Dear participants, guests and organisers of the MITT 2024 Expo,

On behalf of the Royal Thai Embassy in Moscow, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 30th anniversary of the International Travel and Hospitality Show (MITT), taking place between 19-21 March 2024 at the Crocus Expo International Exhibition Center.

My sincere congratulations go to the co-organisers as well as local and international entities and individuals involved in the production of this event, which has now been widely recognised as the largest annual international tourism expo in Russia. It is beyond doubt that the MITT Expo has been one of the remarkable platforms that directly helps promoting and refining tourism industries both in Russia and various countries. The event has also helped increasing travel opportunities making the world seamlessly connected. More importantly, this platform has raised awareness about hidden or unseen places, wisdoms and identities of the locals, leading to new discoveries, closer ties among peoples of the world, as well as their growth and prosperity.

Thailand is pleased to once again participate in this Expo to showcase our unique tourism markets to our audience in Russia and other countries. Thailand has maintained its reputation as one of the most popular destinations among international travellers. In 2023, Thailand received approximately 1.5 million visitors from Russia, which matches the numbers prior to the pandemic five years ago. Despite such success, we hope that, through this Expo, many destinations and features of Thainess will be further revealed to our friends and visitors from Russia and beyond.

Therefore, once again, congratulations on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MITT Expo and very best wishes to all guests and participants. I hope you enjoy the event and bring home with you the best travel plans and vacations.

(Sasiwat Wongsinsawat) Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand

to the Russian Federation