

Looking Backward, Looking Forward: the Thai-German Relationship in the Field of Medicine

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Abstract

Since the establishment of Thai-German relationship 150 years ago, Germany has constantly played an important role in providing co-operation, assistance, and support in the field of medicine to Thailand in both direct and indirect ways. These include Germany's advanced medical care as the model for development of a modern medical care system in Siam, the medical care for King Chulalongkorn during his second visit to Germany in 1907, the training of Thai physicians in medical research and specialist training in various fields of medicine. These manifold co-operation had led to a strong relationship in the field of medicine between the two countries and brought about so many co-operative training programs provided by medical specialists from both countries to serve participants from many other Asian countries.