

**H.E. Dato' Jojie Samuel, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, President of the National Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives.**

On 16 March 2021, at 15.00 hrs., H.E. Dato' Jojie Samuel, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, President of the National Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives, on the occasion of assumption on his duty. Both sides appreciated the cordial and constructive diplomatic relations. The main topics of the conversation were as followings :

- The President of the National Assembly, at the time of being the Minister of the Agriculture and Cooperatives, used to send Thai experts of rice to Malaysia to exchange the knowledge of growing rice. At present Malaysia got success in the rice cultivation.

- This year Malaysia and Thailand celebrated the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bilateral relationship. The Ambassador would like to boost the volume of the bilateral trade along the border of the two countries. Both sides also discussed about IMT-GT: Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle, which was initiated by former Prime Minister of Malaysia, H.E. Mr. Mahathir Mohammad, the former President of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Suharto and the President of the National Assembly, being the Prime Minister of Thailand at that period. The President of the National Assembly asked the Ambassador to follow the IMT-GT and also the other cooperation projects of the two countries.

- For the incident between the Thai fishing trawler off the coast of Satun province and a Malaysian patrol vessel resulting in the sank of the boat and one Thai crew dead last year, the Ambassador had just come to see the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, the House of Representatives, to give the information of this matter in February 2021. And at the end of the conversation, the Ambassador invited the President of the National Assembly to pay an official visit to Malaysia at the appropriated time.

