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Dear Mr. Yong,

We would like to congratulate the management and staff of the Thai Public Broadcasting Service on the launching of this very important organisation. The establishment of the Thai PBS is a big move forward in terms of freedom of expression and information in Thailand.

As a freedom of expression organization, ARTICLE 19 campaigns for the free flow of information and ideas, including the public's right to receive a diversity of information and viewpoints. We believe that a genuine public service broadcaster can make a significant contribution towards achieving this goal and we very much welcome the establishment, in Thailand of the Thai Public Broadcasting Service (Thai PBS).

We hope that Thai PBS will develop into a true independent public broadcasting service, free from political and commercial interference. We also hope that its programmes will serve the public interest, be balanced and impartial, and that it will be fully accountable to the public. Thai PBS can be a powerful tool for peace building, promoting tolerance, education and empowerment.

Once again, please accept our message of congratulation and hope as you embark in this important endeavour.

Yours truly,



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