and More Comprehensive Online Environment for Children" was hosted by the UNICEF Thailand at the Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok. Pol.Lt.Col. Phayao Thongsen was assigned by the DSI Acting Director General and the Minister of Justice to represent the Ministry of Justice in giving an opening speech, together with

Professor Wisit Wisitsora-at, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, Mr. Anukul Peedkaew, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, and Associate Professor Jumpol Rodkhamdee, Chairman of the Thailand Safe Internet Coalition. Ms. Kyungsun Kim, UNICEF Representative for Thailand also joined in giving opening remarks.



The DSI under the Ministry of Justice is a law enforcement agency that focuses on addressing technology-related crimes. Currently, children and youths are victims of criminal groups that utilize technological channels for online deceptions, such as online child sexual exploitation, opening mule accounts, and online shopping scams. This is a serious problem that requires urgent solutions, and all sectors must cooperate and raise awareness to create a safer and more comprehensive online environment for children.



Furthermore, the Ministry of Justice has emphasized the significance of implementing proper policies and measures to protect children in the digital age and pushing for stricter laws to enhance the effectiveness of combating online child sexual abuse in Thailand with the objectives of prevention and suppression of crimes against children in the digital age on par with international standards and in line with ASEAN practices.

The DSI, by its officials from the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, the Network Center of the Bureau of Policy and Strategy, and the Public Relations Division of the Office of Secretary, set up a booth to raise awareness and showcase the MAST HUMAN, an application for reporting tips of wrongdoing to the DSI, in which many participants showed great interest.

DSI received complaints seeking justice in cases of being deceived into working in fruit picking jobs in Finland



On February 8, 2024, at the Sonchat room at the Ministry of Justice, at 3 PM, a group of Thai workers who were deceived into working in fruit-picking jobs in Finland filed a complaint with the Ministry of Justice to prosecute the companies and individuals involved. They are also seeking assistance for the financial debts they incurred for travel expenses to work there. In response, Police Major Yutthana Praedam,



Acting Director General of the DSI, along with Police Major Worranan Srilum, Director of the Bureau of Illegal Financial Business and DSI spokesperson, and other officials, explained the legal proceedings and gave encouragement to the complainants.

DSI STATION Italy paid a courtesy visit to the executives of the Department of Special Investigation and followed up on network operations

On February 8, 2024, Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Ms. Nattaporn Boonyakorn, Special Case Inquiry Official, Senior Professional Level and Acting Expert on Administrative System Development, and Ms. Jantane Challenglekha, Head of the Special Crime Prevention Network Division, along with network division staff, to welcome representatives from DSI STATION, Italy, including Ms. Benjaporn Rattanaphan and Mr. Nat Choichulee. The meeting discussed cooperation in crime prevention and followed up on the network's operations during their visit to Thailand. The network division expressed appreciation for educational



materials about the DSI's missions, a special case crime prevention manual, public relations materials on filing complaints, and contact channels for the DSI. These materials are intended for dissemination to Thai communities abroad and interested individuals.

DSI joins in welcoming the Royal Secretary of the Queen of Sweden on the occasion of visiting to pay respects to the Minister of Justice

On February 15, 2024, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, welcomed the Swedish Queen's Secretary on the occasion of their visit to pay a courtesy call and discuss official matters at the reception room of the Ministry of Justice.



On this occasion, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, assigned Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, the Director of Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, and Mr. Yotsan Rerngsangamsiri, the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, to represent the Department of Special Investigation in welcoming Mr. Sven Philip Sorensen, the Royal Secretary of Her Majesty the Queen of Sweden, and his delegation. They visited to pay a courtesy call and discuss official matters with Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice. The discussion included topics about the information on Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden's visit to Thailand and discussions about pushing for legislation related to online media for children in Thailand. ★ ★



The Minister of Justice welcomed the parents of Miss Tomoko KAWASHITA on the occasion of their courtesy visit and discussion regarding matters pertaining to the demise of their daughter

On February 15, 2024, at 01:00 p.m., in Meeting Room 10-01 of the Ministry of Justice building, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, accompanied by Miss Aimon Siangyai, Director General of the Department of Rights and Liberties Protection, Mr. Thawewat Surasit, Director of Bureau of Security Crime, representative of the Department of Special Investigation, representative of Legal Affairs Division and representative of Foreign Affairs Division, Office of the Permanent Secretary, welcomed Mr. Yasuaki and Mrs. Eiko KAWASHITA, parents of





Miss Tomoko KAWASHITA, along with officials from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand, on the occasion of their courtesy visit and discussion regarding matters pertaining to the demise of their daughter, who was murdered on November 25, 2007, in Sukhothai Province.

As inquired, Mr. Thawewat Surasit, Director of Bureau of Security Crime explained the investigation process regarding the investigation of Miss Tomoko KAWASHITA case that the case was initially investigated by the local inquiry officials where the incident occurred. Subsequently, in 2013, the case was transferred to the Department of Special Investigation for further investigation as a special case. Evidence was collected from dozens of involved individuals, including forensic examinations and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters to gather additional evidence and utilize modern technology in forensic examinations. The investigation of the case is undergoing

In addition, there was an exchange of case-related information. Mr. Yasuaki KAWASHITA proposed an amendment to the law to prescribe murder cases as non-prescriptive crimes, as established in the Japanese Law. This proposal stems from the fact that the offence of killing another person in Thailand has a statute of limitations of 20 years. Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, gladly accepted the suggestion for consideration and expressed readiness to collaborate with the victims and Japanese authorities in coordinating investigations involving all relevant parties to bring the perpetrator to justice. Furthermore, the Department of Rights and Liberties Protection provided information on the implementation under the Act of Damages for the Injured Persons and Compensation and Expenses for the Accused in Criminal Cases, B.E. 2544 (2001). They also offered guidance on providing legal remedies to victims under Thai law.



DSI attended seminar and organized an exhibition on the “One year with Anti Torture and Enforced Disappearance Law: A Journey to Justice”

On 21 February, 2024, at the Ministry of Justice Building, Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, accompanied by Mr. Angsuket Visuthvattanasak, Director of Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau, Mr. Withawat Sukantharos, Head of Surveillance and Intelligence Center, and Ms. Nattakan Pongpiriya, Head of Public Relations Division, participated in a seminar on "Directions and Challenges in Implementation of the Anti-Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act B.E. 2565" in the event “One year with Anti Torture and Enforced Disappearance Law: A Journey to Justice” organized by the Rights and Liberties Protection Department with the objectives of declaring the performance of the Committee for the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance, as well as to publicizing to the relevant agencies and the general public and raising their awareness about the subject matters of the Act.



On this occasion, Pol.Gen. Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, delivered the opening remarks and gave a special talk. He also visited an exhibition by the Department of Special Investigation, which is responsible for enforcing the aforementioned Act. The DSI participated in the seminar and arranged exhibition showcasing important cases in which government officials may have been involved in wrongdoings, and demonstrating arrests made in accordance with the Anti-Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act, among other topics.

As 22 February 2024 marked the one-year anniversary of the enforcement of the Anti-Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act B.E. 2565, the DSI has become more aware of torture and enforced disappearance committed by government officials as a serious violation of human rights that cannot be tolerated under any circumstances, in order to enhance the enforcement of the law and protect human rights in Thailand, as well as to ensure compliance with the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.



DSI submitted an online gambling and money laundering file for Kofuk Network case with a prosecution recommendation to public prosecutor for consideration.

According to the Bureau of Criminal Money Laundering, the investigation is conducted in the case that illegal businesses laundered money from online gambling and illegal businesses (Special Case No. 10/2567). On February 1, 2024, there were searches in different areas totaling 27 spots that appeared in the news.

The special case investigation team completed the investigation and had a recommendation to indict seven people who have already been arrested and found guilty by “collusion in dishonestly or fraudulently entering into computer system distorted or false computer data, whether in whole or in part, or false information computer that may cause damage to people but not an offense of defamation, organize or invite a person to join online gambling and money laundering, and being a member of a secret society”.

On Wednesday, April 11, 2024, Mr. Rawee Acksoornsiri (Director of Criminal Money Laundering Bureau), the head of the investigation team, and the special case investigation team submitted the investigation file of the special case totaling six cartons (34 files) to the public prosecutor, Office of the Attorney-General, for consideration of taking legal action.

Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General, Department of Special Investigation, gave on instruction to pursue fugitive suspects totaling 11 people and bring into the justice process as soon as possible and extend the investigation to other offenders.



March 2024

DSI joined the discussion with the Office of the Personal Data Protection Commission to enhance law enforcement mechanisms for raising personal data protection

Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General, Department of Special Investigation, joined a discussion with Police Major General Kritsak Songmunnak, Expert member (Personal Data Protection) of the Regulatory Board of the Office of the Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC), Mr. Siwarak Siwamoksatham Secretary General of PDPC, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, and others to set guidelines for cooperation in preventing and suppressing personal data breach by enhancing law enforcement mechanisms under the Personal Data Protection Act B.E. 2562 (2019), integrate the work of the government, fostering cooperation in evidence verification, solving problems, and providing assistance to citizens affected by personal data breach, which will lead to raising personal data protection in Thailand.



The DSI has determination and recognizes the importance of Personal Data Protection, in line with the PDPA, receiving compliance awards from the Office of the Personal Data Protection Commission and the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society. DSI also makes available information about personal data protection on the DSI website or www.dsi.go.th.



DSI expedited luxury car case files in accordance with policy of Minister of Justice and Acting Director-General of DSI, while the NACC returned five case files to DSI for prosecution of state officials

On March 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM, at the 7th-floor meeting room, Police Captain Channarong Tubsarn, Deputy Director of Regional Operations Bureau and Director of the Investigation Command Center for Offenses Related to Illegally Imported Vehicles under the Bureau of Regional Operations, chaired the meeting of investigation team. The meeting was attended by the Special Case Investigation team along with public prosecutors from the Office of the Attorney General to review the facts and evidence for filing charges and determining whether to prosecute certain cases, totaling 14 cases: Special Case No. 10/2562, Special Case No. 40/2562, Special Case No. 66/2562, Special



Case No. 172/2565, Special Case No. 175/2565, Special Case No. 177/2565, Special Case No. 206/2565, Special Case No. 138/2565, Special Case No. 131/2565, Special Case No. 197/2565, Special Case No. 139/2565, Special Case No. 1861/2565, Special Case No. 192/2565, and Special Case No. 194/2565.

Police Captain Channarong Tubsarn stated that Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, had instructed Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General and Acting Director-General, to expedite the review of 92 luxury car cases under his responsibility. Three cases have been sent to the special case public prosecutors, and 10 cases involving state officials have been referred to the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC). Preparations are underway to send 7 more cases on March 6, 2024. On March 7, 2024, a meeting will be held to review the facts and evidence gathered by the investigation team to determine whether to prosecute the defendants. On March 6, 2024, three cases were reviewed, and on March 7, 2024, additional charges against the defendants will be considered, along with a review of resolutions from the previous meeting, totaling 11 cases.

"At the meeting on March 7, 2024, it is necessary to consider assigning investigation files related to misconduct by state officials, which have been sent back to the Department of Special Investigation by the NACC for further



investigation and prosecution. These include five cases: Special Case No. 23/2567, Special Case No. 24/2567, Special Case No. 25/2567, Special Case No. 26/2567, and Special Case No. 27/2567," stated Police Captain Channarong.

DSI participates in activities on the occasion of International Women's Day, organized by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)



On March 8, 2024, Ms. Arunsri Wichawut, Director of Bureau of Special Case Management, and Miss Patraporn Thaweewong, Head of Foreign Affairs and International Relations Division, Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, along with six officials from the Department of Special Investigation, were invited to

participate in activities on the occasion of International Women's Day, organized by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) at the Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel.

The activities were organized to provide an opportunity for female personnel in law enforcement agencies to converse, exchange ideas, knowledge, experience, and career paths.

On this occasion, Ms. Arunsri Wichawut, Director of Bureau of Special Case Management, was invited as a representative of the Department of Special Investigation to join as a career advancement mentor, along with representatives from Canadian law enforcement agencies in Thailand, including the CBSA, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Public, Canada, and representatives from Thai law enforcement agencies such as the Bureau of the Narcotics Control Board, the Special Branch of the Royal Thai Police, the Immigration Police, the Army, and the Customs Department. The roundtable mentorship sessions were conducted in a friendly and engaging manner, allowing participants to connect, exchange ideas, and build a network for future collaboration.



DSI and Lao counterparts met to develop Transnational Referral Mechanism (TRM) on Investigative Information

Police Major Yuthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Police Captain Piya Raksakul, DSI Deputy Director-General, along with Police Major Siriwish Chantechasitkul, Director of Human Trafficking Bureau, and Ms. Atitaya Thongboon, Director of Foreign Affairs Division, Office of the Permanent Secretary for Justice, to host and participate in a meeting with Police Colonel Kikeo Chanthalangsy, Deputy Director General, Department of Human Trafficking Prevention, Ministry of Public Security, in his capacity as Head of the Law Enforcement Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), and representatives from relevant agencies, namely DSI's Human Trafficking Bureau, and from the Lao PDR side: the Ministry of Public Security,



the Lao Women's Union, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the Supreme People's Court of Laos, and Office of the Supreme Public Prosecutor. Also present were officials from the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking Programme (ASEAN-ACT), for a total of over 30 people, at the "Meeting on Development of

Transnational Referral Mechanism (TRM) on Investigative Information between Law Enforcement Agencies in Thailand and the Ministry of Public Security Anti-Trafficking Division of Lao PDR", which was supported by the ASEAN-ACT Programme at the Carlton Hotel Bangkok Sukhumvit.

The aforementioned meeting is a follow-up to the ASEAN Convention against Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children (ACTIP), which has evolved into a memorandum of understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on cooperation to combat trafficking in persons (July 12, 2017). The main objectives of the meeting are to strengthen cooperation between the two countries in exchanging information, experiences, and best practices, as well as protecting victims and witnesses in human trafficking cases. Additionally, it aims to discuss the standard operating procedures (SOPs) with Thai counterparts



being the Royal Thai Police and the Department of Special Investigation, and with Lao counterparts being the Ministry of Public Security, which aligns with the policy articulated by Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, that combating trafficking in persons must be based on the 5Ps approach: Policy, Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnership. This meeting with the Lao People's Democratic Republic promotes the principle of Partnership to be more effective for the benefit of both countries' future operations as close neighboring countries.

DSI and Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) discuss technical cooperation

On March 19, 2024, at 02:00 p.m., Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director of the Department of Special Investigation, Acting Director General of the Department of Special Investigation, assigned Police Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime, to represent the Department of Special Investigation



in welcoming Mr. Kittipoom Neamhom, Director of Office of External Relations and Policy Coordination, Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), and his accompanying officials, on the visit to publicize the “Institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network : UN-PNI” and discuss possible technical cooperation between the DSI and institutions of the UN-PNI network, comprising 18 institutions, with TIJ being one of them. TIJ serves as a bridge of knowledge to strengthen technical capabilities for Thai



authorities. The institutions of the UN-PNI network specialize in: 1) transnational crimes and emerging threats, 2) access to justice, 3) investigative development, 4) correctional system development, and 5) innovative technology utilization.

In this regard, the DSI’s representative exchanged information with TIJ on current prioritized issues and challenges that the DSI is presently confronting with, as well as technical cooperative activities considered beneficial to the DSI. This discussion session



signifies the initiation of establishing a framework for technical cooperation between the Department of Special Investigation and the institutions of the UN-PNI network in the future. TIJ will act as a bridge for transmitting information related to technical cooperation considered advantageous to the Department of Special Investigation, and subsequently, to the institutions of the UN-PNI Network.

DSI organized a training course on preparing special case investigation files and prosecution in court

On Monday, March 25, 2024, Mr. Seksit Sawanyathiput, Director of Development and Logistics Bureau, presided over the opening ceremony and Miss Yaninee Preechawit, Director of the Expertise Development Division, delivered a report on the training course on preparing special case investigation files and prosecution in court for fiscal year 2024. The training was held from March 25 to April 5, 2024, at the Training Room 1, Lecture Hall Building, DSI Academy, Nong Chok District, Bangkok. A total of 44 participants joined the program, which aimed to provide DSI personnel with the knowledge, skills, and expertise to conduct special case investigations, preparing special case investigation files, and collect and analyze evidence accurately, efficiently, and to the same standard.



The Acting Director General of DSI attended the 21st National Symposium on Justice Administration.

On 28 March 2024 at 09:30 AM, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director General, along with Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director General, attended the 21st National Symposium on Justice Administration. The event was honored by Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, to preside over the opening ceremony. The symposium, themed “Raising the Justice Administration to International Standards,” was held from 28-29 March 2024 at MCOT Public Company Limited (MCOT Plc.), Auditorium Room, MCOT Operational Building, 6th floor, in a hybrid format (online and onsite).



In organizing this event, the Department of Special Investigation's Public Relations Division of the Office of the Secretary set up an exhibition on the topic "DSI Reducing Inequality, Bringing Justice to Society." The exhibition highlighted missions related to the administration of justice, resolving informal



debt issues through the Debtors and Unjustly Treated People Help Center, and supporting stateless individuals. These initiatives align with the government's policy and represent a Quick Win for the Ministry of Justice. The booth featured staff to answer questions and distribute informational documents on relevant laws for the participants.

DSI joins Connect Thailand in a seminar to combat online sexual exploitation of children and youths and to stop cyber threats

On Friday, March 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), presided over the opening ceremony of the seminar "Combating Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youths". The seminar was co-hosted by the DSI and the Connect Thailand Project Committee (A Networking & Anti Trafficking Forum) of the A21 Foundation, Rise Foundation, and Freedom Story Foundation. Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, the Director of Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, gave a report on the objectives of the project. The seminar served as a platform for exchanging information and experiences in combating the sexual exploitation of children and youths and child sexual abuse. It also aimed to build relationships, create partnerships, and establish a sustainable network of cooperation. The seminar was held at the DSI Reception Room, Ratchaburidirekrit Building (Building A).



Currently, the online sexual exploitation and abuse of children and youths has become a serious criminal problem with significant impacts on Thai children and youths. Meanwhile, it is also related to the problem of human trafficking in Thailand, which has become more serious as digital technology has developed rapidly. Offenders have easier access to child and juvenile victims than other groups, resulting in an increase in the number of cases of online child sexual abuse. The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) and the Connect



Thailand Project Committee (A Networking & Anti Trafficking Forum) recognize the importance of both developing technology to improve the efficiency of operations and solving the problem of sexual exploitation of children and youths. Therefore, they have jointly organized a seminar on "Combating

Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youths". This seminar is an opportunity to jointly address the problem of sexual exploitation of children and youths on a national scale and to share ideas on amending the Criminal Code in relation to child sexual offences to be more comprehensive, including child grooming, sexting, sextortion, cyber stalking, etc. It also includes enlightening officers about the way to treat child and juvenile victims with consideration for their psychological trauma. The seminar was honored with the presence of experts on combating the sexual exploitation of children and youths from various agencies, including the DSI, the Office of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, international organizations, foreign embassies in Thailand, NGOs, etc., and participants from more than 40 government and private agencies, totaling 70 people.

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April 2024

DSI and public prosecutors agree to inform criminal charges against 9 Aranyaprathet police under anti-torture law and penal code

According to the news released by the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) on January 25, 2024, regarding the case where police officers from Aranyaprathet Police Station were accused of coercing or torturing Mr. Panya, or "Uncle Piak," into confessing to the murder of Mrs. Buaphan Tansoo, or "Auntie Buaphan," who was fatally assaulted by youths, the DSI accepted this as a special case (Special Case No. 9/2567) due to potential violations of the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act, B.E. 2565 (2022). The DSI notified the Office of the Attorney General for acknowledgment and assignment of public prosecutors to participate in the investigation.



On April 10, 2024, the investigation team of Special Case No. 9/2567, led by Mr. Angsuket Wisutvatthansak, Director of the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau of the DSI and the head of the investigation team, held a meeting with Mr. Watcharin Phanurat, the Deputy Director General of the Investigation Department, Office of the Attorney General, and the head of the team to inspect or supervise the investigation, and a team of public prosecutors. The meeting concluded that there was sufficient evidence to press charges against nine police officers from Aranyaprathet Police Station involved in the case, comprising six commissioned officers and three non-commissioned officers, divided into two groups:

Group 1: Eight officers were involved in the custody of Uncle Piak, including five commissioned officers and three non-commissioned officers. There was enough evidence to charge them with "being state officials who jointly performed or failed to perform their duties in the unlawful detention of a person," which violates Sections 6, 7, and 22 of the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act, B.E. 2565 (2022), and Sections 157, 309, and 310 in conjunction with Section 83 of the Criminal Code.

Group 2: One commissioned officer was found to have performed duties in violation of the law, but there was no evidence of involvement in the custody



of Uncle Piak. This officer was charged with "being an official who performed or failed to perform duties in violations of the law," which violates Section 157 of the Criminal Code.

Next, the investigation team will in writing notify all the accused officers to acknowledge the charges. The accused officers have the right to present facts and evidence to prove their innocence for inclusion in the investigation file. Once the investigation is complete, for Group 1, the inquiry officials will submit the investigation file to the public prosecutors for further proceedings under the final paragraph of Section 31 of the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act and notify the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC). For Group 2, if the offense falls under the NACC's authority, the NACC will consider further actions according to the law.



Acting DSI Director-General curbed the major online loan gang in Chai Nat charging over 2,000% annual interest rate with billion baht in circulation

The DSI has been investigating the special case no. 55/2566, the case of online personal loan application named “กู้อัดดี ๆ (good loan)” or “ได้บาทง่าย ๆ - สินเชื่อด่วน (easy money-urgent loan)” offering online loan without permission and was linked to more than 80 other online loan applications. The application offered loans with 2,339.65% annual interest rate and 7-day due dates. Failure to repay within the due date will result in a group of people calling the debtors for collections with threats and harassments to the debtors and the people in their contact list, terrifying the debtors. The application was found to have more than 1,000,000 downloads and was believed to be owned by Mr. Chanyut (last name withheld) and Ms. Kantima (last name withheld) by using bank accounts of their relatives and mule accounts to conduct this online loan business with over a billion baht in its cash flow.





On 4 April 2024, Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General, Acting Director-General of the DSI, Pol.Maj. Worranan Srilum, Director of the Illegal Financial Business Bureau/DSI Spokesperson, Mr. Angsuket Wisutvatthansak, Director of the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau, and the special case inquiry official team joined forces with the Central

Institute of Forensic Science (CIFS) and the Chai Nat Provincial Police led by Pol.Col. Narakorn Boonkhrob, Deputy Commander of the Chai Nat Provincial Police. The forces conducted the search under the warrants issued by the Chai Nat Provincial Court to collect evidence at 2 locations in Chai Nat Province:

1. A house of Mr. Chanyut and Ms. Kantima in Muang District, Chai Nat Province
2. Wongchai Charoen Thanyakit Mill in Muang District, Chai Nat Province, and the workplace of the two suspects with Ms. Kantima named as its director and shareholder

The search resulted in seizure of evidence, namely, 150 used and unused SIM cards, 20 cellphones, 70 cellphones boxes, 120 bank account passbooks, 10 desktop and laptop computers, documents and digital files related to the transactions and other related information. In addition, the team discovered that the suspects had rented a safe deposit box of a bank in Chai Nat Province, against which the special case inquiry official team issued a sequestration order for further inspection.



DSI and Immigration Division 2 Arrest Suspect in Money Laundering Case Linked to Online Gambling and Lottery Network "Go Fuk" Upon Return from England at Suvarnabhumi Airport

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at approximately 10:40 AM, the Department of Special Investigation's Surveillance and Intelligence Center, under the direction of Mr. withawat sukantharos, Director of the Surveillance and Intelligence Center, assigned Mr. Wuttikrai Sritawat Na Ayutthaya, Head of the Surveillance and Intelligence Section, along with officers from Operation Unit 1 and police officers from the Investigation and Suppression Sub-Division of Immigration Division 2, to jointly arrest Ms. Busabong (surname withheld), a suspect in Special Case No. 49/2567 under the Criminal Court's arrest warrant No. 452/2567. The suspect was apprehended at Suvarnabhumi Airport upon her return from England. The suspect was part of the "Go Fuk" network and was responsible for receiving and transferring money from mule accounts of the online gambling and lottery network. The arresting officers charged the suspect with the following offenses: dishonestly or fraudulently entering false information into a computer system that is likely to cause damage to the public, not being an offense of defamation under the Criminal Code, jointly organizing or inducing others to gamble online, being a member of an unlawful assembly and money laundering. The arrest took place at Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bang Phli District, Samut Prakan Province.

The arresting officers informed the suspect of the charges against her, her legal rights, and the fact that their actions were being recorded as required by the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearances Act, B.E. 2565 (2022). The suspect was then handed over to the DSI's Criminal Money Laundering Bureau, which is responsible for the case. The suspect was taken into custody along with the arrest record for further legal proceedings.

The operation to track down and arrest the suspects under arrest warrant was carried out in accordance with the instructions of Police Major Yuthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation. The Surveillance and Intelligence Center, which is under the direct command of the DSI Director-General, was tasked with forming an operation unit to track down and arrest suspects under arrest warrants in order to bring those accused of crimes who are still at large to justice.



DSI Raids 15 Online Gambling Dens Simultaneously, Arrests Masterminds and Network, Uncovers over 100,000 Player Accounts, with over 2 Billion Baht in circulation

On Tuesday, April 30, 2024, Police Major Yuthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, and Mr. Khemchart Prakaihongmanee, Director of the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, led a team of over 200



DSI officers, together with the Department of Provincial Administration and the Central Institute of Forensic Science, to execute search warrants at 15 locations across the Central Region of Thailand in connection with online gambling websites. The raids were conducted simultaneously in Nonthaburi Province (5 locations), Lopburi Province (8 locations), and

Nakhon Sawan Province (2 locations). The operation aimed to arrest suspects with warrants, search for evidence, and seize assets.

This case is part of Special Case No. 76/2566, which involves a criminal group that gained access to bank accounts of others without their consent through mobile banking applications and/or internet banking to commit offenses by advertising or enticing others to gamble online, making online gambling accessible to the general public. The investigation revealed that the group jointly organized gambling games for money, organized online and electronic gambling through the websites www.sandvip.com, www.sand168.com, www.gts89.com, and www.gtb89.com illegally. After obtaining money from gamblers, the group transferred the money out of the system to various accounts belonging to their subordinates or close associates, as well as hired or purchased accounts (mule accounts). They then transferred the money to multiple bank accounts in an attempt to evade scrutiny by



government agencies or conceal the financial trail. The money was then withdrawn from the system using ATM cards, the bank accounts and the suspects themselves in this case. The individuals involved include the owners/financiers of the websites, the website administrators/members (Admin team), the financial administrators/bank account owners used to receive money in the network of the



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www.sandvip.com (changed to www.gtb89.com),
www.sand168.com (changed to www.gts89.com), and other websites in the network. These individuals have been jointly operating this illegal business for several years without fear of the law.

The DSI's investigation found that the online gambling network has a total of 6 websites in its network, plus several other websites, with a total of over 2 billion baht in circulation. It is a large-scale operation with over 100,000 gambling members, dozens of admin staff, and the use of dozens of mule accounts to receive transfers, including even using the accounts of deceased persons. As the online gambling website has financial trails linked to many other accounts, the DSI will prepare to expand the investigation into money laundering charges against those involved and the gamblers.

The DSI's investigation found that the online gambling

Police Major Yuthana Praedam revealed that today's operation was a joint effort with the Department of Provincial Administration and the Central Institute of Forensic Science to execute search warrants and arrest 38 suspects with warrants. This includes 9 financiers and 6 subordinates and close associates who played key roles in operating the large-scale online gambling and money laundering networks. The suspects are charged with jointly accessing a computer system with security measures specifically designed to prevent access and not intended for them, and jointly organizing or devising a scheme to advertise, entice, or encourage directly or indirectly others to gamble or participate in gambling that is not authorized by the authorities, and jointly laundering money.

In this operation, 13 key members of the large-scale online gambling and money laundering network were arrested, cutting off the financial lifeline of this large criminal organization. The DSI will continue to track down and arrest the remaining suspects. As for the assets seized during the search, they include 17 vehicles (2 Ferraris, 1 RV), 5 motorcycles, approximately 25 brand-name bags, cash and foreign currency worth approximately 3 million baht, gold jewelry



weighing a total of over 1,000 baht, amulets, jewelry, watches (Patek Philippe, Franck Muller, Rolex), safes, computer equipment, mobile phones, bank account books. In addition, bank accounts at Siam Commercial Bank, Kasikorn Bank, TrueMoney, firearms, and ammunition were frozen, with a total asset value of tens of millions of baht.



The DSI will continue to investigate and expand the case against those involved and will decisively seize and freeze the assets of this criminal network. The DSI will submit the assets to the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO) so that the assets can be forfeited. If it is found that the offenders have not paid taxes in accordance with the law, the matter will be referred to the Revenue Department for further tax action.

DSI welcomed the Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda to Thailand on a courtesy visit on the Minister of Justice to express gratitude for assisting Ugandans who were deceived into illegal work in a neighboring country

On April 1, 2024, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, welcomed Ms. Betty Oyella Bigombe, the Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda to Thailand, and her delegation at the reception room of the Minister's Office at the Ministry of Justice building. The welcoming and discussion session included Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, Police Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime, Police Major Siritwish Chantechasitkul Director of the Bureau of Human Trafficking, Ms. Nareeluck Phaichayaphum, Director of the International Human Rights Division, Rights and liberties Protection Department, and Ms. Athitya Thongboon, Director of Foreign Affairs, Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice.

The discussion was initiated by the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda in Thailand, located in Kuala Lumpur, which sent humanitarian request to the Ministry of Justice for assistance for over 30 Ugandan citizens. These individuals were detained, restrained, or held against their will and forced to work without pay for extended hours in the mountainous regions of Shan State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar. On March 30, 2024, the Ministry of Justice, through the Department of Special Investigation, coordinated a rescue operation



with the assistance of a DSI's Civil Society Network in collaboration with the Education Development Foundation Without Borders, Border Patrol, Ratchmanu Special Unit, administrative authorities, and police officers from the Phop Phra Police Station. This operation successfully rescued 23 Ugandan citizens who expressed a desire to return to their country via Thailand, in the Chong Khaep area, Phop Phra District, Tak Province. Following this incident, the Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda to Thailand expressed gratitude for the humanitarian



assistance provided to Ugandan nationals and acknowledged the importance of implementing preventative measures for Ugandan workers who are deceived into illegal work in neighboring countries, with Thailand serving as a transit route in the future.

On this occasion, the Minister of Justice stated that he is pleased to cooperate with the Republic of Uganda to prevent and suppress human trafficking in all forms, aiming to reach the root causes and perpetrators. He has assigned the Human Trafficking Bureau of the Department of Special Investigation to proceed with related actions for the sake of justice and humanitarian principles.

DSI submitted inquiry files to prosecute suspects in UK luxury car theft case of 35 cars with over 30 million baht in damages

The Case resulted from the request of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters from the National Crime Agency (NCA), the British Embassy, Bangkok. The DSI was requested to investigate the case of a high-value car theft ring from the United Kingdom involving 35 cars imported into Thailand. The DSI is tasked with assisting in the investigation and seizure of the cars for returning them to the actual victims in the UK and to prosecute the offenders.



This case has been accepted by the DSI as special case No. 78/2561, which involves extraterritorial offenses, and the Attorney-General has assigned the DSI to conduct the joint investigation with public prosecutors. The inquiry



team is led by Pol.Lt.Col. Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director-General of the DSI.

The investigation has led to the seizure of a total of 30 luxury cars, and 13 persons, both corporate and natural persons, have been identified as alleged offenders. The investigation has been completed and the investigation team has recommended the prosecution of all 13 alleged offenders for the offenses of "conspiring to commit robbery or conspiring to receive stolen property for profit, conspiring to forge documents and use forged documents, conspiring to bring goods that have passed or are passing through customs procedures into the kingdom in a manner to avoid restrictions, and conspiring to participate in a



transnational organized crime as a member or network of a transnational organized crime organization."

On 4 April 2024, Pol.Lt.Col. Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director-General of the DSI and head of the inquiry team, assigned Ms. Prim Sariya, Head of the Illegal Financial Business

Crime Division 2, and the special case inquiry official team to submit the special case inquiry files in total of 5 crates (31 folders) along with the alleged offenders to the public prosecutors of the Department of Special Litigation for further legal action.

DSI Officers participated in an “Advanced Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Investigation Training” organized by a US agency

Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), has assigned officers, namely Miss Anchana Chailert and Mr. Napol Woraprateep, Special Case Officers, Professional Level, Child Sexual Exploitation Division, Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, and Mr. Thapana Bhasathiti Sanyabutra, Special Case Officer, Professional Level, Bureau of Human Trafficking, to participate in an Advanced Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Investigation Training from April 1-11, 2024, at the Renaissance Hotel Pattaya, Chonburi Province.



The Advanced Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Investigation Training Course, organized by the U.S. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), was attended by 50 participants from DSI (Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau and Human Trafficking Bureau), Anti-Money Laundering Office, Royal Thai Police (Anti Trafficking In Persons Division, Cyber Crime Investigation Bureau, Immigration Bureau, Office of Police Forensic Science, Southern Border Provinces Investigation Division, Patong Provincial Police Station, Khao Chamao Provincial Police Station), Department of Provincial Administration, and Pattaya Provincial Prosecutor's Office, as well as Cambodian National Police. In addition, representatives from the civil society and non-profit organizations also participated, including Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (Department of Children and Youth, Division of Anti-Trafficking in Persons, Chonburi Shelter for Children and Families, Ratchaburi Shelter for Children and Families, etc.), Pattaya City, A21 Foundation, Destiny Rescue Foundation, For Freedom International Foundation, and IJM Foundation.



In this training course, participants learned investigative techniques for child exploitation and human trafficking, such as Darkweb Investigation, Interviewing, Questioning Children, Cryptocurrency, and Working with multidisciplinary teams. The instructors were from HSI and Advanced Wireless Network (AWN). Participants also had the opportunity to exchange experiences with the instructors and other participants, and to visit the A21 Foundation's Child Advocacy Center in Pattaya.



DSI submitted an online gambling and money laundering file for Kofuk Network case with a prosecution recommendation to public prosecutor for consideration.

According to the Bureau of Criminal Money Laundering, the investigation is conducted in the case that illegal businesses laundered money from online gambling and illegal businesses (Special Case No. 10/2567). On February 1, 2024, there were searches in different areas totaling 27 spots that appeared in the news.

The special case investigation team completed the investigation and had a recommendation to indict seven people who have already been arrested and found guilty by “collusion in dishonestly or fraudulently entering into computer system distorted or false computer data, whether in whole or in part, or false information computer that may cause damage to people but not an offense of defamation, organize or invite a person to join online gambling and money laundering, and being a member of a secret society”.



On Wednesday, April 11, 2024, Mr. Rawee Acksoornsiri (Director of Criminal Money Laundering Bureau), the head of the investigation team, and the special case investigation team submitted the investigation file of the special case totaling six cartons (34 files) to the public prosecutor, Office of the Attorney-General, for consideration of taking legal action.

Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General, Department of Special Investigation, gave an instruction to pursue fugitive suspects totaling 11 people and bring into the justice process as soon as possible and extend the investigation to other offenders.

DSI and ABF organized the English Language Training Program

On 22 April 2024, Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Acting DSI Director-General assigned Pol.Capt. Piya Raksakul, DSI Deputy Director-General to preside over the opening ceremony of the English Language Training Program and welcome Superintendent Michael Cymbalista, Counsellor, Mekong Region, Australian Border Force (ABF), and Mr. John Tyler, Managing Director of the RMIT English Worldwide, who attended the ceremony. In the opening ceremony,



Pol.Capt. Thinavudth Silapat, Director of Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime, delivered a reporting statement introducing the Program, which has been funded by the ABF to improve the English language knowledge and skills of the DSI personnel since 2017 with the RMIT handling the training. As of now, more than 200 DSI personnel have undergone the training program.

For this year's program, 22 of the DSI personnel are to attend the training in 3 courses, namely, General English & Conversation for Elementary, General English & Conversation for Pre – Intermediate, and Business Communication throughout the period of 22 April to 15 August 2024, at the Expertise Training Room, 7th floor, the Government Complex, Ratchaburidirekrit Building.

DSI and ABF have been cooperating in the investigation and exchanging investigative information. Both agencies also signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on the Disclosure and Use of Information. The good relationship between the two agencies led to the commitment to sustainable development of personnel for the benefits of the performance at the international level in the future.



DSI welcomed delegation form the Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA) of Thailand and the Village Focus International (VFI) of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to a study visit on Human Trafficking Prosecution Process

On 22 April 2024, from 10:30 to 12:00 hrs, Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General of the DSI, assigned the Bureau of Human Trafficking, led by Pol.Maj. Arit Tatsaphan, to welcome the delegation from the Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA) of Thailand and the Village Focus International (VFI) of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, led by Ms. Kanjana Akrachat, during their study visit on human





trafficking prosecution process and exchange of experience between the agencies responsible for preventing and suppressing human trafficking.

The study visit aims to present the DSI's missions and operating procedures for preventing and suppressing human trafficking and exchange

knowledge and experiences between the agencies to improve their approaches to tackling human trafficking problems more efficiently and effectively.

DSI strengthens relations with NGOs to organize task force meeting to address call center scams and illegal online scammers in neighboring countries

The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) and IJM Foundation organized a task force meeting on Friday, April 26, 2024, at Meeting Room 1, the DSI headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for relevant government sector and civil society to share the situation of human trafficking and forced labor, with a focus on call center gang and online scammers in Thailand and its neighboring countries. The meeting also aimed to brainstorm ideas for prevention and further action by each agency. The relevant agencies included IJM Foundation, Destiny Rescue, the Scientia Project, Nightlight International, the Exodus Road, Global Alms Incorporated, A21 Foundation, Immanuel Foundation, and Ezekiel Rain. International organizations included International Organization for Migration (IOM), as well as foreign government agencies such as Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).





The said task force meeting provided a platform for all agencies to present information on the current situation, challenges, and problems or obstacles they face. Moreover, a key objective of the meeting was to establish a partnership agreement between DSI and the Joint NGOs on Human Trafficking for Criminal Offenses Related to Call Center Cases and Online Scammers. The meeting also included a team-building activity, known as TIPMATCH, to further strengthen relationships among the agencies. ★

The head of the special case investigation team has summoned alleged offender in the case of Krabi Oil-Palm Farmers Cooperatives Federation Limited, to acknowledge the charges, extended the deadline of Krabivisetpalmoil Co., Ltd., to removed items from the Palm Oil Extraction Factory area to May 2

On Monday, April 29, 2024, Police Captain Channarong Tubsarn, Deputy Director of Regional Operations Bureau and head of the special case inquiry team no. 56/2566, signed a summons for 5 suspects for acknowledgement of the charges on May 7-8, 2024, including:

1. Mr. Panop (surname withheld), a former officer of the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) who recently retired, is charged with "being a state official who performed or failed to perform duties or exercised authority in their position, to cause the injury to any person," under Section 172 of the Organic Act on Anti-Corruption, B.E. 2561 (2018).

2. Mr. Nithinai (surname withheld), is charged with supporting state officials who performed or failed to perform their duties under the Organic Act on Anti-Corruption, B.E. 2561 (2018), in conjunction with Section 83 of the Criminal Code.

3. Mr. Samrerng (surname withheld), is charged with supporting state officials who performed or failed to perform their duties under the Organic Act on Anti-Corruption, B.E. 2561 (2018), in conjunction with Section 83 of the Criminal Code.

4. Mr. Yutthana (surname withheld), is charged with supporting state officials who performed or failed to perform their duties under the Organic Act on Anti-Corruption, B.E. 2561 (2018), in conjunction with Section 83 of the Criminal Code.



5. Mr. Jom (surname withheld), is charged with supporting state officials who performed or failed to perform their duties under the Organic Act on Anti-Corruption, B.E. 2561 (2018), in conjunction with Section 83 of the Criminal Code.



In this case, members of the Krabi Oil-Palm Farmers Cooperatives Federation Limited and the public suspect that, after the special case inquiry team no. 56/2566 had already frozen the Palm Oil Extraction Factory in Klong Thom District, a property of Krabi Oil-Palm Farmers Cooperatives Federation

Limited, Krabivisetpalmoil Co., Ltd. was still allowed to buy fresh palm for extraction. Subsequently the general public, members of Krabi Oil-Palm Farmers Cooperatives Federation Limited, and stakeholders are informed that the inspection revealed that Krabivisetpalmoil Co., Ltd. had already submitted documents for a palm oil futures contract with a third party who may not have been aware of the details. The special case investigation team then held a meeting with the Director of the Bureau of Special Operations and a representative from the Legal Affairs Division, where they collectively agreed to allow Krabivisetpalmoil Co., Ltd. to remove non-evidence assets from the Palm Oil Extraction Factory in Klong Thom District by May 2, 2024, before 6:00 PM.

"In addressing the handling of the seized assets, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, has provided a policy requesting that the investigation team clarify all problems and be able to answer questions from all parties and individuals who have concerns. Meanwhile, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director General, has instructed the investigation team to thoroughly investigate and gather all forms of evidence to ensure that the truth is fully revealed. The special case investigation team has organized meetings with various parties, which has helped in understanding the movements of the offenders. From now on, there will be a focus on detailed scientific evidence, and summonses will be issued to accomplices among the second and third-tier suspects to acknowledge the charges," said Police Captain Channarong Tubsarn.

In the case of corruption involving the Krabi Oil-Palm Farmers Cooperatives Federation Limited, it has been designated as a special case with the approval of the Board of Special Cases. The investigation began under Special Case No. 215/2565, during which it was discovered that a government official, an employee of the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives



(BAAC), was involved in wrongdoing. The inquiry team then sent the case files to the Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), which decided to return them to the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) for further investigation to identify the offenders. Police Captain Channarong Tubsarn, Deputy Director of Regional Operations Bureau, was assigned to lead the special case inquiry team No. 56/2566 and inspected the seized property, which is the Palm Oil Extraction Factory in Klong Thom District, Krabi Province. The special case inquiry team No. 56/2566 posted a notice at the factory entrance indicating that it is seized in Special Case No. 56/2566.



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May 2024

DSI in Collaboration with CIB Submits Charges against 42 Individuals in MORE Stock Manipulation Case

The Department of Special Investigation (DSI), through its Bureau of Financial-Banking Crime and Money Laundering, in cooperation with the Central Investigation Bureau (CIB), has concluded its investigation into Special Case No. 66/2566 involving the alleged manipulation of MORE stock prices. The case was initiated following complaints filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) – alleging stock price manipulation against a group of individuals – and by securities companies, alleging fraud. At the direction of the Prime Minister, a team of investigators from the CIB was appointed to join the investigation under Section 33 of the Special Case Investigation Act.



After a thorough investigation, the DSI has gathered sufficient evidence to charge 42 individuals with jointly manipulating the prices and trade volumes of MORE stocks. The investigation revealed that the suspects – each with assigned roles – worked together to create a false impression of high trading activity for MORE stocks by placing coordinated buy and sell orders. This manipulation misled the public about the true value of MORE stocks, constituting a violation of Section 244/3 (1) and (2) of the Securities and Exchange Act, B.E. 2535 (1992), in conjunction with Sections 244/5 and 244/6. The estimated damage caused by this manipulation is approximately 800 million baht. The DSI's investigation further revealed that the suspects' actions also constitute the crime of fraud against securities companies, causing damages exceeding 4.5 billion baht. Additionally, the suspects are charged with forming a criminal assembly under Sections 341, 209, and 210, in conjunction with Section 83 of the Criminal Code.

On May 2, 2024, the DSI investigation team submitted 75 case files, along with their recommendation to charge the 42 suspects, to public prosecutors at the Department of Special Litigation, Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for further legal action.



DSI seized about 20,000 trademark infringed merchandises of foreign major football clubs

On 2 May 2024, under the supervision of Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General, Acting Director-General of the DSI, Pol.Lt.Col. Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General, assigned Pol.Capt. Polson Terdsanguan, Director of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau, Pol.Lt.Col. Yuthana Tangkoblap, Deputy Director of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau, Mr. Sakda Pipatthamakul, Head of the Intellectual Property Crime Division 3, along with officials from the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau and the Special Operations Bureau, to execute search warrants issued by the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court at 3 locations used for storage and sale of sportswear infringing trademarks of foreign major football clubs, in Maha Sawat Subdistrict, Bang Kruai District, Nonthaburi Province and Bang Rak Phattana Subdistrict, Bang Bua Thong District, Nonthaburi Province. The searches were observed by the representatives of the injured party.



At 2 of the 3 locations searched, the team discovered around 20,000 pieces of sportswear infringing trademarks of foreign major football clubs, namely, Arsenal, Manchester City, Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United, Newcastle United, and trademarks of Nike, Adidas, Puma, etc., which potentially violate the Trademark Act, B.E. 2534 (1991) and its amendments. The DSI officials seized the said merchandise and handed over to the special case inquiry officials of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau for inspection and as exhibit in the procedures under the Special Case Investigation Act, B.E. 2547 (2004) and its amendments. This operation derived from the investigation case no. 1/2567, the case of potential special case of Intellectual property infringement, handled by the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau.



DSI files 4 charges against 8 Aranyaprathet Police Officers under Anti-Torture Law and Criminal Code for Allegedly Coercing or Torturing Uncle Piak

According to the special case investigation team of the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau, a letter has been issued summoning police officers from Aranyaprathet Police Station to be informed of the charges against them in case of allegations that they coerced or tortured Mr. Panya, or "Uncle Piak", into confessing to the murder of Mrs.



Buaphan Tansoo, or "Aunt Buaphan", who was fatally assaulted by a group of youths. The case has been regarded as a special case (Special Case No. 9/2567) as it falls under the violations of the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act, B.E. 2565 (2022).

On May 9, 2024, the 8 Aranyaprathet police officers, who were involved in the custody of Mr. Panya or Uncle Piak, had come to the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) to acknowledge their charges. Mr. Angsuket Wisutvatthansak, Director of the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau, along with the special case investigation team and Mr. Watcharin Phanurat, the Deputy Director General of the Investigation Department and Head of the Working Group on monitoring or supervising the investigation, Office of the Attorney General, and a team of public prosecutors jointly conducted the notification of charge and interrogations of the 8 Aranyaprathet police officers, comprising 5 commissioned officers and 3 non-commissioned officers, who were charged with “being state officials who jointly performed or failed to perform their duties unlawfully which lead to causing damage to others or the public, jointly committed cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or violating human dignity; jointly committed enforced disappearance, jointly coerced others to act or omit from action or to be subject to or dominated by a person or thing threatening the life, body and freedom of such person, by cooperating with 5 people or more and jointly put others into unlawful detention or acted in any forms to refrain others from owning freedom of their bodies” which violates the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act, B.E. 2565 (2022) and the Criminal Code. The 8 police officers denied all the charges that have been made against them. The special case investigation team allowed the accused police officers to execute their rights to present facts and evidence to prove their



innocence in accordance with the law. The 8 accused police officers were going to prepare statement of clarification and submit documentary evidence to the special case investigation team by May 27, 2024.

After this, the special case investigation team will collect facts and evidence. Once the investigation is complete, the investigation file will be sent to the public prosecutors for further proceedings under the final paragraph of Section 31 of the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act and the investigation team will also notify the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).

Special Case No. 9/2567, the case of an alleged forced or tortured confession of Mr. Panya or "Uncle Piak" in the murder case of Mrs. Buaphan Tansoo or "Aunt Buaphan" who was assaulted to death by a group of youths, is the first special case that the Department of Special Investigation has investigated under the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act, B.E. 2565 (2022). It is in line with the policy of Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, who assigned the Bureau of Justice Enhancement Affairs to expedite the investigation to ensure justice for all parties due to the significant impact on human rights and the justice system of this special case.



The Minister of Justice grants identification cards starting with the letter G to 102 students and people who have been added to the Civil Registration (unregistered Thai people) in Kaeng Krachan District, Phetchaburi Province

On May 13, 2024, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong (Minister of Justice) presided over a ceremony to grant identification cards to a group of students whose ID numbers begin with the letter G and to people who have been added to the Civil Registration (unregistered Thai people) under the Bringing Justice to the People project to resolve status of persons and nationality issues at Kaeng Krachan District Office, Phetchaburi Province. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Phakapas Songwattanayuth (Vice Governor of Phetchaburi Province), Mr. Thanayot Hirannet (District Chief of Kaeng



Krachan), and executives from the Ministry of Justice, including Mr. Yoosin Jintapakorn (Vice Minister of Justice), Mr. Niyom Termsrisuk (Advisor to the Minister of Justice), Police Lieutenant Colonel Prawut Wongsrinin (Director General of Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection), Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool (Deputy Director General of Department of Special Investigation), and representatives from agencies under the Ministry of Justice.

The granting of these identification cards is a result of integration between the Kaeng Krachan District Registration Office and the Ministry of Justice by the Department of Special Investigation, the Central Institute of Forensic Science, the Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection, the Phetchaburi Provincial Justice Office, and partner agencies such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and civil society organizations. The group of people who received assistance in this ceremony consisted of 55 students whose ID numbers begin with the letter G and without registration status, and 47 individuals who have been added to the Civil Registration (unregistered Thai people), for a total of 102 people assisted.



In addition, the ceremony also included registration for people who wished to request free DNA testing from the Ministry of Justice or request assistance in developing their registration status. The Ministry of Justice will work with the Kaeng Krachan District Registration Office and relevant government and civil society organizations to provide assistance to both groups.



After the ID card granting ceremony in the morning, a meeting was held among the relevant agencies at the Kaeng Krachan District Office to develop a plan to assist these groups. Initially, the assistance period has been set for the end of June 2024.



In the Kaeng Krachan District, Phetchaburi Province, there are approximately 1,100 stateless persons and people who have registration status issues, including Karen people, ethnic minorities, and indigenous Thai groups. The Ministry of Justice, through the Department of Special Investigation and relevant agencies, will continuously integrate efforts to provide assistance to these groups in collaboration with the Kaeng Krachan district authorities in Phetchaburi province.

DSI volunteers to build cyber immunity for the members of the Senior Government Officials and Teachers Club of the Ministry of Education

On 13 May 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director General, Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General, and Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, assigned Mr.



Mr. Ratchapruk Choodam, Deputy Director of the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, along with Ms. Patamaporn Krisanayuth, Head of Technology and Cyber Crime Division 1, the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime team, and officers from the Public Relations Division of the Office of the Secretary, to be speakers and host an exhibition on

preventing technology and cybercrimes from various types of scammers. This event was organized to educate the members of the Senior Government Officials and Teachers Club of the Ministry of Education at the Kowit Vorapipat Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Ratchamangkhalapisek Building, Ministry of Education.

The Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime of the Department of Special Investigation recognizes the importance of preventing scams, particularly cybercrimes targeting retired government officials, who are a primary target for scammers. The discussion received very positive feedback. The club will adopt the recommended defensive measures and distribute this information to all its members across the country.



“Blessed with Royal Presence” of Her Majesty Queen Suthida of Thailand and Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden at the Child Protection Summit Bangkok 2024 World Childhood X SafeguardKids. MOJ, MOI and MSDHS to collaborate on striving to protect Thai children from sexual abuse on/offline

On May 16, 2024, Her Majesty Queen Suthida Bajrasudhabimalalakshana of Thailand and Her Majesty Queen Silvia Renate Sommerlath of Sweden were in attendance and delivered Royal Speeches at the opening ceremony for the “Child Protection Summit Bangkok 2024” event, which was jointly organized by the



World Childhood Foundation, founded by Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden, and Thailand’s SafeguardKids Foundation in collaboration with network members of all sectors: public, private and civil society, such as Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Interior's Ladies Association, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Ministry of

Foreign Affairs, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Department of Special Investigation (DSI), Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), Charoen Pokphand Group Co., Ltd., the Mall Group Co., Ltd., Siam Piwat Co., Ltd., etc.

On this occasion, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, Mrs. Phongsaward Neelayodhin, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General of the Department of Special Investigation, along with the Ministry of Justice’s executives and its government officials assembled for waiting to greet and receive Her Majesty the Queens.

In the meeting, Minister of Justice gave his speech on justice process in connection with children and juvenile protection. This event was held with the objectives to strive to protect and combat the violation of children's and juveniles’ rights, both physical and mental, with special concentration on Thai child sexual abuse through all channels and especially focusing on online channels, which have been growing exponentially since 2022. In line with the objectives, the followings must be accomplished: establish stronger safeguards to prevent child sexual abuse, enact stronger laws to protect children and youths,



and deter perpetrators with fear of punishment, while promoting societal rejection of this issue, until all forms of child rights violations are eradicated from Thai society. This will be achieved through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, to improve the quality of life and protect children and youths from sexual assault and abuse.

In this regard, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, in her capacity as a representative of the Ministry of Justice, has co-signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cooperation to improve the quality of life and protect children and youths from sexual assault and abuse. The MOU was signed alongside the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. This collaboration aims to strengthen and concretize the implementation of these efforts.



In addition to the main event, there was also special seminar on the topics of "Key steps to reduce child sexual abuse online", led by Mr. Khemachart



Prakaihongmanee, the Director of Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, Department of Special Investigation, and "Protecting Children from sexual abuse: Challenges and Key steps forward". Furthermore, exhibitions on child sexual exploitation online and children's rights to equality were held by the Department

of Special Investigation, featuring a Burmese artist, and various organizations working on children and juveniles in Thailand. These events took place in the ESCAP Hall at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) on Rajadamnern Avenue in Bangkok.



DSI has jointly signed an MoU on the agreement on the system or process of disclosing or exchanging information by the Anti-Online Scam Operation Center (AOC) to support the implementation of Section 4 of the Emergency Decree on Measures for the Prevention and Suppression of Technological Crimes, B.E. 2566 (2023)

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 4:00 PM, at MDES 1 meeting room, 9th floor, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES), Rattthaprasasanabhakti Building, Government Complex,



Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General of Department of Special Investigation (DSI) participated in the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding on the agreement on the system or process of disclosing or exchanging information by the Anti-Online Scam Operation Center (AOC) to support the implementation

of Section 4 of the Emergency Decree on Measures for the Prevention and Suppression of Technological Crimes, B.E. 2566 (2023) with representatives of 5 other related agencies, including:

- Professor Wisit Wisitsora-At, Permanent Secretary of the MDES, as the representative of the MDES
- Police Lieutenant General Worawat Watnakhonbuncha, Commissioner of Cyber Crime Investigation Bureau (CCIB), as the representative of the CCIB
- Mr. Teppasu Bavornchotidara, Secretary-General of the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO), as the representative of the AMLO
- Miss Daranee Saeju, Assistant Governor (Payment Systems Policy and Financial Consumer Protection Group), as the representative of the Bank of Thailand (BOT)
- Mr. Chanthaphat Khamkhokgruad, Policy and Planning Expert, Acting Secretary-General of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), as the representative of the NBTC

Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, Mr. Ratchapruk Choodam and Mr. Yosson Ruangsungamsiri,



Deputy Directors of Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, and Mrs. Nonnatee Tokiew, Head of Case Administration Division, along with officers from Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, DSI, also attended this signing ceremony.

The MDES, the Royal Thai Police, the DSI, the AMLO, the BOT, and the NBTC have jointly agreed to use the AOC 1441 as a central platform for receiving and exchanging information to integrate data in Automation and use artificial intelligence (AI) to analyze data. Relevant agencies have been tasked with sending data to the AOC 1441 to ensure its completeness and enable effective implementation in accordance with the objectives of the Emergency Decree on Measures for the Prevention and Suppression of Technological Crimes, B.E. 2566 (2023).



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DSI raided warehouse storing fake products for online distribution, with 20 million baht in circulation

On June 19, 2023, at approximately 11:00 AM, under the direction of Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, and Police Captain Polson Terdsanguan, Director of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau, a search operation was conducted. Police Lieutenant Polop Petchrung, Deputy Director of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau, Mr. Manoch Kongkiatpanich, Director of the Intellectual Property Crime Division 2, along with officers from the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau, executed search warrants issued by the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court. The operation involved searching three



locations involved in the production and sale of counterfeit goods. These locations were situated in Bang Ma Nang Subdistrict and Bang Yai District in Nonthaburi province, and Din Daeng District in Bangkok. Representatives of the affected brands were present to observe the search.



The investigation revealed that a major distributor was illicitly selling counterfeit goods bearing trademarks through a Facebook page with a large following and high order volume. Over a six-month period, transactions through this page amounted to 20 million baht. Consequently, investigators executed search warrants at a townhouse in Bang Ma Nang Subdistrict, which was used for live broadcasts to promote and sell the counterfeit goods through the Facebook page, as well as for storage. Additionally, a commercial building in Din Daeng District, used for manufacturing the goods, was also searched.



The search resulted in the seizure of over 5,000 counterfeit items, including watches, bags, perfumes, and clothing, bearing trademarks of various brands registered in the Kingdom of Thailand, such as Louis Vuitton, Hermes, Gucci, Chanel, and others. The estimated value of the seized goods is over 5.5 million baht. After confirmation by the brand representatives, all seized items were confiscated for further examination and legal proceedings.



The illicit production and sale of counterfeit goods cause significant damage to the economy and the country's image, potentially impacting international trade relations. This type of offense is considered a serious economic crime that requires rigorous investigation and suppression, to improve Thailand's status and remove it from the United States Trade Representative's (USTR) Watch List (WL).

Minister of Justice Follows Up on Progress after DSI Apprehends Mr. Chanin, Executive of STARK Company, Arriving in Thailand Today - Expediting Investigation for Transfer to Public Prosecutor

On Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 8:30 AM, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), Acting Director-General of the DSI, led an inquiry official team from the Financial-Banking Crimes and Money Laundering Bureau and officers from Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, Special Operations Bureau, and the Surveillance and Intelligence Operation Team of the DSI to Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Samut Prakan Province to apprehend Mr.



Chanin (surname withheld), a director of Stark Corporation Public Company Limited, a suspect under the Criminal Court's arrest warrant No. 2145/2566, dated July 5, 2023, who was a key suspect and had fled the country to avoid arrest since mid-2023. For this arrest of Mr. Chanin, Mr. Srettha Thavisin, the Prime Minister, coordinated with the authorities



of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to extradite Mr. Chanin, who was a suspect the DSI had requested the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) to track and extradite, so that the DSI can take him to the public prosecutor for further legal proceedings according to the law.



Later, at 2:30 PM, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, arrived at the DSI to follow up on the progress of Mr. Chanin's detention and interrogation. He confirmed that the operation to apprehend Mr. Chanin was carried out in full compliance with legal procedures and that it was a good thing that the suspect would enter the justice system to prove his guilt or

innocence. The Ministry of Justice has overseen the DSI's investigation to ensure that it is conducted thoroughly and concisely, giving fairness to all parties. The Minister emphasized that this case is related to the capital market that the public and all sectors are interested in, in order to restore investor confidence in the country's financial and capital markets.

This case originated when the DSI, by the Financial-Banking Crimes and Money Laundering Bureau, began investigating it as a Special Case on June 20, 2023, with Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the DSI, as the head of the inquiry official team. Once the investigation was complete, the special case investigation file was sent to the public prosecutor at the Department of Special Litigation. On December 8, 2023, the public prosecutor decided to indict a total of 11 suspects on charges under the Securities and Exchange Act, B.E. 2535 (1992), the Criminal Code for public fraud, and the Anti-Money Laundering Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), and its amendments for money laundering. The inquiry official will transfer Mr. Chanin to the public prosecutor on Monday, June 24, 2024.



Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Republic of Madagascar paid a courtesy call to the Minister of Justice, revealing that there were discussions to expand the prosecution of transnational organized wildlife crime, conducting wildlife trafficking



On Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 1:30 PM, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, welcomed Mr. Max Andonirina Fontaine, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Republic of Madagascar, who paid a courtesy call to the Minister of Justice at the reception room, 3rd floor, Ministry of Justice building. The event was attended by Police Lieutenant Colonel Amorn Hongsritong, Director of Natural Resources and Environment Crime Bureau, Mr. Udomkaan Warotamasikkhadit, Deputy Director of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, Mr. Teerat Limpayaraya, Provincial Public Prosecutor attached to the Office of the Attorney General, and officers from the Department of Special Investigation (DSI).

In addition to paying a courtesy call to the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Madagascar discussed future cooperation with the Minister of Justice on the issue of the justice process in order to expand the prosecution of transnational organized wildlife crime, conducting wildlife trafficking from the Republic of Madagascar. In this case, the DSI, through the Natural Resources and Environment Crime Bureau, has accepted the case for investigation under the Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act, B.E. 2562 (2019). This case involved integrating intelligence and conducting a joint investigation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service



(USFWS), Wildlife Justice Commission (WJC), and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The Royal Thai Police was also coordinated to expand the investigation, resulting in the arrest of a key Thai wildlife trafficker and his accomplices on May 1, 2024, seizing 1,076 radiated tortoises and 48 lemurs, which are native wildlife of the Republic of Madagascar. This is considered a significant arrest and the largest seizure of wildlife trafficked internationally from the Republic of Madagascar ever made. It is a serious threat to biodiversity and environmental heritage, as these animals are valuable native species of the Republic of Madagascar and are listed as critically endangered on CITES Appendix I, which prohibits import and export. This has caused immeasurable damage and impact. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Madagascar has requested the Ministry of Justice to take decisive action by expanding the investigation and prosecution of a key Thai wildlife trafficker, his accomplices, and all related wildlife trafficking networks. He also intended for this cooperation to initiate the development of a collaborative effort to combat transnational wildlife trafficking between Thailand's Ministry of Justice and Madagascar's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, with support from the USFWS, the WJC, and the UNODC, to enhance the effectiveness of anti-transnational wildlife trafficking efforts. The Minister of Justice stated that the Thai government is ready to cooperate in the prosecution, and has instructed the DSI to expand the investigation into the networks smuggling wildlife into Thailand. This will require coordination with the Office of the Attorney General. The Minister of Justice also stated that Thailand will cooperate in returning the trafficked wildlife back to the Republic of Madagascar.



DSI organized investigative interviewing training for special cases

On Monday, June 10th, 2024, at 8:45 AM, Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), presided over the opening ceremony of the Investigative Interviewing for Special Cases Training Program. The program was organized by the Special Expertise Development Division, Bureau of Development and Logistics, and took place from June 10th to 14th, 2024, at the DSI Academy in Nong Chok District, Bangkok.



The objective of the program was to equip DSI personnel with knowledge and skills in interviewing or questioning techniques to uncover the truth, in accordance with international standards. The participants will be able to apply the acquired knowledge to their duties in special case investigations, enhancing their effectiveness. A total of 31 participants were honored to have distinguished guest speakers with expertise in psychology and interview techniques from various agencies, both domestic and international, such as the Royal Thai Police and the Norwegian Police Service.



State Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka discussed with the Minister of Justice of Thailand on request for rescuing Sri Lankan trafficked victims locked up and forced to be scammers in Myanmar

On 13 June 2024, at 1.00 p.m., at the reception room, 11th floor, Ministry of Justice, Pol.Col. Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, accompanied by Pol.Capt. Piya Raksakul, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, Pol.Capt. Thinavudth Silapat, Director of the Bureau of Foreign



Affairs and Transnational Crime of the DSI, Ms. Atitaya Thongboon, Head of the Foreign Affairs Division of the Office of Permanent Secretary for Justice, Mr. Chayapol Saitawee, Head of the Human Trafficking Division 1 of the DSI, and Ms. Patraporn Thaweewong, Head of the Foreign Affairs and International Relations Division of the DSI, welcomed Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State



Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, H.E. C.A. Chaminda I. Colonne, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Thailand and Permanent Representative to UNESCAP, Mr Sisira Senaviratne, Director General of the Consular Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, and the Sri Lanka delegation.



During this visit, both parties discussed the cooperation to rescue the Sri Lankan trafficked victims in Myanmar who are workers lured to work illegally abroad. The Sri Lanka delegation has expressed their concern of the issue and requested cooperation of Thailand to rescue the victims. The Minister of Justice is willing to assist by coordinating with the relevant

agencies to rescue the said victims and safely return them to Sri Lanka. He assigned the Department of Special Investigation to establish a contact channel with the Sri Lanka party to further discuss the rescue procedures. Moreover, both parties agreed to expand their cooperation for anti-trafficking in persons and exchanging information related to this matter for effective performance.

DSI and Myanmar Police Force attended bilateral meeting to exchange information on trafficking in persons

On 11-12 June 2024, by the order of Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the DSI and Pol.Capt. Piya Raksakul, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, Pol.Maj. Siriwish Kasemsap, Director of the Bureau of Human Trafficking, assigned Pol.Maj. Arit Tatsaphan, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Human Trafficking, Mr. Paphawin Manyawut, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Human Trafficking, and officials of the Bureau to welcome Pol.Brig.Gen. Myint Htoo and the delegation from the Myanmar Police Force comprised of representatives of Anti-human Trafficking Police Force, Ministry of Defense, Department of Immigration and Population, Department of Social Welfare, etc. to the 2024 Bilateral Meeting on Counter Trafficking in Persons between the Department of Special Investigation and the Myanmar



Police Force hosted by the DSI in Chiang Mai Province. This is the 23rd meeting between the two agencies to promote the cooperation in preventing and suppressing trafficking in persons, focusing on the exchange of information and reinforcing the capabilities of the agencies in accordance with the policy of



Pol.Col. Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, given to the DSI that the counter trafficking in persons efforts must be carried out with the 5P principles; Policy Prevention Protection Prosecution, and Partnership. This meeting was to emphasize the aspect of partnership.

Apart from the discussion to exchange information on trafficking in persons, intelligence, directions of case proceedings, and investigative cooperation, the meeting also presented the opportunities to discuss the protection and remedy for victims of trafficking in persons and forced labor with the partner organizations who sponsored this meeting, namely, the International Justice Mission (IJM), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Immanuel Foundation, the LIFT International, the Rafah International, the Destiny Rescue, and the ZOE Foundation, all of which the partners that have been jointly working to prevent and suppress trafficking in persons together with the DSI. The delegation also was invited to observe the operation of the said partner organizations at their premises.

The DSI is organizing a workshop to enhance the capabilities of agencies in providing legal aid and access to justice in the Ratchaburi area

On Thursday, June 13, 2024, the Debtors and Unfairly-Treated People Help Center and the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau of the DSI organized a workshop on legal empowerment and access to justice by Mr. Angsuket Wisutvatthansak, The Director of the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau, who presided over the opening ceremony of



the workshop attended by public officers from the Debtors and Unfairly-Treated People Help Center, the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau, Ratchaburi Provincial Justice Office, representatives from the Government Savings Bank, and the general public, totaling 80 people, at the Solar Ballroom, Hotel Wisma Ratchaburi.

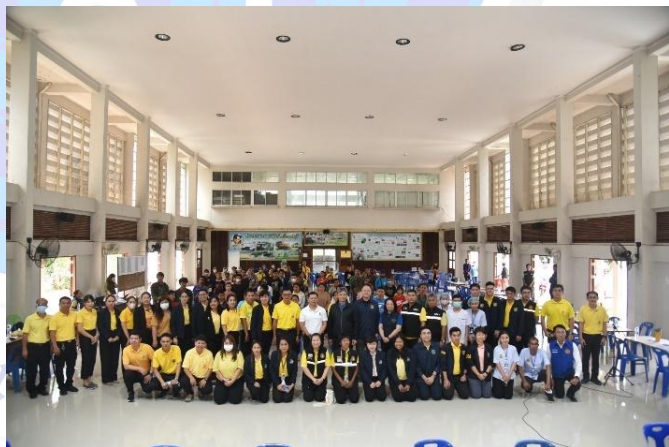


This seminar aimed to enhance the understanding of legal aspects for public officers and the general public, enabling access to justice and government agencies to assist people and prevent and solve

usury, while setting guidelines for financial management. It provided a valuable opportunity for government agencies and the general public to collaborate, share opinions, and establish effective guidelines to successfully solve usury and ensure sustainability.

DSI, in collaboration with agencies under the Ministry of Justice, traveled to Kaeng Krachan District in Phetchaburi Province to assist in updating the registration status of the Pong Luek Bang Kloi villagers

On June 17-18, 2024, Police Major Suriya Singhakamol, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Justice Ministry, oversaw the coordination of various agencies under the Ministry of Justice, namely, the Department of Special Investigation, the Central Institute of Forensic Science, the Rights and Liberties Protection Department, the Office of Justice Affairs in Phetchaburi Province, and the Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection. They collaborated in verifying the nationality of villagers from Ban Pong Luek and Ban Bang Kloy in Huai Mae Priang Subdistrict, Kaeng Krachan District, Phetchaburi Province. Approximately 200 witnesses were interviewed across Kaeng Krachan District to gather information for the Bureau of Registration Administration, aimed at issuing birth certificates and processing naturalization applications under Section 33 of the Nationality Act.





This practice involved fieldwork in Phetchaburi, in compliance with the policies of Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, to bring justice to people and grant justice to stateless individuals in Thailand. The effort was led by Mr. Angsuket Wisutvatthansak, Director of the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau, along with officers from

the Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau and the Special Case Operation Center Region 7, Bureau of Regional Operations, for integration.

Seminar on Legal Mechanism against Corruption to create Transparency & Integrity in Thai society

A Seminar on Legal Mechanism against Corruption to Create Transparency & Integrity in the Thai Society was honored by the presence of Mr. Uthis Buasri, Deputy Secretary-General of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), as an expert speaker. He shared his valuable knowledge with 70 officers of the DSI on Monday, June 17, 2024, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM at Meeting Room 1, 1st Floor, the Department of Special Investigation building. The seminar was also accessible via Cisco Webex online conference and Facebook Live: DSI Department of Special Investigation. This event was organized by the Bureau of Legal Affairs of the Department of Special Investigation.



DSI Enhanced Officer Capabilities by Developing Advanced Digital Operational Skills to Handle Online Child Sexual Abuse Cases

On June 24, 2024, Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), presided over the opening ceremony of the training program "Enhancing the Capacity of Law Enforcement Officers in Proactive Investigation of Online Child Sexual Abuse Cases." The event, organized by the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, took place in the computer room on the first floor of the DSI building. The training continued until June 26, 2024, with financial support from the Hanns Seidel Foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany in Thailand.



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During this training, Mr. Yeo Kok Leong, Assistant Superintendent of Criminal Investigation with the Singapore Police Force, who has over 20 years of experience, graciously served as the speaker throughout the training. Participants learned to track and gather evidence related to the distribution of child pornography, enabling them to identify perpetrators and assist children quickly.

Additionally, the training emphasized the development of advanced digital operational skills and the exchange of information with international law enforcement agencies to strengthen cooperation in the investigation and prevention of online child sexual abuse cases. This initiative marks a significant step in enhancing the ability of officers to effectively handle crimes involving children in the digital age.

The DSI welcomed a delegation from the Ministry of Justice, during a visit to exchange knowledge about the development of the smart crime mapping system.

On June 18, 2024, at the Department of Special Investigation building, Pol. Capt. Piya Raksakul, Deputy Director-General of the DSI; Police Major Natapol Ditsayatham, Expert in Consumer Protection and Environmental Crime; Mr. Kraisri Sawangsri, Head of the Mapping and Geo-information Technology



Division; and Mr. Phuchit Karnasutha, Head of Criminal Intelligence Analysis Division, welcomed a delegation from the Ministry of Justice. The delegation included Assoc. Prof. Dr. Weeraphart Khunrattanasiri, Advisor to the Minister of Justice, a representative from the Department of Corrections, and a representative from the Office of the Narcotics Control Board. The purpose of the visit was to learn about and exchange knowledge regarding the development of the smart crime mapping system (DSI Crime Map) used in the Department of Special Investigation's criminal investigation. This visit aligns with the Minister of Justice's policy to facilitate work and information exchange between departments. The goal is to develop a Central Crime Map Data Center for the Ministry of Justice, which can be utilized to drive management policies and effectively address public grievances swiftly and efficiently.

A study visit was conducted at the Bureau of Technology and Information Inspection Center, during which the Mapping and Geo-information Technology Division presented and exchanged knowledge regarding the development of the smart crime mapping system (DSI Crime Map). This system aims to function as the model Data Center for the Ministry of Justice by consolidating related



information from agencies under the Ministry of Justice into one system, leading to maximum benefits in driving Ministry of Justice management policies and efficiently solving public sufferings.

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The DSI and the Institute of Asian Studies at Chulalongkorn University had a meeting to discuss strategies for cracking down on illegal SIM card distribution and dismantling cybercrime gangs

The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) and the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) at Chulalongkorn University had a meeting to discuss strategies for cracking down on illegal SIM cards and preventing the growing problem of cybercrime gangs. The meeting aimed to enhance cooperation and the efficiency of addressing these problems. This follows the signing of an academic cooperation agreement between the two agencies on January 17, 2024, which focuses on the development and enhancement of the field of justice administration and academic knowledge.



On Friday, July 19, 2024, Mr. Sansana Asawachuang, a Primary Executive of the Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission, as representative from the Office of the NBTC, together with



Police Lieutenant Colonel Pongin Intarakhao, former Deputy Director-General of the DSI and advisor to the working group on driving the academic cooperation agreement between the DSI and the IAS, along with Police Captain Khemachart Prakhyongmanee, the Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, DSI, had a meeting with Dr. Ratchada Jayagupta, IAS, Chulalongkorn University, and

found the illegal sale of mobile phone SIM cards beyond the authorized period, as permitted by the Office of NBTC. This collaboration marks a significant step in elevating academic work and personnel development to enhance justice administration in Thailand.



The spokesperson for the Ministry of Justice, along with DSI and AMLO, held a press conference to update on the progress of the STARK stock case

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 1:30 PM, Mr. Somboon Muangklum, Advisor to the Minister of Justice and spokesperson for the Ministry of Justice, along with Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), Police Major Worranan Srilum, Director of the Bureau of Illegal Financial Business and spokesperson for DSI, and Mr. Wittaya Nititum, Director of the Bureau of Legal Affairs and spokesperson for the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO), jointly held a press conference on the progress of the prosecution and asset recovery in the STARK stock fraud case, Special Case No. 57/2566.



In this case, DSI provided an opinion on the case and sent the special investigation file to the public prosecutor at the Special Litigation Department on December 8, 2023. Subsequently, the public prosecutor issued charges against a total of 11 individuals involved, including Mr. Chanin (surname withheld), a former President of the

Company; Mr. Wanarush (surname withheld), a former company director; Mr. Sathar, a former Company Director and Chief Accounting and Finance Officer; Mr. Kittisak (surname withheld), a former Chief Marketing Officer; Miss Yotsabawon (surname withheld), a former Director of Human Resources and Subsidiary Company; and Miss Nattaya, a former Accounting Officer of Stark Corporation Public Company Limited, Phelps Dodge International (Thailand) Limited, Adisorn Songkhla Company Limited, Thai Cable International Company Limited, and Asia Pacific Drilling Engineering Company Limited. Following the arrest of Mr. Chanin, a key alleged offender, the public prosecutor has now fully filed charges against all suspects in the Criminal Court. All alleged offenders are currently in custody, awaiting trial. The first court hearing is scheduled for January 14, 2025, with the final hearing set for December 2025.

In the criminal case, the total damages amount to 14,778 million baht, divided into 9,198 million baht in debentures and 5,580 million baht in right offering. DSI and AMLO have previously seized assets totaling approximately over 3,000 million baht. However, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has filed a petition with the Criminal Court, which has ordered the seizure



of assets belonging to Stark Corporation and related companies under the Securities and Exchange Act, B.E. 2535 (1992).

DSI is currently investigating offenses under the Anti-Money Laundering Act, B.E. 2542 (1999) for the transfer or receipt of assets obtained from the predicate offense of defrauding the public. The DSI is in the process of investigating and considering taking actions against individuals who transferred and received assets without legal grounds for debt. This includes the receipt of money transfer from the former Chief Accounting and Finance Officer, Mr. Sathar, who is currently under investigation for additional asset seizures in cooperation with AMLO. This case is registered as Special Case No. 32/2567. Additionally, DSI is considering investigating certain directors, as accused by SEC.

Regarding the issue of the Minister of Justice appointing Mr. Pichai Nilthongkam as the chairman of the working group to study the modus operandi of Stark Corporation Public Company Limited (STARK), Mr. Pichai expressed his desire to step down from this position. Consequently, the Minister of Justice has thus issued Ministry of Justice Order No. 171/2567 dated July 9, 2024, to cancel the previous order and appoint Mr. Pongthep Thepkanjana, former Minister of Justice, as the new chairman of the working group. Additionally, the Secretary-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the President of the Federation of Accounting Professions under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King, and the President of the Thai Investors Association were included in the working group to continue studying the misconduct plan of this case.

DSI seized bags, eyeglasses, perfumes, watches, hats, and other goods infringing trademarks of major companies, causing huge cash flow

On Friday, 12 July 2024, under the direction of Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director General, Acting Director General of the Department of Special Investigation, Pol.Lt.Col. Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General, assigned Pol.Capt. Polson Terdsanguan, Director of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau, Pol.Lt.Col. Yuthana Tangkoblaph, Deputy Director of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau, Mr. Sakda Pipatthamakul, Head of the





Intellectual Property Crime Division 3, along with officials from the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau and the Special Operations Bureau to execute 3 search warrants issued by the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court at 3 locations used for storage and sale of trademark infringed goods (bags, eyeglasses, perfumes, watches, hats, etc.) in the areas of Bang Rak

Phatthana Subdistrict and Bang Khu Rat Subdistrict, Bang Bua Thong District, Nonthaburi Province. The searches were observed by the representatives of the injured party.

The search discovered thousands of bags, eyeglasses, perfumes, watches, hats, and other goods infringing trademarks of major companies, namely, Louis Vuitton, CHANEL, GUCCI, Dior, Hermes, Cartier, CELINE, COACH, etc. along with cash flow through relevant bank accounts of millions of baht, violating the Trademark Act, B.E. 2534 (1991) and its amendments. The DSI officials seized such goods and handed them over to the special case inquiry officials of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau for inspection and used as evidence for further proceedings under the Special Case Investigation Act, B.E. 2547 (2004) and its amendments.



DSI returned 30 stolen vehicles valued over 100 million baht to UK and to speed up efforts to retrieve 5 remaining vehicles

On July 19, 2024, at 10.30 a.m., at the main hall of the DSI Headquarters, Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice, H.E. Mr. Mark Gooding, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Thailand, Mr. Duncan Burrage, International Liaison Officer of the National Crime Agency (NCA), Mr. Watcharin Panurat, Deputy Director General of the Investigation Department, Office of the Attorney General, and Mr. Narong Srirasan, Executive Director for Legal Aid and Planning and Deputy Spokesperson of the Office of Attorney General as the representative of the Attorney General, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director General of the DSI, Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General of the DSI and Head of the special case no.



78/2561 investigation team, the team of special case inquiry officials and public prosecutors in the case held a press conference on the return of 30 vehicles, stolen in the United Kingdom and imported into Thailand, to the rightful British owners through the cooperation of the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA), and to speed up the efforts to retrieve the 5 remaining vehicles for returning to the owners.

This case resulted from the mutual legal assistance (MLA) request from the United Kingdom submitted to the DSI via the Office of the Attorney General. The request led to the investigation of the case of individuals stealing vehicles in the UK and illegally imported them



into Thailand. The modus operandi in the case was that during 2016-2017, a group of Thai and foreign offenders led by Mr. Intharasak or “Boy Unity” obtained vehicles from various British companies through hire-purchase agreements and falsely declared the said vehicles to the officers of the His Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) as new vehicles, which was contrary to the fact, in order to export the vehicles out of the Heathrow Airport, London, UK to Singapore, then export the vehicles from Singapore into Thailand. The said vehicles are 35 cars of 13 makes, all of which are expensive cars, e.g. Porsche, Lamborghini, Range Rover, etc. valued almost 3 million pounds or over 100 million baht. The UK's NCA investigated into the case and requested the DSI to investigate and prosecute against the group of offenders and retrieve the vehicles for returning to the UK. The DSI accepted the request as the special case no. 78/2561. As some offences were committed outside of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Attorney General assigned Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General of the DSI, as the head of the special case investigation team, with the Director General of the DSI as the special case inquiry official responsible for the case in accordance with Section 20 of the Criminal Procedure Code and assigned the public prosecutors of the Special Litigation Department to partake in the investigation. The investigation discovered that the vehicles stolen in the UK were successfully imported into Thailand. The offenders imported the vehicles into Thailand by using 3 related companies as the importers and declaring documents and paid import duty to the Customs Department in order to legitimize the vehicles for registration with the



Department of Land Transport. Then the vehicles were sold to the general public in Thailand.

Subsequently, on May 18, 2017, the Department of Special Investigation launched a law enforcement operation code-named "Titanium Operation." With the NCA as an observer, the Department of Special Investigation executed search warrants at nine target locations in Bangkok. The raid and subsequent investigation led to the seizure of 30 vehicles, including five BMW M4s, one Ford Mustang, one Honda Civic Type-R, one Lamborghini Huracan Spyder, one Lexus, eight Mercedes-Benzes, one Mini Cooper, three Nissan GTRs, five Porsches, two Land Rovers, and two Volkswagen GTIs. Additionally, an investigation is underway to recover five more vehicles as follows:

No.	Make	Model	color	Chassis no.
1	Audi	Q7 S Line	Grey	WAUZZZ4M4HD026469
2	BMW	M4	Silver	WBS3R92030K344987
3	Ferrari		White	ZFF79AMC000219631
4	Porsche	Boxster 718	Yellow	WP0ZZZ98ZHS211836
5	LAND ROVER	Range Rover Sport	Black	SALWA2EE8HA132932

The investigation has been completed, and charges have been brought against Mr. Intharasak and others, totaling 13 persons, for the following offenses: 1. the offense under Sections 335 (7) and 357 paragraph two of the Criminal Code of jointly taking by stealth by a group of two or more people or receiving stolen property for profit; 2. the offense under Sections 264 paragraph one and 268 of the Criminal Code of jointly forging and using forged documents in a manner that may cause damage to others or the general public so as to deceive any person into believing they are genuine documents; 3. the offense under Section 244 paragraph one of the Customs Act, B.E. 2560 (2017) of jointly importing goods, which have been passed through or are being passed through a customs formality into the Kingdom while avoiding restrictions or prohibitions of such goods; 4. the offense under Section 5 (1) (2) (3) and (4) of the Act on Prevention and Suppression of Participation in Transnational Organized Crime, B.E. 2556 (2013) of jointly participating in transnational organized crime; and 5. The offense under Sections 209 and 210 of the Criminal Code of jointly being a member of a secret society or criminal association. The team of special case inquiry officials is of the opinion to recommend prosecution against all 13 alleged offenders, and since the alleged offenses were committed outside the Kingdom (extraterritorial offense), the authority to consider the case at the prosecutor level rests with the Attorney General. After reviewing the investigation, the Attorney General ordered the handling of all 30 seized vehicles



under Section 85 of the Criminal Procedure Code, which grants the investigation team the authority to decide on the matter. At a meeting, the team concluded that since the public prosecutor did not file for forfeiture, there is reasonable ground to return the vehicles to the British victims who are the rightful owners and have the right to claim them. This led to coordination with the NCA for the return of the vehicles and the press conference held today.

The success of this case is due to the collaboration of all sectors, including the Department of Special Investigation, the Office of the Attorney General, the British Embassy in Thailand, and the NCA. This cooperation aims to ensure justice and bolster Thailand's image in the eyes of allied nations, demonstrating our sincerity and commitment to solving the case, in line with the government's policy.



DSI detained an illegal surrogate mother

The Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime and the Surveillance and Intelligence Center's Operation Unit 3 arrested Ms. Wilai (surname withheld), an alleged offender in the special case no. 236/2565 on July 19, 2024, upon entering into Thailand. The alleged offender was inquired by the special case inquiry officials and the assigned public prosecutors, and then was taken to the Criminal Court for provisional detention and the objection of provisional release was submitted.





Ms. Wilai is the 7th alleged offender in this special case, the case of a gang providing Thai women for illegal surrogacy to foreigners in the manner of transnational criminal organization. The aforementioned alleged offender had fled the country and failed to report to the inquiry official's summons. Therefore, the arrest warrant was issued by the Criminal Court and the Department of Special Investigation tracked down the fugitive and learned that she had been working in South Korea and was returning to Thailand, leading to the arrest.



DSI and Department of Provincial Administration, Ministry of Interior, apprehended 2 suspects of online gambling mule accounts/copyright infringement network causing damages over 2.9 billion baht

Under the Prime Minister's government policy with key objective to ensure justice and promote transparency in the society by intensifying the suppression of financial crime involving mule accounts and money laundering for every kind of online gambling, and by enforcing special case laws to speed up the strict crime suppression including the control and prevention of copyright infringement in all aspects.

Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director General of DSI and Pol.Lt.Col. Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General of DSI, assigned Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, to investigate and gather evidence of wrongdoings related to online gambling that has been laundering money via mule accounts. The investigation revealed a network infringing the copyrights of Premier League Football by broadcasting live football matches on various websites without permission. The copyright infringing broadcastings were not paid services, but free service to attract people to access the websites and gamble via their banners or advertisement on the websites. Some websites would require you to directly login to the gambling websites in order to watch the matches. These websites were linked to the online gambling websites in the neighboring countries. Many Thais and foreigners who were poor and had no stable job were paid to open over 100 bank accounts for receiving gambling money.





On July 31, 2024, Pol.Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director General of DSI and Pol.Lt.Col. Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General of DSI, Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, and DSI officials joined forces with officers of the Department of Provincial

Administration to search 21 spots in the areas of Sa Kaeo, Rayong, Saraburi provinces, Bangkok Metropolitan Region to arrest the network of mule accounts linked to the gambling websites with nearly 1 billion baht in circulating capital. The websites that infringed on the copyrights of the Football Association Premier League Limited (injured person) included Tvsod.com, Bee789.com, Ballza.com, 7mscorethai.com, 7mscorethai.net, Dooballdotlink.com, Suckballhd.com, Amloin789.com, and 7upth.com with over 2.9 billion baht in damages. The operation team searched the buildings related to the alleged offenders and arrested 2 alleged offenders under the arrest warrant issued by the Criminal Court, Mr. Athiwat (surname withheld) and Mr. Yutthapong (surname withheld) in front of Songkhla Provincial Court, Bo Yang Subdistrict, Mueang Songkhla District, Songkhla Province, for the offence of jointly infringing the copyright of others for commercial benefits by broadcasting cinematographic works and artistic works to the public without authorization. Both alleged offenders were programmers and the ones using mule accounts to transfer money for hacking servers in order to broadcast the Premier League Football matches without authorization. Besides acting as an admin, Mr. Yutthapong (alleged offender) also used the mule accounts to receive money from gambling websites.



During the search, evidence related to bank accounts were discovered and seized for further proceedings. Moreover, many locations were found to be accommodations for foreigners and starting points for foreigners to open mule accounts.





Regarding this search and arrest operation, the Department of Special Investigation informs the alleged offender under the arrest warrants to surrender themselves or provide information in order to undergo the justice procedures, as the DSI shall not make an exception for any offenders under any circumstance.

DSI Held Joint Meeting with 15 Embassies to Strengthen Efforts against Transnational Online Fraud Networks (Sale Scams)

On July 2, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director General, and Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General, assigned Police Captain Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, to chair and attend a meeting with representatives from 15 embassies. The purpose of this meeting was to coordinate efforts in the investigation and collection of evidence in Special Case No. 118/2566, which concerns a network of foreign nationals who registered fake companies, created fake websites, and impersonated business groups in Thailand to deceive the public. A channel has been opened for victims to report complaints or provide information directly to the special case investigation team of the Department of Special Investigation. This also includes the exchange of information to alert the public both domestically and internationally to avoid becoming victims of such criminal activities.



This meeting was convened as a result of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime's investigation into a network of foreign nationals who jointly created fake websites to offer goods and services on multiple platforms. This led people both domestically and internationally to believe in and transfer money to bank accounts in Thailand set up by the perpetrators. However, no actual goods or services were sold, resulting in significant losses to the public. This may constitute violations under the Computer-Related Crime Act (No. 2) B.E. 2560 (2017), the Prevention and Suppression of Participation in Transnational Organized Crime Act, B.E. 2556 (2013), and other relevant laws.



In this case, continuous criminal activities have been committed both domestically and internationally. The group of foreign perpetrators registered approximately 100 fake companies with the Department of Business Development, Ministry of Commerce, falsely claiming to be legitimate businesses in Thailand. They also registered domain names to create over 2,000 fraudulent websites, with an additional 300 websites registered periodically, rotating them frequently. Furthermore, they impersonated legitimate Thai businesses to deceive individuals, particularly victims in Europe. This has led to a loss of confidence and business opportunities for Thai businesses from foreign buyers seeking Thai goods and services, causing severe damage to the Thai economy.



To mitigate potential damage to the Thai economy during the investigation and evidence collection by the Special Case Investigation team, the Department of Special Investigation invited representatives from 15 embassies of countries involved in the case to a joint meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and verify information regarding individuals, legal entities, and websites based abroad. This information will be beneficial for the investigation, evidence collection, and the compilation of the special case file.

Furthermore, the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime will coordinate with the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and International Crime to foster international cooperation in criminal matters and to proceed with extradition requests according to the law.

DSI received complaints to investigate the Project for the Procurement of a Health Data Center and Cloud Service worth over 1 billion baht

On July 5, 2024, at the Department of Special Investigation building on Chaengwattana Road, Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, and Police Major Worranan Srilum, Director of the Bureau of Illegal Financial Business and spokesperson for the DSI, received a complaint from Dr. Prompong Nopparit, former Party List MP and spokesperson for the Pheu Thai Party. Dr. Prompong submitted a request to the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) to investigate a project for the procurement of a Health Data Center and Cloud Service worth over 1 billion baht, believing that there is



wrongdoing under the Act Concerning Offences Relating to the Submission of Bids to Government Agencies, B.E. (1999) (Bid Rigging).

In this case, the Bureau of Special Case Management will present an opinion to the Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), who will assign the Bureau of Government Procurement Fraud to conduct an investigation according to their authority.



DSI Received Complaint for Special Investigation into Senatorial Election Process

On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM, at the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) building on Chaeng Wattana Road, Police Major Worranan Srilum, Director of the Bureau of Illegal Financial Business and spokesperson for DSI, was assigned by Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General acting as the Director-General of DSI, to receive a complaint from Mr. Phattarapong Supakson, also known as Lawyer Aun, representing the group "New Generation for Pure Democracy."

The group submitted a request for an investigation into evidence found in the senatorial election and asked for it to be treated as a special case. The election of senators at district, provincial, and national levels on June 26, 2024, resulted in the selection of 200 senators. Following the election, there were reports of irregularities in the election process, leading to public suspicion about whether the selection of these senators adhered to democratic principles and the spirit of the law.



Police Major Worranan stated that the complaint would be forwarded to the Bureau of Special Case Management as the central agency for cases in DSI, to compile factual and legal information. This information will be submitted to the DSI Director-General for an order to expedite the assignment of the relevant agency for further investigation.



Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Organized Annual International Cooperation Workshop



On July 25, 2024, the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime hosted a workshop for law enforcement officers from the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) and police liaison officers from embassies in Thailand at the Centara Life Government Complex Hotel & Convention Centre Chaeng Watthana. This event is part of the DSI's 2024-2027 operational plan to enhance cooperation with foreign law enforcement agencies based in Thailand. The objective is to improve integrated operations and strengthen the investigation, prevention, and suppression of transnational crime.

The workshop was attended by law enforcement officers from foreign agencies based in Thailand, embassy officials, international organization representatives, and officers from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime. The workshop featured presentations on the current





situation and challenges of transnational crime, as well as the DSI's role in investigating, preventing, and suppressing such criminal threats. Participants were also engaged in

small-group discussions to explore ways to coordinate foreign affairs and counter-transnational crime efforts, and to develop approaches for international cooperation.

Workshop to Address Challenges and Obstacles in Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition Requests under the Project to Enhance the Efficiency of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters

On July 7, 2024, Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime organized a workshop to address challenges and obstacles in mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and extradition requests under the project to enhance the efficiency of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters. Pol. Capt. Piya Raksakul, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, presided over the opening ceremony of the project at TK. Palace Hotel & Convention, Chaeng Watthana Road, Bangkok.



The workshop was conducted in a hybrid format, combining lectures, opinion and experience sharing, and discussions led by experts with extensive knowledge, skills, and experience in mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and extradition. The participants included officers from the DSI

responsible for enforcing laws related to mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and extradition, along with 5 guest speakers: Pol. Capt. Piya Raksakul, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, Pol. Col. Songsak Raksaksakul, Commissioner of Trade Competition Commission, Ms. Intranee Sumawong, Senior Public Prosecutor, Mr. Kulachai Thonglongya, Public Prosecutors attached to the Office of the Attorney General, and Mr. Athit Chukiatwattanakul, Public Prosecutor of Office of The Attorney General.



The objective of the workshop was to enhance knowledge and understanding, exchange insights, and address issues and challenges in the implementation of laws related to mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and extradition. Additionally, it aimed to foster strong relationships between the DSI and relevant law enforcement agencies.



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DSI visited Madagascar to Coordinate Intelligence on Transnational Organized Wildlife Trafficking

Following the visit by the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Madagascar to Police Colonel Tawee Sodsong, the Minister of Justice of Thailand, discussions were held regarding the severity of transnational wildlife trafficking of local endangered species from Madagascar to Thailand. These operations are highly organized and systematic, highlighting the need for cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, particularly the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), which will handle the case. Madagascar has expressed its full commitment to support Thailand's investigative efforts and its unwavering and determined cooperation to achieve justice in this matter.



Subsequently, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General and acting Director-General of the DSI, authorized a delegation from the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau to coordinate and exchange information regarding investigation case number 36/2567 in Madagascar from August 12 to 16, 2024. The visit was conducted at the invitation of the Malagasy Government and was overseen by Police Captain Piya Raksakul, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, and Police Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau. The delegation included Mr. Khomkanit Phonghirun, Director of Transnational Crime Division 1; Mr. Nitirat

Phasakornpinij, Senior Professional-Level Special Case Officer; and Mr. Suriyon Prabhasavat, Special Public Prosecutor.



The delegation also paid a courtesy call to H.E. Mr. Max Andonirina Fontaine, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of



Madagascar, and Mrs. RANDRIAMANANTENASOA Landy Mbolatiana, Minister of Justice of Madagascar, along with representatives from the police and customs authorities involved in this case.

Both sides discussed a collaborative framework for investigating and expanding the prosecution of a transnational organized wildlife trafficking case concerning both countries. Madagascar expressed appreciation for the DSI's and Thai authorities' prioritization of this issue and affirmed its willingness to exchange information and cooperate internationally on criminal matters to advance prosecution efforts. Concerns were also expressed over the serious threats posed by transnational organized crime that have caused a significant decline in the populations of endangered wildlife species. Furthermore, the delegation discussed the procedures for returning the confiscated wildlife from Thailand to Madagascar. The Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime will coordinate with the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation and other relevant agencies to expedite the return of confiscated wildlife in compliance with applicable regulations and laws. This will include prompt morphological examinations and the collection of wildlife forensics to support legal proceedings.



DSI Transferred Executive of Major South Korean-Affiliated Construction Nominee Company to Public Prosecutor for Prosecution

On August 22, 2024, the Bureau of Security Crime of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), under the direction of Mr. Thawewat Surasit, Director of the Bureau of Security Crime, assigned Police Lieutenant Settawut Saipong,



Head of the special case inquiry team for Special Case No. 69/2562, along with the team of special case inquiry officials, to transfer Mr. Minwoo (surname withheld), a South Korean alleged offender for conspiring with his subordinate, the South Korean financial manager of POSCO Engineering (Thailand) Company Limited who facilitated Thai



employees to act as Thai nominee shareholders, holding shares to meet the shareholding proportion required by law without actually paying for the shares. The alleged offender was transferred to public prosecutors at the Office of the Special Litigation, Office of the Attorney General (OAG), for further legal proceedings.

This case arose from the Bureau of Security Crime, DSI, prosecuting POSCO Engineering & Construction Company Limited (South Korea), which engaged in construction business in Thailand by acquiring and holding shares in POSCO Engineering (Thailand) Company Limited. The



company was found to have arranged for Thai nationals, including its employees and personnel from a company registration service provider, to hold shares on behalf of foreign nationals. The company had entered into construction contracts with several companies in Thailand, generating a combined revenue of over 9 billion baht, but allegedly did not pay dividends, claiming that the company was continuously operating at a loss. The investigation concluded with a recommendation to indict a total of 12 suspects on the following charges: "Foreign nationals jointly operating a business without permission; Thai nationals or juristic persons who are not considered foreign nationals providing assistance or support to foreigners, enabling them to operate a business in circumvention or violation of the law; foreigners allowing Thai nationals or juristic persons who are not foreigners to commit such acts or act as foreigners' nominees in holding shares to operate a business in violation of or circumventing the law; and company directors knowingly participating in the offenses committed by the juristic person." These actions constitute violations under the Foreign Business Act B.E. 2542 (1999) and the Criminal Code.

On August 20, 2024, the suspect was arrested at Suvarnabhumi Airport in Samut Prakan Province while attempting to flee the country. The team of special case inquiry officials from the Bureau of Security Crime subsequently informed the suspect of the charges and handed the suspect over to the public prosecutor today.

The operation to apprehend the suspect under the special case warrant was conducted following orders from Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy



Director-General and Acting Director-General of the DSI that directed the Surveillance and Intelligence Division, which is a division under his direct command, to form a task force to track down and apprehend suspects with arrest warrants, especially those with warrants nearing the end of their statute of limitations, to ensure that those accused of crimes who are still at large are brought to justice.

The DSI raided 11 shops and warehouses in a famous shopping mall in central Bangkok, discovering over 20,000 items of counterfeit goods from various brands, with an estimated value of approximately 20 million baht

On Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at approximately 1:15 PM, Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, ordered Police Captain Polson Terdsanguan, Director of the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau, along with officers from Intellectual Property Crime Bureau and the Special Operations Bureau, to execute 11 search warrants issued by the Intellectual Property Court at targeted locations within the MBK Center shopping mall in Bangkok, following intelligence gathered from an investigation that some shops in the mall might be involved in the illegal sale and storage of counterfeit goods such as bags, glasses, perfumes, watches, hats, and other items infringing on the trademarks of many leading companies. Representatives of the affected companies were present to observe and verify the counterfeit goods.



This case is investigated as Special Case No. 91/2567 by the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau. The search of 11 shops and warehouses resulted in the discovery of counterfeit goods, including bags, glasses, watches, hats, and other items, infringing on the trademarks of various leading companies such as Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Gucci, Dior, and others. The initial estimate suggests over 20,000 items were seized, with an estimated value of approximately 20 million baht. These actions violate the Trademark Act, B.E. 2534 (1991). The DSI officers confiscated the goods for further examination and as evidence in the special investigation under the Special Case Investigation Act, B.E. 2547 (2004) and its amendments.



This operation aligns with the policy of Police Major Yuthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, to have the Intellectual Property Crime Bureau actively prevent and suppress intellectual property violations. This aims to promote the economic system and improve Thailand's ranking in intellectual property rights enforcement. Intellectual property violations not only infringe on the rights of intellectual property owners but also damage the country's economic system.



DSI enhanced cybersecurity capabilities for cadets at Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy (CRMA)

On Friday, August 2, 2024, at 9:30 AM, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, and Ms. Arunsri Wichawut, Director of the Special Case Management Bureau, along with officers from the Office of the Secretary, to welcome Colonel Rungsak Chittakaew, Director of the Mathematics and Computer Division, Cybersecurity Branch. They were joined by teachers and 80 cadets from the Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy (CRMA), who are second and third-year students. The purpose of this visit was to provide the cadets with knowledge and accurate information about the roles, duties, and missions of the DSI in investigating special cases related to information technology, as well as to demonstrate how technology can be utilized to support special case investigation.





This study visit included presentations on the DSI's authority, investigative procedures, and special case management by Ms. Arunsri Wichawut, Director of the Special Case Management Bureau. Ms. Patamaporn Krisanayuth, Head of Technology and Cyber Crime Division 1, delivered a presentation on investigating special cases related to information technology

and communications. Additionally, a team of officers from the Bureau of Technology and Information Inspection Center presented on the use of technology to support special case investigation. These presentations took place at the reception room of the Ratchaburi Direkrut Building (Building A).

DSI Signed MOU with 11 Agencies to Create and Disseminate Online Threat Awareness Media under the Digital Vaccine Project

On Friday, August 9, 2024, at 1:00 PM, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General, acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director General of DSI, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the creation of public relations media under the "Digital Vaccine" project. This MOU was signed by DSI and 10 other agencies, including the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (ED), the Royal Thai Police, the Government Public Relations Department, the Bank of Thailand, the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the National Cyber Security Agency (NCSA), the Thai Bankers Association, and the Telecommunication Users Club of Thailand, at the NT Auditorium, Headquarters of the National Telecom Public Company Limited.



The purpose of this MOU is to express the joint agreement of all 11 agencies to create and disseminate public relations media through the communication channels of each agency. The collaboration aims to address online crime, raise public awareness about the forms of online threats, methods of prevention, and proper response strategies for a wider target audience and higher effectiveness of communication. This will reduce the risk and likelihood of the public falling victim to online threats.

DSI organized a training course on drafting laws, regulations, announcements, and official orders for government agencies



On Monday, August 19, 2024, at 8:45 a.m., the Special Expertise Development Division, Bureau of Development and Logistics, organized a training course on drafting laws, regulations, announcements, and official orders for government agencies. The opening ceremony was graciously presided over by Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy

Director-General of the DSI. This program was held from August 19-20, 2024, at the reception room on the 2nd floor of the Ratchaburidirekrit Building (Building A), Chaengwattana Road, Thung Song Hong Subdistrict, Lak Si District, Bangkok.

A total of 38 participants attended the training, aiming to equip DSI personnel with the knowledge, understanding, and skills necessary for drafting laws, regulations, and announcements for their respective agencies accurately and effectively. The course also provided an opportunity for participants to exchange knowledge, experiences, and opinions and discuss the challenges related to drafting laws, regulations, announcements, and official orders with distinguished guest speakers with expertise from the Office of the Council of State.



DSI Participated in C-MEX24

The Office of the National Security Council, in cooperation with the Royal Thai Armed Forces, conducted an emergency response and crisis management exercise to address terrorism under the National Crisis Management Exercise 2024 (C-MEX24) from August 19-23, 2024. The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) was one of the 64 agencies invited to participate in the exercise, aimed at enhancing preparedness and testing integrated response mechanisms for national threats.



Among the DSI participants were Lieutenant Commander Thakollaphop Kaomoolkadi, Head of the Transnational Organized Crime Intelligence Center (TOCIC), Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, participating in the policy-level exercise at the Office of the National Security Council. Additionally, Major Akarin Latthasaksiri, Deputy Director of the Illegal Financial Business Bureau; Lieutenant Colonel Napolpong Kamolas, Senior Professional-Level Special Case Officer; and Mr. Utshe Fongon, Practitioner-Level Special Case Officer, participated in the emergency response exercise in Chiang Rai Province.

During the exercise, participants gained knowledge and skills in operational procedures upon integration assignment and countermeasures for national-level violent incidents, situation reports, decision-making at various levels of violence, procedures for territorial handover, and inter-agency coordination. The trainees also demonstrated their abilities to gather facts and evidence to utilize special tools under the Special Case Investigation Act, which effectively contribute to decision-making by commanders or authorities in law enforcement during crises, from normal situations to critical ones involving international terrorism and threats from transnational and hybrid crimes. These efforts help ensure the DSI's readiness and maintain public confidence.



Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation attends the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime and its Related Meetings (AMMTC) in Vientiane, Lao PDR

On August 28, 2024, in Vientiane, the Lao PDR, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), along with executives from the Ministry of Justice, attended the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime and its Related Meetings (AMMTC).



The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, the Secretary-General of ASEAN, who delivered the opening remarks. Welcoming remarks were given by H.E. General Vilay Lakhampong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Security of the Lao PDR. The meeting was attended by ministers and delegations from ASEAN member states, Timor-Leste, and other relevant countries.



During the meeting, Police Colonel Thawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice and head of the Thai delegation, who also serves as the Chair of the ASEAN Ministers on Transnational Crime, delivered a statement on efforts to combat transnational crime and highlighted the cooperation in arresting and extraditing

criminals, notably the Indonesian government's assistance in apprehending a key suspect wanted by Thailand. The statement also addressed the complexity of current narcotic issues, the importance of utilizing forensic science in prosecution processes and uncovering the truth, and the development of a financial intelligence database to disrupt drug traffickers. Additionally, it reiterated the significance of cooperation in addressing issues such as drug trafficking, cybercrime, online fraud, and online gambling, which contribute to human trafficking. As the integration of international cooperation is crucial for



effectively solving these problems, both sides agreed to strengthen cooperation and establish a working group to exchange information and assist in the apprehension of fugitives crossing borders. The Minister of Justice assigned the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) to serve as a coordinator for collaboration, monitoring, apprehension, and information sharing related to narcotics between the Royal Thai Police, the Office of the Narcotics Control Board, and the Department of Special Investigation.

Workshop for developing strategies to prevent and suppress human trafficking and special cases related to security

On August 28, 2024, Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, presided over the opening ceremony of a workshop aimed at developing strategies to prevent and suppress human trafficking and special cases related to security. The goal of the workshop was to set the direction for carrying out duties and responsibilities to ensure that agencies under the DSI are prepared and consistent in their performance of duties. This involved strategic planning to prevent and suppress human trafficking and special crimes that impact security, for the purpose of being efficient and appropriate to the rapidly changing global situation. Police Lieutenant Colonel Phayao Thongsen, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, participated in the workshop, providing valuable observations and suggestions to participants throughout the event. Additionally, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General and Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), attended the workshop via an online meeting and delivered the closing remarks on August 30, 2024.



The workshop, organized by the Bureau of Policy and Strategy in collaboration with the Bureau of Human Trafficking, took place from August 28-30, 2024, at the Yuu Residence in Si Racha District, Chonburi Province. Over 90 participants attended the event, including executives, heads of agencies, special case experts, and DSI personnel. The workshop was also live-streamed via Webex, with many participants joining the meeting online. Workshop activities included special talks, group discussions, and analysis of crime trends that may emerge in the future, leading to the development of strategies appropriate for the current situation. Furthermore, the event involved drafting plans and annual action plans for the budget years 2025-2027, along with efforts to drive key projects aligned with national strategic goals.



September 2024

DSI Reveals Criminal Court Sentences Mother and Daughter Karaoke Owners to 11 Years and 14 Months for Prostitution of Minors

The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) is publicizing the Criminal Court Judgment in Special Case No. 292/2565, where a mother and her daughter, owners of a karaoke bar in Sisaket Province, were found guilty of colluding to commit offenses related to the prostitution of girls under the age of 18.



The case originated from the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) receiving information from the Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.), a non-profit organization that supports law enforcement in rescuing children from human trafficking and exploitation, that they had discovered an X (Twitter) account suspected to be associated with a minor under the age of 18 who might be a victim of sexual exploitation. Furthermore, it was found that the victims linked to the X (Twitter) account were employees of karaoke bars named "My Way Oke" and "So Le Oke," located in the Kanthararak district of Sisaket province. This exploitation may constitute offenses under the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, B.E. 2551 (2008). The Human Trafficking Bureau conducted an investigation as a Special Case No. 292/2565. On August 8, 2023, two offenders were apprehended: Ms. Yupa (surname withheld), 53 years old under the Criminal Court's Arrest Warrant No. 2131/2566, and Ms. Pranee (surname withheld), 31 years old, under the Criminal Court's Arrest Warrant No. 2132/2566, at the My Way Oke in Kantharalak District, Sisaket Province. The special case inquiry official team conducted investigations and proceeded with legal action against the offenders. The case file was submitted to the public prosecutor with a recommendation for indictment. The public prosecutor filed charges against the suspects in the Criminal Court on September 28, 2023, under the Black Case No. 137/2566.

In the aforementioned case, the Criminal Court has issued a judgment in the Red Case No. 97/2567, stating that both defendants jointly committed an offense under the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, B.E. 2551 (2008), Sections 6



(2), 9 (first and second paragraphs), and 52 (second paragraph); the Prevention and Suppression of Prostitution Act, B.E. 2539 (1996), Sections 9 (second paragraph) and 11 (second paragraph); the Entertainment Place Act, B.E. 2509 (1966), Sections 4 and 26; the Child Protection Act, B.E. 2546 (2003), Sections 26 (3), (5), (9), and 78; the Labor Protection Act, B.E. 2541 (1998), Sections 47 (first paragraph), 50 (3), 144 (first paragraph) (1), and 48/2; the Criminal Code, Sections 282 (second paragraph), 286 (1), (2), (4), and 319 (first paragraph), in conjunction with Section 83 of the Criminal Code.



The actions of both defendants constitute multiple distinct offenses under the law. They shall be punished for each offense

according to the Criminal Code, Section 91.

- For conspiracy by two or more persons to commit human trafficking against a person over fifteen but under eighteen years of age, each defendant is sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment;
- For jointly committing human trafficking against a person over fifteen but under eighteen years of age;
- For giving assistance, facilitating, or protecting the prostitution of another; accepting a benefit in any form from prostitution of another; arranging prostitution between a prostitute and a customer;
- For sexual gratification of any other person, procuring, seducing or taking away for an indecent act a man or woman, even with their consent, when the person is over fifteen but under eighteen years of age;
- For procuring, seducing, or taking someone for the purpose of prostitution when the person is over fifteen but under eighteen years of age;
- For jointly inducing, promoting, or allowing a child to behave inappropriately or likely to be the cause of wrongdoing. For jointly inducing, promoting, or acting in any other way which results in the exploitation of the child. For jointly using, inducing, encouraging, promoting, or allowing a child to perform or act in on indecent manner, these constitute a single offense against multiple laws. Punishment is imposed for any act that assists, facilitates, or protects the prostitution of another, arranging prostitution between a prostitute



and a customer, which is the most severe offense under Section 90 of the Criminal Code, with each defendant sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment;

- For taking a minor over fifteen but under eighteen years of age away from their parents, guardians, or caretakers for profit or indecent purposes, with the minor's consent, each defendant is sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment;
- For jointly owning a prostitution business with a person over fifteen but not over eighteen years of age for prostitution, each defendant is sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment;
- For jointly establishing an entertainment place without a license, each defendant is sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment;
- For being an employer and jointly accepting a child under eighteen years of age to work in an entertainment place, each defendant is sentenced to 6 months imprisonment.
- For being an employer jointly requiring a young worker under eighteen years of age to work between 24.00 hours and 6.00 hours, each defendant is sentenced to 2 months' imprisonment;

In total, both defendants are sentenced to 11 years' and 14 months' imprisonment. Both defendants are ordered to jointly pay compensation to the victim in the amount of 80,000 baht.

Criminal Court sentenced defendants in “Nice Day Travel” Ponzi scheme and money laundering case, involving fraudulent wholesale fruit juice businesses and tourist accommodation arrangements, to 5 years in prison each, with 117 illegal transactions totaling over 157.8 million baht in circulation uncovered

The Department of Special Investigation (DSI), through its Bureau of Illegal Financial Business, investigated special case no. 38/2560, involving allegations against “Nice Day Travel Co., Ltd.” and 5 others, totaling 6 persons, for jointly committing fraud. The suspects allegedly advertised to the public via the LINE application, falsely claiming to be engaged in the wholesale business of "Ivy" brand fruit juices, providing accommodation services for tourists, and selling dolls to tourists. The public was invited to invest in these businesses with the promise of a return of



up to 240% per year on the invested amount. However, there was no actual business generating such income, resulting in damages to 98 complainants, with total losses exceeding 99 million baht. The Court of Appeal has issued a final judgment in Black Case No. 1294/2563 and Red Case No. 18070/2563, dated November 16, 2020, imposing a fine of 49 million baht on “Nice Day Travel Co., Ltd.” (the first defendant) and sentencing the defendants two to six, who are natural persons, to 490 years of imprisonment each for 98 counts of fraudulently borrowing money from the public, with each count carrying a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment. However, the total imprisonment



for defendants two to six was reduced to a maximum of 20 years each according to Section 91 (2) of the Criminal Code. All six defendants were also ordered to return or compensate the victims for the unpaid amount, plus interest at 15% per year on the principal from the date of borrowing. The case has become final.

In addition to the aforementioned case, the DSI has also taken action against offenders involved in transferring, receiving, or altering proceeds of crime under the charge of “money laundering” according to the Anti-Money Laundering Act, B.E. 2542 (1999) and its amendments, as Special Case No. 50/2561. The investigation has been completed, and the investigation file has been submitted to the Public Prosecutor, Department of Special Litigation, Office of the Attorney General. Three defendants have been prosecuted: 1. Mr. Parinya (surname withheld), 2. Ms. Jiratha or Fai (surname withheld), and 3. Mr. Wichai (surname withheld). The investigation revealed that there were 117 transactions involving money laundering, totaling over 157.8 million baht. These funds were used to purchase several assets, some of which have already been subject to civil judgments. Recently, on May 30, 2024, the Criminal Court issued a judgment in Black Case No. For 31/2566 and Red Case No. For 11/2567, sentencing each of the three defendants to 10 years of imprisonment. Since the defendants pleaded guilty, their sentences were reduced by half to 5 years each under Section 78 of the Criminal Code.

The DSI hereby publicizes the Criminal Court’s verdict, warning individuals involved in establishing “Ponzi schemes” that such cases carry severe and consecutive penalties of imprisonment for each count. In addition, individuals may face criminal charges for money laundering and asset seizure



by the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO), as the assets are related to the predicate offenses under the Anti-Money Laundering Act, B.E. 2542 (1999).



“The Bureau of Illegal Financial Business is currently developing a surveillance system for Ponzi scheme offenses on the internet using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to effectively prevent individuals from committing such crimes. Moreover, if you commit an offense, not only will you not have a chance to use the money, but your family will also suffer

from the consequences,” said Police Major Woranan Srilam, Director of the Bureau of Illegal Financial Business.

DSI joined the “Online Gambling...Whose Game Is This?” seminar organized by the Thai Health Promotion Foundation (THPF) and the Radio and Media Association for Children and Youth (RMACY)

On Monday, September 3, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Mr. Ratchapruk Choodam, Deputy Director of the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, to represent the DSI as a speaker in the "Online Gambling...Whose Game is This?" seminar, organized by the Thai Health Promotion Foundation (THPF) in collaboration with the Radio and Media Association for Children and Youth (RMACY). The event took place at Sarnjai Room 1/1, 6th Floor, National Health Building, Ministry of Public Health.



Mr. Ratchapruk Choodam discussed the DSI's operation to suppress technology-related crimes in online gambling cases. The DSI has taken actions against major online gambling websites involving government officials, covering all aspects of the operation: investigation, inquiry, expanding arrests to prosecute



offenders, and enforcing strict asset freezing and seizure measures. He also presented a long-term strategy to address online gambling issues by proposing amendments to the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935), which has been in use for nearly 90 years. The proposed amendments aim to modernize the law to align with current global changes and introduce harsher penalties to deter offenders from committing more crimes.

DSI organized seminar on knowledge management and best practices



On 10 September 2024, Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation, presided over the opening ceremony of the seminar on knowledge management and best practices. The event showcased 5 knowledge products and 1 best practice, including knowledge on human

trafficking, drug cases, pyramid schemes, cybercrime cases, values and culture of the Ministry of Justice, and lessons learned from the Special Case no. 74/2562 regarding the illegal production and sale of hazardous substances. Plaques were awarded to 6 units responsible for these knowledge products and best practices: the Illegal Financial Business Bureau, the Consumer Protection Crime Bureau, the Narcotics Crime Bureau, the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, the Human Trafficking Bureau, and the Management System Development Group. The event took place at the 2nd-floor reception room, Ratchaburi Direkrit Building, Government Complex, and online via Webex Meeting.



DSI and IJM held meeting with 17 embassies to deal with human trafficking at Thailand's borders

On September 12, 2024, at the Swissôtel Bangkok Ratchada, the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), along with ambassadors, consuls-general, diplomats, representatives from international organizations, the IJM Foundation, and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (MSDHS) participated in a roundtable discussion. The topic was "Cooperation with Embassies that have obligations related to forced labor or services in the form of scamming in the border areas of Thailand." This event was organized by the Human Trafficking Bureau of the DSI and the IJM Foundation, with the goal of strengthening international cooperation in addressing the growing problem of human trafficking, particularly in cases where victims are forced into criminality.



This roundtable discussion was held under the policy of Pol. Gen. Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, and overseen by Pol. Maj. Yuthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General of the DSI and Acting Director-General of the DSI, and Pol. Capt. Piya Raksakul, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, who oversees the Human Trafficking Bureau. The objective was to create a platform for exchanging ideas and approaches to prevent and suppress transnational human trafficking, especially in border areas where trafficking networks often exploit the vulnerabilities of victims to force them into committing crimes. Officials from the MSDHS, DSI, and IJM Foundation participated in the meeting, along with representatives from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Regional Support Office of the Bali Process (RSO), together with diplomats from 17 countries. Key attendees included H.E. Mrs. Florence Buerki Akonor, Ambassador of the Republic of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Kiptiness Lindsay Kimwole, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya; H.E. Ms. Rukhsana Afzaal, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Abderrahim Rahhaly, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco; H.E. Ms. E.A.S. Wijayanthi Edirisinghe, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and Mr. Olan Viravan, Honorary Consul at the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda in Kuala Lumpur, along with high-ranking officials from the embassies and consulates of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Republic of Ghana, the Republic of



India, the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of South Africa, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Republic of Uganda, and the Republic of Uzbekistan.



On this occasion, Pol. Maj. Siritwish Kasemsap, Director of the Human Trafficking Bureau, emphasized to the meeting the need to increase international cooperation, stating, "Human trafficking is a borderless crime, and our efforts to combat it must

be united. With such cooperation, we can find effective solutions and bring justice to the victims." Mr. Andrew Wasuwongse, Director of the IJM Foundation, stressed the importance of using a victim-centered approach in cases involving forced criminality, saying, "Victims of human trafficking are often forced into committing crimes, which makes their situation even more complex. Today's discussion will help us strengthen protection mechanisms and systems to provide support for these individuals."

The meeting proceeded with in-depth discussions on trends and challenges related to forced criminality. Mr. Ryan Winch, Project Manager for Transnational Crime and Technology at the RSO Bali Process, provided an overview of the regional situation, along with Dr. Sylwia Gawronska, Regional Programme Advisor for Asia and the Pacific at UNODC, who shared insights into the changing nature of human trafficking related to forced criminality. Participants had the opportunity to exchange views during the roundtable discussion, covering topics such as victim assistance and repatriation, national and international referral mechanisms, and prosecution of human trafficking crimes. It was a significant opportunity for the DSI, IJM Foundation, embassies, and international organizations to exchange best practices and establish future cooperation guidelines.

The meeting also addressed the challenges of caring for victims after repatriation, with the Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya, the Minister Counselor from the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, and officials from the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda sharing best practices and challenges in



repatriation. This discussion focused on improving the rehabilitation process for victims returning to their countries and ensuring they receive appropriate protection and assistance.

The meeting envisaged a joint commitment to enhance coordination between law enforcement agencies, embassies, consulates, international organizations, and NGOs in combating human trafficking and forced criminality. Participants agreed on the importance of integrating cooperation to dismantle human trafficking and forced labor networks and to protect victims more effectively. There was also consensus that a victim-centered approach is crucial at every stage of the operation, from prosecution to post-repatriation rehabilitation.

DSI Wins Two Public Sector Excellence Awards 2024 for Enhancing Special Case Investigations and Prevention

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) received two Public Sector Excellence Awards (PSEA) for 2024: the Excellent Award for Participatory Governance under the Participation Expanded category and the Excellent Award for Public Service under the Service Standard Expansion



category. These awards were presented by the Office of the Public Sector Development Commission (OPDC). Pol. Maj. Yuthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General, Acting Director-General of the DSI, accepted the awards from Professor Dr. Thosaporn Sirisumphand, Public Sector Development Commissioner. The ceremony took place at the Royal Jubilee Ballroom, Challenger Building, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani, with DSI executives and officer present to celebrate the achievement.

The first award received was the Excellent Award for Participatory Governance under the Participation Expanded (Open Governance) category for the project "Participation of Civil Society Networks in the Prevention of Special Crimes: Expansion of DSI Stations in the United Kingdom and Greece" by the Special Crime Prevention Network, Bureau of Policy and Strategy. The second award was the Excellent Award for Public Service under the Service Standard Expansion category for the project "Expansion of Services: The Investigation Management System for Ponzi Schemes Using Digital Technology" by the



Bureau of Illegal Financial Business and the Bureau of Technology and Information Inspection Center.



The United Kingdom presented the “Man of the Match” Trophy to the DSI and expressed appreciation for DSI’s strict suppression of Premier League copyright infringement

On Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 6:30 PM, at Gaysorn Urban Resort, Police Colonel Thawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, assigned Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General and Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), along with Mr. Ravit Sodsong, Head of the Minister of Justice's working group, and DSI officials to attend the English Premier League Trophy celebration event. The event was presided over by Mrs. Catherine West, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Indo-Pacific, His Excellency Mr. Mark Gooding, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Thailand, and Mr. Sean Godfrey, Head of Legal Enforcement for the Premier League.



On this occasion, the Premier League executive expressed appreciation and presented the “Man of the Match” Trophy to Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General and Acting Director-General of the DSI, to express gratitude for the collaboration and success in suppressing Premier League copyright infringement cases in Thailand. The executive also reaffirmed a commitment to continuing close collaboration.



DSI welcomed the Director General of the General Department of Identification, Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and UNHCR officials for a study visit on addressing statelessness

On September 20, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, Mr. Angsuket Visuthvatanasak, Director of Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau, and relevant officials to welcome Lieutenant General Dr. Top Neth, Director General of the General Department of Identification (GDI), Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and his delegation. The visit also included representatives from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the DSI's Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau. The meeting took place in Meeting Room 1 on the 1st floor of the DSI building. The purpose of the visit was to exchange work experiences and discuss collaborative approaches to address the issue of statelessness.



Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool welcomed the delegation, followed by a presentation from the Director of Justice Enhancement Affairs Bureau. The presentation outlined the DSI's overall mission and introduced an integrated plan to resolve statelessness issues, aligning with the Ministry of Justice's policy of ensuring comprehensive and equitable access to justice for all. This plan incorporates Design Thinking and public participation concepts, which are key mechanisms for enhancing public engagement under proper guidelines and procedures.



In addressing the issue of statelessness, the DSI utilizes its expertise in interviewing techniques, assisting competent officers to interview witnesses in accordance with the law. They also conduct field visits to ethnic minority communities, the target group, to survey and identify problems. This plays a crucial role in supporting government agencies such as the Department of Provincial Administration, the Central Institute of Forensic Science, and the Department of Rights and Liberties



Protection, as well as private sector networks like the Legal Status Network Foundation, Plan International, and the UNHCR.

Lieutenant General Dr. Top Neth expressed gratitude to the DSI executives and officials for welcoming the GDI delegation. He explained that the GDI is responsible for issuing birth certificates, marriage certificates, national ID cards, and granting citizenship. The knowledge gained from the DSI will be adapted and applied to assist both the citizens and immigrants in Cambodia.

Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool added that the problem of statelessness is a national issue that requires promotion and encouragement of integrated collaboration across all sectors. The DSI stands ready to cooperate with the GDI in driving concrete solutions to this problem.

DSI discussed with the Premier League to address online football copyright infringement issue, reaffirming success in arresting a major online gambling network that violated copyrights by embedding gambling advertisements

On Thursday, September 19, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Mr. Ratchapruk Choodam, Deputy Director of the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, and Ms. Sriprae Buacham, Head of the Technology and Cyber Crime Division 3, to lead a team of DSI officials to attend a workshop on



the investigation and the utilization of Open Source Intelligence tools, including the situation of sports copyright infringement in the Asia-Pacific region and Thailand. The workshop was organized by The Football Association Premier League Limited, the copyright holder of the Premier League football competition, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Ratchadamri Road, Bangkok.

The Department of Special Investigation was the only law enforcement agency invited to this important workshop. Additionally, the executives of The Football Association Premier League Limited expressed their gratitude to the DSI for implementing stringent measures to combat online copyright infringement in Thailand. This appreciation particularly follows the arrest of a mule account network and Premier League football copyright infringement at 21 locations, with total damages exceeding 2,900 million baht, carried out on July 31, 2024.



DSI delegated representatives to present at the FANC Workshop

On September 25, 2024, at the Radisson Suites Hotel, during a meeting of officials from member agencies of the Foreign Anti-Narcotics and Crime Community in Thailand (FANC), Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), and Police



Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, assigned Mr. Udomkaan Warotamasikkhadit, Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, as a speaker. He presented the roles and missions of the DSI and the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, along with the characteristics of special cases and significant special cases, to officials from foreign law enforcement agencies based in Thailand, representing a total of 32 agencies.



The FANC Workshop also included participation from various Thai law enforcement agencies, who presented the roles and missions of their respective agencies. These included the Office of the Attorney General, the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO), the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB), the Narcotics

Suppression Bureau (NSB), the Immigration Bureau, the Police Education Bureau, the Special Branch of the Royal Thai Police, and the Central Investigation Bureau.



October 2024

DSI, AMLO, CIFS Join Forces in "Operation Black Horse Down" Crackdown on Mule Accounts

On Tuesday, October 8, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) and Acting DSI Director-General, and Police Captain Piya Rakaskul, Deputy DSI Director-General, assigned Police Captain Thinavudh Silapat, Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, to lead DSI officers in a joint operation with officers from the



Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO) and the Central Institute of Forensic Science to arrest 5 suspects: Igidi (surname withheld), a Nigerian national; On-Anong (surname withheld), a Thai national; Wirot (surname withheld); Araya (surname withheld), a Thai national; Kannika (surname withheld), a Thai national, at a condominium on Srinakarin Road, Bangkok. The charges are jointly committing fraud by impersonating another person, and by dishonest or fraudulent means; jointly entering distorted or falsified computer data, whether in whole or in part, or false computer data, into a computer system, against any person; and jointly laundering money and conspiring to launder money. All suspects are part of a large network headed by Igidi and On-Anong, who are husband and wife. They act as agents, procuring mule accounts from across the country to sell to various criminal organizations, including call center gangs, romance scams, and money laundering operations, drug traffickers in foreign countries such as Cambodia, Hong Kong, South Korea, and South Africa. They are also linked to a West African transnational criminal organization operating in Southeast Asia.



This case started with the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau's investigation (Special Case No. 95/2566) into multiple victims being defrauded by a romance scam gang that tricked them into falling in love and then invited them to invest, resulting in losses of more than 50 million baht. The investigation revealed that the accounts receiving money from the victims



were mule accounts provided by Igidi and On-Anong, who are major agents in procuring mule accounts and phone SIM cards. They operate in Bangkok and instruct their network in various provinces, both in Bangkok and other provinces, to recruit people to open mule accounts and obtain SIM cards. These are then sent back to Igidi and On-Anong for distribution to Nigerian criminal organizations and other networks to defraud victims. Each agent supplies an average of over 100 mule accounts per month to Igidi and On-Anong. The suspects are linked to over 1,000 mule accounts with a turnover of over 1,200 million baht. Currently, victims defrauded by their gang have suffered losses of over 50 million baht, and financial tracing suggests that there are many more victims of this group.

Subsequently, the special case investigation team (Case No. 95/2566) gathered evidence and sought arrest warrants from the Criminal Court for 8 individuals in Igidi's and On-Anong's network. 2 of them have already been in custody for other cases and are under a hold order. Today (Tuesday, October 8, 2024), the Criminal Court approved search warrants for 5 locations to gather evidence and arrest the remaining 6 suspects under the arrest warrants for Igidi's and On-Anong's network. 5 suspects were arrested, and 1 is still at large and will be pursued for prosecution.

The search found 40 bank books used as mule accounts and 2 deposit accounts belonging to On-Anong, with a turnover of over ten million baht in the past period; 23 mobile phones; 31 SIM cards; 20 bank ATM cards; 5 tablets; numerous bank statements; clothes matching the images from ATM CCTV footage during cash withdrawals; 14 brown paper parcels containing 14 SIM cards; 5 mailboxes; and a long list of mule accounts. In addition to the arrested suspects, there are many other accomplices, both Thai and foreign nationals. The DSI will continue to investigate and prosecute the accomplices and collaborate with AMLO to conduct financial tracing and seize related assets of this network.



Department of Special Investigation Enters its 22nd Year, with Commitment to Combating Special Crimes and Serving the People



On Thursday, October 3, 2024, at the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) building, Pol. Maj. Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the DSI, along with executives and DSI officers, held a merit-making ceremony offering lunch to 11 monks. This ceremony aimed to bring auspiciousness on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the DSI's establishment.

They also took an oath of "DSI officials and personnel against corruption," declaring their commitment and intention to perform their duties with "honesty and integrity." They are determined to prevent corruption and misconduct, standing with the people and the nation in preventing and suppressing special crimes. They aim to provide justice, protect the interests and well-being of society, and uphold the DSI's core values of "Dignity, Specialty, Integrity."

The event was honored by the presence of Pol. Col. Tawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice; Mrs. Pongsawat Neela-Yodhin, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice; Pol. Lt. Col. Wannapong Kocharak, Secretary-General of the Southern Border Provinces Administration Center; ministerial-level executives; former Permanent Secretaries of the Ministry of Justice;



and former DSI executives. They offered their congratulations and donated money to the DSI Welfare Fund to safeguard the well-being of DSI officers.

The DSI is an agency under the Ministry of Justice, established on October 3, 2002, according to the Ministerial Regulation Act of 2002. Its English name is "DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION" or "DSI." Since its establishment, the DSI has served the nation by effectively suppressing special criminal offenses and ensuring justice, with achievements recognized by the public.

In fiscal year 2024, the DSI investigated 204 special cases, recovering damages and benefits for the state, the public, and private sectors totaling over 58 billion baht.

Key cases include:

- Smuggling of luxury cars to evade taxes and cars stolen from abroad, with damages of 1.8 billion baht, and the return of 31 stolen cars
- Smuggling of illegal animal parts ("smuggled pork") with damages of 460 million baht, leading to prosecution of 12 private companies and government officials
- Corruption case of Stark Corporation PCL executives, with damages of 99,914.778 billion baht and prosecution of 11 suspects
- More Return PCL case, with damages of 800 million baht
- Public fraud through foreign exchange trading via the broker UAG Trade and investment through Leonine Global Co., Ltd., with damages of 225 million baht
- Encroachment on Ao Nang National Forest and Hang Nak Mountain Forest (4 cases)
- Encroachment on Kamala Mountain Range National Forest, with damages of 100 million baht
- Illegal surrogacy operation
- Prosecution of 8 police officers from Sakaeo Police Station for violating the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act ("Uncle Piak" case)



Operation Crypto Crack : DSI raid on Kanchanaburi Bitcoin mine uncovers 300+ mining rigs operating on stolen electricity, costing the state over 100 million baht annually

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), along with Police Major Worranan Srilum, Director of the Bureau of Illegal Financial Business and DSI spokesperson, Police Captain Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, and Mr. Thana Chokphrasombat, Assistant Governor of the Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA) Area 3 (Central), accompanied by officers from the DSI and the PEA of Kanchanaburi, conducted a raid on commercial buildings in Tha Muang District, Kanchanaburi Province. These buildings were suspected of stealing electricity to operate cryptocurrency mining farms across 13 locations, causing an estimated annual loss of over 100 million baht in state revenue.

This case arose from a complaint submitted to the DSI by PEA Area 3 (Central), regarding the illegal establishment of cryptocurrency mining farms, particularly Bitcoin. The PEA requested legal actions under the Special Case Investigation Act, B.E. 2547 (2004). Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting



Director-General of the DSI, subsequently assigned the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau to investigate the matter. The investigation revealed that a network of offenders, who rented houses and commercial buildings in over 13 locations across Kanchanaburi Province, imported equipment from abroad and stole electricity, causing significant damage to the PEA and threatening the country's economic stability. As a result, a search warrant was obtained, leading to a raid that uncovered 300 cryptocurrency mining machines and led to the detention of Mr. Kritsada (surname withheld), who confessed to being the owner and administrator of the mining farm. He was then handed over to Tha Muang Police Station for further legal proceedings.

Mr. Thana, the Assistant Governor of the PEA, stated that Bitcoin mining consumes substantial amounts of electricity, comparable to the consumption of industrial factories. The offenders, however, manipulated the electricity meters using electronic devices to record lower usage than actual consumption. Furthermore, a review of the electricity payment records of the first targeted



house, which had 12 mining machines with a capacity of 3.6 kilowatts each, revealed that the aforementioned network was paying only 100 - 400 baht per month for electricity, while the actual cost, calculated based on the power consumption of the equipment, should be around 150,000 baht. This discrepancy resulted in substantial revenue loss for the PEA, impacting its contribution to state revenue. The PEA then coordinated with the DSI to suppress these illegal activities. In this case, Police Major Yutthana stated that this crime not only exploits other electricity consumers but also affects the PEA's contribution to state revenue, which supports national development. The act is also classified as theft and theft by night under Sections 334 and 335(1) of the Penal Code, with the possibility of additional related charges. If the offenses fall under the DSI's authority, according to the Special Case Investigation Act, B.E. 2547 (2004), the case will be treated as a special case.

No escape: DSI arrested “Natty, Net Idol” at the airport for a Forex trading scam after hiding in Indonesia for over 2 years



On Friday, October 25, 2024, at 2:00 PM, Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), held a joint press conference with Police Lieutenant General Thatchai Pitaneelaboot, Assistant Commissioner-General of the Royal Thai Police, along with other high-ranking officials, to

announce the arrest of Ms. Suchataa, also known as Natty, a well-known internet idol, and her mother, Ms. Taniya. On the same day, at 1:40 PM, Mr. Withawat Sukantharos, Head of the Surveillance and Intelligence Center, along with officers from the Center and Don Mueang Airport police officers, jointly arrested Ms. Suchataa (also known as Natty or Leah) and Mrs. Taniya (also known as Mrs. Saranya), a mother and daughter duo who are suspects in Special Case no. 294/2565. They are accused of jointly committing borrowing regarded as public cheating under the Emergency Decree on Borrowings which are Regarded as Public Cheating and Fraud, B.E. 2527 (1984); jointly committing public fraud under the Criminal Code; and jointly importing false data into a computer system in a manner that is



likely to cause damage to the public under the Computer-Related Crime Act, B.E. 2550 (2007). The arrest occurred at Don Mueang International Airport, Bangkok, after the suspects fled to Indonesia to evade arrest for allegedly deceiving people into Forex trading.

This case originated when Police Major Worranan Srilum, Director of the Bureau of Illegal Financial Business, and Police Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, were notified by the Consular Section of the Royal Thai Embassy in the Republic of Indonesia that two Thai nationals had been detained for immigration offenses. A review of their records revealed that Ms. Suchataa and Mrs. Taniya were suspects in Special Case no. 294/2565. They had been fugitives with arrest warrants issued at the request of the Royal Thai Police for criminal offenses. This was reported to Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the DSI, who was aware of the



situation throughout. He then directed the Bureau of Illegal Financial Business to cooperate with the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime in coordinating and joining forces with the Cyber Crime Investigation Bureau and the Foreign Affairs Division of the Royal Thai Police to coordinate with the Indonesian authorities to request cooperation in considering the deportation of

the two suspects back to Thailand to face criminal justice. Later, on Friday, October 25, 2024, Indonesian authorities deported both suspects, who traveled from the Republic of Indonesia by plane and arrived at Don Mueang International Airport in Bangkok, where officers from the DSI and Royal Thai Police jointly received the suspects, took them into custody, and transferred them to the DSI for further legal proceedings. Both are suspects in Special Case no. 294/2565, accused of soliciting the public to invest in Forex trading via the IQ Option platform and then failing to deliver the promised returns and refund the investments. On May 14, 2024, the Cyber Crime Investigation Division 5 transferred the case files and arrest warrants to the DSI. In addition, 23 assets worth approximately 16,688,165 baht were seized and handed over to the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO). The DSI has also seized three more assets and is continuing its investigation into additional assets. The case involves 438 victims, with total damages amounting to 239,463,716.80 baht. The fraudulent activities occurred between August 2021 and May 2022.



DSI commenced Operation Shutdown Backlink, seizing assets of online gambling mule account network in 11 location of 3 provinces for over 20 billion baht in circulating fund

On 29 October, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director General of the DSI and Police Captain Piya Rakaskul, Deputy DSI Director-General, assigned Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau to lead officers of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, Bureau of Regional Operations and Bureau of Special Operations to join forces with Police Colonel Nattakrit Promchan, Director of Critical Information Infrastructure Management Office, National Cyber Security Agency, the Central Institute of Forensic Science, the Royal Thai Police's Immigration Division 3, and the Nakhon Pathom Provincial Police's Investigation Sub-Division in the search of 11 locations in Bangkok, Nakhon Pathom, and Chonburi, and seizure of evidence in the special case no. 83/2566.

This operation originated from the effort of the DSI and National Cyber Security Agency (NCSA) in inspecting and probing IT information. They discovered 23 government websites being redirected to multiple online gambling websites by creating back links in the form of folders or files to boost the search engine ranking in Google so that more people accessing government websites would be promptly redirected to online gambling websites. This is the offence of illegally accessing computer system and information to damage, destroy, modify, change or amend a third party's computer data, either in whole or in part, under the Computer Related Crime Act, B.E. 2550 (2007) and its amendment and the offence of organizing of, or participating in, or gambling in a game to gamble money or other possessions without license or permission from officials, and organizing a gambling via online media, which is predicate offences under anti money laundering laws. The Director General approved this case to be a special case no. 83/2566 and assigned the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime to carry out the search of 11 locations in 3 provinces, namely 4 locations in Bangkok, 2 locations in Nakhon Pathom Province, and 5 locations in Chonburi Province. The search resulted in seizure/sequestration of over 100 bank accounts with over 20 billion baht in circulating fund over the period of 1 year, cryptocurrency wallets, computers, digital token wallets, mobile phones, and variety data.



November 2024

Acting DSI Director-General Welcomes ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Kao Kim Hourn



On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 8:30 AM, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), along with executives from various departments and agencies under the Ministry of Justice, welcomed Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN during a courtesy call on the Minister of Justice at the Ministry of Justice's reception room (Room 3-01) on the 3rd floor of the Ministry of Justice building.

During this occasion, the Acting Director-General of the DSI participated in discussions on several key issues - Inequality, security, and social safety, strengthening regional cooperation in combating crime, Promoting the Rule of Law and creating opportunities for rehabilitation.



DSI Welcomes Visitors from Hong Kong Police Force's Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB)

On November 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in Meeting Room 1, 1st floor, Department of Special Investigation (DSI) Building, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Acting Director-General of the DSI, assigned Mr. Somroek Tangkarawakhun, Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, as a DSI representative, along with Police Major Suthottawat Areerattanakorn, Director of the Special Operations Bureau, and Mr. Yossun Rueangsansomsiri, Deputy Director of the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, to welcome Superintendent Cheng Chi-man and a delegation of officers from the Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB) of the Hong Kong Police Force on the occasion of their study visit to the DSI.

The objective of this study visit was to introduce the DSI, exchange knowledge about the authority, duties, and missions of the DSI, especially in the prevention and suppression of transnational crime, cybercrime, and special operations, and to strengthen relationships between the agencies. Representatives from the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, the Technology and Cyber Crime Bureau, the Regional Operations Bureau, and the Special Operations Bureau gave presentations on their roles, responsibilities, significant case results, and exchanged experiences for sustainable crime solutions.

This study visit resulted in strengthening the relationship between the agencies, leading to the exchange of criminal intelligence and cooperation in preventing transnational crime in the future.

DSI expanded "Operation Black Horse Down," arresting a key figure in a Nigerian gang network involved in nationwide mule account procurement and defrauding victims with damages exceeding 50 million baht



The Department of Special Investigation's (DSI) Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau launched "Operation Black Horse Down" under special case no. 95/2566 regarding the case of a network of Thai and Nigerian nationals involved in defrauding victims through romance scams and recruiting individuals from across the



country to open mule accounts for various criminal groups, with links to call center gangs, romance scams, and narcotics cartels. The operation uncovered over 1.2 billion baht in circulation linked to over 1,000 mule accounts. The perpetrators also transferred money from these accounts to their domestic and international networks. The Criminal Court subsequently issued arrest warrants for eight suspects. On October 8, 2024, DSI officers, in collaboration with the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO) and the Central Institute of Forensic Science, joined forces to conduct searches at five locations, arresting 6 suspects comprising both Nigerian and Thai nationals.



On Wednesday, November 13, 2024, officers from the Surveillance and Intelligence Division, along with a team of special case inquiry officials from the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, expanded the investigation and discovered that Mr. Christian (surname withheld), a Nigerian national and key culprit in the network, had been detained by Division 3 of the Investigation Division, Immigration Bureau, under the Immigration Act. DSI officers subsequently detained and arrested Mr. Christian, who was under Criminal Court arrest warrant no. 4616/2567 for jointly defrauding by impersonating other persons, fraudulently or deceptively entering wholly or partially distorted or false computer data into a computer system, money laundering, and conspiracy to launder money. Special case inquiry officials inquired Mr. Christian and expanded the investigation to pursue other conspirators, reportedly including both Thai and foreign nationals. The DSI will collaborate with AMLO to investigate financial flows and seize assets connected to the criminal group.

DSI participates in the Ministry of Justice's volunteer activity "Justice Brings Happiness to Thai Society"

On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the Royal Thai Army Nature Education Center (Bang Pu) in Bang Pu Mai Subdistrict, Samut Prakan Province, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Police Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, and 5 DSI personnel to participate in the "Justice Brings Happiness to Thai Society" project.



This project honors His Majesty the King on the auspicious occasion of his 6th cycle birthday anniversary on July 28, 2024. Mr. Komol Prompeng, Deputy



Permanent Secretary of Justice and Head of the Justice Facilitation Cluster, presided over the opening ceremony. He stated that the project is part of the Ministry's social and environmental responsibility, leading to sustainable development. This volunteer activity

aims to encourage officials of the Ministry of Justice to participate in activities beneficial to society and the environment, adhering to the principles of good governance for sustainability and appreciating and conserving forest resources. During the project, the officers learned about the mangrove forest ecosystem before collectively cleaning up garbage in the mangrove forest area and planting numerous trees to restore the ecosystem, securing food sources and habitats for local animals.

DSI Showcases Research in the “TSRI Research and Development Personnel Network Forum 2024”

Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) organized the “Research and Development Personnel Network Forum 2024”, aiming to facilitate knowledge exchange between early-career and senior researchers within organizations funded by the



National Science Research and Innovation Fund. This fosters academic collaboration, knowledge sharing, the advancement of high-potential research, and the enhancement of young researchers' skills in research techniques, including presentation skills and networking with experienced senior researchers. The forum took place from November 21–23, 2024, at The Regent Cha-Am Beach Resort in Phetchaburi Province. At the forum, two researchers, who received funding under the Fundamental Fund (FF) program during the 2021–2023 fiscal



year, were invited to present their research through oral and poster presentations, as follows:

1. Mr. Mongkol Meeloon, Special Case Officer (Professional Level), Bureau of Development and Logistics, delivered an oral presentation.

2. Police Lieutenant Anuthap Chomphuthawat, Special Case Officer (Senior-Professional Level), Bureau of Technology and Information Inspection Center, delivered a poster presentation.

It appeared that Mr. Mongkol Meeloon, Special Case Officer (Professional Level), Bureau of Development and Logistics, received the Outstanding Award for his research titled "Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) Technology for Cyber Alert Investigation".

DSI Welcomes Counter-Terrorism Policing (CTP) Officials from New Scotland Yard on a Counter-Terrorism Study Visit



On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, the Director General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) assigned the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime, represented by Mr. Somroek Tangkarawakhun, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime, along with Police Major Suthottawat Areerattanakorn, Director of the Special Operations

Bureau, and relevant officials, to welcome Superintendent Geoff Tachauer and Counter-Terrorism Policing (CTP) officers, New Scotland Yard, on the occasion of their study visit to the DSI. The Deputy Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime welcomed the delegation and expressed pleasure that CTP showed interest in DSI's mission. He emphasized the opportunity for information exchange between the agencies, strengthening cooperation and relationships between the agencies. The visiting delegation watched a video presentation introducing DSI, and representatives from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime gave a briefing on the structure and mission of their bureau, particularly regarding transnational crime and the operations of the Transnational Organized Crime Intelligence Center, which plays a role in supporting information and law enforcement to counter terrorism. Furthermore, they presented case examples of passport forgery related to terrorism support in Spain and DSI's preparedness in dealing with terrorism through participation in



the Tempest Wind training program in collaboration with US and Thai security agencies.

Subsequently, the Director of the Special Operations Bureau presented a video on the structure and mission of the Special Operations Bureau and provided an overview of tactical training exercises conducted with security agencies to prepare for potential future terrorist incidents. The CTP delegation gave a presentation about their organization and emphasized the changing nature of terrorist threats in the United Kingdom. They highlighted a shift from large-scale network attacks using high-tech weaponry to lone actors influenced by extremist ideologies using readily available weapons such as knives or vehicles. The United



Kingdom has therefore adjusted its counter-terrorism strategy by emphasizing collaboration between various agencies, both public and private, including community engagement, particularly with Muslim communities who are often accused of having links to terrorism. The delegation stressed the role of independent advisory groups representing these communities in working with the police to build trust and confidence between law enforcement and communities. These advisory groups participate in providing advice, exchanging information, and collaboratively planning strategies for preventing and countering terrorism. Additionally, CTP emphasized the importance of proactive work, such as intervention before individuals commit acts of terrorism, rehabilitation of former offenders, and educating the public about the dangers of terrorism. This study visit provided an opportunity for CTP and DSI to discuss issues regarding the spread of security-threatening information on the internet, crime prevention in communities, and counter-terrorism efforts, which require good community relations to encourage people to report suspicious activities and international cooperation to exchange information and coordinate in the fight against terrorism.



DSI, in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, repatriated “4 species of lemurs and tortoises” totaling over 900 lives to Madagascar



On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI); Police Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau; and officials from the Natural Resources and Environment Crime Bureau attended a ceremony to repatriate confiscated wildlife to the Republic of Madagascar. The event was presided over by His Excellency Dr. Chalermchai Sri-on, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, with His Excellency Mr. Max Andonirina FONTAINE, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Madagascar, serving as the official recipient. The ceremony was held in the Saksit Tridech Meeting Room on the 2nd floor of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

The ceremony, organized by the Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation, involved the repatriation of the following confiscated wildlife: 16 ring-tailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*), 31 brown lemurs (*Eulemur fulvus*), 759 spider tortoises (*Pyxis arachnoides*), and 155 radiated tortoises (*Astrochelys radiata*), totaling 961 animals. These animals were handed over to the Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation following an operation by the Natural Resources and Environmental Crime Suppression Division (NED) in Chumphon Province on May 1, 2024. The operation marked the largest wildlife seizure in Thailand's history, involving 1,109 live animals and 8 carcasses, amounting to a total of 1,117 live/dead wildlife.



This case began on June 7, 2024, when the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Madagascar visited Thailand and paid a courtesy call to the Minister of Justice, which aimed to discuss the return of confiscated wildlife, inspect the seized animals, and coordinate with Thai authorities to expedite



evidence collection and the repatriation process. Subsequently, the committee responsible for managing confiscated wildlife, carcasses, or associated products agreed to return live animals to Madagascar, while carcasses were designated for destruction. However, as the case was classified as a transnational wildlife crime, the NED transferred it to the DSI. Since legal proceedings are still ongoing, the DSI, in collaboration with the Bangphra Waterbird Breeding Center, collected biological samples from the confiscated wildlife to be used as evidence. The animals were then transferred to the Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation for consideration of repatriation before the case is concluded. In addition, due to the substantial volume of animals, transportation will be conducted in three phases, starting the first phase on November 28, 2024. The DSI will continue investigating those involved in smuggling the wildlife.

DSI and PDPC Join Forces with Child Protection Network to Crack Down Organized crimes, "VIP Group" for Sharing, Buying, and Selling Pornographic Clips on Social Media

On Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 9:00 AM, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Director General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Mr. Kriengkrai Suebsumpan, DSI spokesperson, and Mr. Theeraniti Chanpravit, DSI Assistant Spokesperson, along



with Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, and Police Colonel Suraphong Plengkham, Director of the Inspection and Supervision Bureau of the Office of the Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC), to jointly hold a press conference on the news of the DSI



and PDPC Join Forces with Child Protection Network to Crack Down Organized crimes involved in the production, distribution, and transmission of pornographic images and videos via websites and Telegram.

This case originated from November 27, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Director General and Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director General of the DSI, assigned Mr. Khemachart Prakaihongmanee, Director of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, Police Major Phanthip Temcharoen, Expert on Special Cases, and Mr. Eakkachai Phuangphornpitak, Head of Technology and Cyber Crime Division 2, to lead officers from the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, Surveillance and Intelligence Division, and Bureau of Special Operations. In collaboration with the PDPC led by Police Colonel Suraphong Plengkham, Director of the Inspection and Supervision Bureau, and joining forces with LIFT International, Our Rescue Thailand, The Scientia Program, and ThaiHotline Foundation, they conducted operations in Kanchanaburi, Ratchaburi, and Trang provinces to arrest offenders under warrant and search evidence from a criminal network involved in the production, distribution, and transmission of pornographic images and videos via websites and Telegram in Special Case No. 37/2567.



This operation stemmed from an investigation by the DSI's Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime, which had been tracking a group of offenders operating through the website www.asianclip.xyz and a Telegram channel named "Asinclip." This group advertised and sold pornography, by inviting people to join their Telegram channel. They also used or disclosed sensitive personal information without consent to gain improper benefits for themselves or others. They deliberately informed paying members about the identities of individuals in the images and videos, their daily life, occupation, or educational institution. This constitutes an offense committed by a personal data controller under the Personal Data Protection Act, B.E. 2562



(2019), resulting in victims being harassed and humiliated. The Telegram groups were categorized by the type of obscene content, including pornographic clips, hidden camera footage in the toilet, upskirt recordings of people, Thai students, net idols, and celebrities, and VIP special rooms. They charged membership fees ranging from 300 to 1,000 baht per month, generating over 100,000 baht in revenue monthly. The investigation revealed over 20,000 members, with each group containing over 20,000 images and nearly 100,000 video clips across all groups. The operation teams 1, 2, and 3 from the Surveillance and Intelligence Division successfully arrested the group of offenders as follows:

In Kanchanaburi province, the operation team arrested Mr. Thatchaphon (surname withheld) at his residence under the warrant issued by the Criminal Court No. 5500/2567 dated November 14, 2024. He was apprehended in Tha Maka district. He was identified as the administrator of the website www.asianclip.xyz and the Telegram channel 'Asinclip,' involved in distributing pornographic content and acting as a personal data controller. He was charged with inputting into a computer system pornographic computer data and publishing or forwarding computer data knowing it to be pornographic computer data, in violation of the Computer-Related Crime Act, B.E. 2550 (2007) and its amendment, B.E. 2560 (2017). He were also charged with producing, possessing for commercial purposes, or distributing child pornography and unauthorized use of another person's electronic card in a manner likely to cause damage to others or the public, according to the Criminal Code.



In Ratchaburi province, the operation team arrested Mr. Songwut (surname withheld) at his residence under the warrant issued by the Criminal Court No. 5502/2567 in Ban Pong district. He was found to have provided his bank accounts for collecting membership fees from the website and Telegram groups. He faces charges under the Emergency Decree on Measures for the Prevention and Suppression of Technological Crimes, B.E. 2566 (2023) for allowing others to use his deposit account or electronic money account (known as a "mule account") and allowing others to use his deposit account or electronic money account without the intention of using it for himself or his related business.

In Trang province, the operation team arrested Mr. Thanakorn (surname withheld) at his residence under the warrant issued by the Criminal Court No. 5503/2567 in Mueang Trang district. He was identified as a creator of obscene



content who deceived victims by persuading victims to engage in explicit acts, which he then recorded for distributing or selling the footage. He was charged with committing indecent acts against a person over 15 years of age while that person is in a condition of being unable to resist, according to the Criminal Code, possessing child pornography for the purpose of sexual exploitation for oneself or others, as per Section 287/1 paragraph one in conjunction with Section 1(17), for inducing, instigating, or encouraging a child under 18 years of age to perform or engage in pornographic acts for the purpose of obtaining compensation, according to the Child Protection Act, B.E. 2546 (2003).



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DSI and partners bust transnational human trafficking ring procuring women for prostitution in Bangkok CBD

On December 2, 2024, the Department of Special Investigation arrested Ms. Lulu (surname withheld) and Ms. Suweena (surname withheld), both Tanzanian nationals, in Bangkok. In connection with this arrest, Mr. Baba (surname withheld), a Malian national, was earlier apprehended in Nong Khai province. They were operating as a network of brokers, or "madams," who recruited, arranged, and transported African women. This group coerced these women into providing sexual services to foreign customers in tourist areas along Sukhumvit Road in Bangkok. Their tactics included deception, threats, intimidation, abuse, and debt bondage, exploiting the women's vulnerable physical and mental states. They also used cultural beliefs in witchcraft or black magic to control them. Additionally, they confiscated the victims' earnings from prostitution and charged them for travel documents and visas used to control them. The accused were charged with "participating in a transnational organized crime" and "colluding with two or more persons to commit human trafficking." They were handed over to the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) for further legal action.



This case stemmed from an investigation by the DSI's Human Trafficking Bureau, Special Case no. 34/2567. This investigation aligns with the Ministry of Justice and the DSI's policy to suppress transnational human trafficking gangs



that lure victims from Africa to Thailand, posing a threat to national security and the economy.

The operation also involved coordinated efforts by the Royal Thai Fleet's Special Warfare Command, the Immigration Bureau, NGOs, and the DSI's Surveillance and Intelligence Center.

DSI Enhances Personnel Capacity in Utilizing INTERPOL's Database to Verify Suspects' Information



On December 3, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at Conference Room 1, 1st Floor, Department of Special Investigation (DSI) Building, Police Captain Thinavudth Silapat, Director of the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau, presided over a lecture for 37 DSI personnel who are tasked with preventing and suppressing major crimes classified as special cases and significant transnational crimes.

The lecture covered the following topics:

1. Introduction to INTERPOL and the I-24/7 System,” presented by Police Lieutenant Colonel Woranan Chosungnoen, Deputy Superintendent of the INTERPOL and Coordination Sub-division (Region 3), as a guest speaker.
2. "Utilization of INTERPOL's I-24/7 System,” delivered by Lieutenant Commander Thakollaphop Kaomoolkadi, Head of the Transnational Organized Crime Intelligence Center, and Ms. Chayanit Kitkhunnatham, Special Case Officer (Professional Level).

This lecture was organized following the DSI's authorization to access INTERPOL's databases or the I-24/7 system. This system is instrumental in verifying information on alleged offenders in special cases, including suspects and other associates, both Thai and foreign nationals, in special cases or



investigations under DSI's authority. The system significantly supports the prevention and suppression of serious crimes that are special cases and major transnational crimes. Notably, the DSI is one of the only two agencies in Thailand, alongside the Royal Thai Police, that has been granted authorization to access and utilize the I-24/7 system.

However, the Director-General of the DSI has designated the Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime Bureau as the central unit responsible for data verification via the I-24/7 system and as the primary liaison with the INTERPOL National Central Bureau Thailand (INTERPOL Bangkok) for access to the system.

DSI Joins "Justice against Dishonesty with Transparency towards No Corruption" Anti-graft Event



Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), along with DSI officers, participated in the Anti-Corruption and Ethics Promotion Week for the 2025 fiscal year under the theme "Justice against Dishonesty with Transparency towards No Corruption." The event was presided over by Police Colonel Thawee Sodsong, Minister of Justice, with Mrs. Pongsawat Neela-Yodhin, Permanent Secretary for Justice, giving the reporting statement. It was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 9:30 AM in the Ministry of Justice's 10-09 conference room (Auditorium) on the 10th floor and broadcast online via Facebook Live.

The program featured a discussion on "Decoding the Success of Anti-Corruption in Singapore and South Korea for Thailand's Implementation." Distinguished speakers included Dr. Mana Nimitmongkol, Secretary-General of the Anti-Corruption Organization (Thailand); Asst. Prof. Dr. Torbhass Yamnak, Director of the Center for Knowledge for Anti-Corruption Cooperation and Good Governance Promotion in the Regional Level; and Mr. Korkhet Chanlerdluck, Director of Thai PBS News.



The DSI, represented by the Bureau of Government Procurement Fraud, presented two anti-corruption achievements: prosecution of bid-rigging cases and a special case investigation into a private company allegedly obstructing fair bidding for a machinery leasing project. The event aimed to disseminate knowledge about preventing and suppressing corruption and misconduct, promote ethics among Ministry of Justice personnel, private sector entities, and related civil society networks, encourage participation, and demonstrate the Ministry of Justice's commitment to fighting corruption. It also facilitated the exchange of views on the corruption situation and potential solutions to prevent corruption effectively.



DSI's Human Trafficking Bureau, in collaboration with the International Justice Mission Foundation (IJM), organizes a Task Force Meeting

The Department of Special Investigation (DSI), through its Human Trafficking Bureau and in collaboration with the International Justice Mission Foundation (IJM), held a Task Force Meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Rajpruek Club's ballroom. The meeting aimed to encourage participation from various relevant agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in sharing information related to human trafficking and



forced labor exploited for criminal activities. Additionally, it sought to foster discussions on the prevention and suppression of human trafficking, as well as efforts to assist individuals who may become victims of forced criminality in neighboring countries and Thailand.



DSI to probe complaint against company closing debts with condo purchases

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), received a complaint from Mrs. Paveena Hongsakul, President of the Paveena Hongsakul Foundation for Children and Women, along with 70 representatives of victims. The complaint concerns a request for the DSI to be the main agency in coordinating with the Bank of Thailand and investigating a company that helps close debts by having debtors buy many condominium units each, leading to an inability to make payments. The total damage is worth over 3 billion baht.



The Director-General has accepted the case for preliminary investigation and has advised the victims to also file a complaint with the Economic Crime Suppression Division (ECD) for the benefit of continuous legal proceedings in case the case does not fall under the category of special cases within the DSI's jurisdiction.

DSI Welcomes Delegation from Central Institute of Forensic Science to Study Information Technology Used in DSI Operations

On December 12, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), assigned Mr. Pipat Penpak, Director of the Bureau of Technology and Information Inspection Center, Mr. Kraisi Saengsri, Director of the Mapping and Geo-informatics Division, and officials from the Mapping and Geo-informatics Division to welcome a delegation from the Central Institute of Forensic Science (CIFS). The delegation, from the Forensic Science Operations Group (Central) and the Special Forensic Science Operations Division, visited the DSI to learn about the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (Drones), DSI crime map system and geo-informatics employed in DSI operations. The goal was to explore how these technologies could be applied to the CIFS's work, such as crime scene investigation, creating aerial maps of crime scenes with drones and developing a crime database system. This initiative aligns with the



Ministry of Justice's policy of utilizing modern technology to promote public access to justice.

DSI Organizes Ministry of Justice's Volunteer Activity "Justice Brings Happiness to Thai Society"

On Friday, December 13, 2024, Police Major Yutthana Praedam, Director-General of the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), and Police Captain Wisanu Chimtrakool, Deputy Director-General of the DSI, along with executives, civil servants, officers from the DSI and other agencies under the Ministry of Justice, including the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Department of Rights and Liberties Protection, Department of Corrections, Department of Probation, Department of Legal Execution, Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection, Office of Justice Affairs, Office of the Narcotics Control Board, and the Central Institute of Forensic Science, totaling 200 people, participated in the Ministry of Justice's



volunteer activity under the project "Justice Brings Happiness to Thai Society in Honor of His Majesty the King on the auspicious occasion of his 6th cycle birthday anniversary on July 28, 2024." The activities included public service work such as improving the welcome area's landscape, planting trees, collecting garbage and leaves, cleaning the canteen, and repainting the sports field to enhance its functionality. These efforts aimed to create a beautiful environment and promote better quality of life for teachers and students at Wattannaknuea School (Chuen Witthaya Nu Son) in Om Kret Subdistrict, Pak Kret District, Nonthaburi Province.



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