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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, we send our warm wishes to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand on the celebration of Songkran.

We are committed to our enduring friendship with Thailand, a partnership that has spanned nearly 200 years. This year, the country's celebration of Songkran is marked by continued sadness at the passing of King Bhumibol. His reign strengthened our countries' friendship, and his wisdom will be remembered for generations to come. In continuing his vision, we remain committed to partnering on important issues that will enhance the security of our countries and the region. The United States looks forward to continuing our valuable cooperation in the New Year.

We wish all Thai people a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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