



Press Release
20th Thai Festival Osaka 2023

On 13-14 May 2023, the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Osaka and Team Thailand agencies in Osaka co-organized the 20th Thai Festival Osaka 2023 near Kyobashi Station to promote Thailand and Thainess in Osaka and the Kansai region. Around 11,000 people attended the event.

The festival commenced with the Opening Ceremony on the morning of 13 May 2023 presided over by H.E. Mr. Singtong Lapisatepun, Ambassador of Thailand to Japan. Mr. Akrapong Chalermnon, Consul-General of Thailand to Osaka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Thai Festival organizing committee, delivered welcome remarks. Mr. Tsumotu Himeno, Representative of the Government of Japan and Ambassador of Kansai, Mr. Hirofumi Ichisaka, Representative of the Governor of Osaka Prefecture and Ms. Ayako Moriyama, Representative of the Mayor of Osaka City gave congratulatory speeches.

The Thai Festival Osaka was first organized in 2003 and celebrated its 20th Anniversary this year. To commemorate this occasion, the organizing committee wished to promote Thainess in all dimensions, from Thai food, drinks, vegetables and fruits, goods, fruits and vegetables carving, Thai hotels, airlines and tourism. A wide array of activities were arranged, ranging from Thai cultural performances by Share Happiness youth group, Muay Thai demonstration by Seishikai Boxing Gym, concert by Thai artists and youth groups from Mark for Future Music School and Thai entertainment companies like Jigsaw Thailand, Muzik Move and Homerun, to the fanclub meet and greet session with Thai actor and director from the Y-series drama of Commetive Productions. On top of these, there were onstage promotions for Thai goods, quiz games to win special gifts, lucky draw rounds to win up to 5 round trip air tickets to Thailand, as well as other prizes.

To date, the Thai Festival Osaka is an important Thai-Japanese cultural exchange activity widely recognized and well received by the Japanese public and private agencies, as well as the general community at large. It is also an important symbol of friendship between Thailand, Osaka and the Kansai region. The organizing committee wishes to take this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude to all our Japanese and Thai friends, our Friends of Thailand for the warm welcome and the participation and look forward to welcoming you all to Thailand!

