

**Minister of Education 'Permpoon' chairs reception for ASEAN youth, opening a cultural platform to strengthen regional friendship.**



**June 17, 2025** – Pol. Gen. Permpoon Chidchob, Minister of Education of Thailand, presided over the welcome reception for participants of the "ASEAN Youth Camp 2025 (AYC2025)." The event aimed to foster an atmosphere of friendship, warmth, and cultural exchange among attendees. The reception was attended by youth and teachers from the 10 ASEAN member countries, along with representatives from three dialogue partner nations—China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea—as well as the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. The event took place at the National Science Museum (NSM), Pathum Thani Province.

The Minister of Education warmly welcomed and congratulated the youth from various countries for their participation in the event. He emphasised Thailand’s pride in hosting the camp and expressed hopes that this experience would be a valuable opportunity—enhancing knowledge, fostering international relations, and inspiring all participants. Despite the diversity in language and culture, the Minister highlighted that everyone can be connected through friendship, mutual understanding, and a shared goal of promoting sustainable development across the ASEAN region.

Furthermore, the friendship and cooperation among countries in the ASEAN region are vital factors that promote peace, security, and long-term sustainable development. The relationships and collaborative learning among youth serve as a strong foundation for the region. Therefore, this camp is not only a platform for learning but also a space of inspiration that sparks the potential for youth to become future leaders, ready to cooperate with others in creating a sustainable future together.



The event featured a diverse array of traditional Thai cultural performances that reflected the nation's unique identity. The evening also provided a platform for youth from various countries to experience genuine friendship in a close and inclusive atmosphere. All participants shared a warm and welcoming dinner together, which created an open space for conversation, cultural exchange, and mutual learning. Such experiences serve as a foundation for nurturing young people into future leaders—visionary, technologically literate, and genuinely conscious of global citizenship and human solidarity.

In addition, the Minister of Education presented commemorative medals to youth teams from each participating country as a token of appreciation and a symbol of their meaningful participation in the camp. A group photo session was held with the Minister and distinguished guests, capturing the joyful atmosphere filled with smiles and lasting impressions—serving as a lasting memento of friendship and shared involvement in this significant event.

