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Press Release

Embassy of India, Bangkok celebrated the Birth Anniversary of Nobel Laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on 9 May, 2022 at the Embassy premises. Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore is one of the greatest sons of India. He was a playwright, poet, composer, philosopher, educationist and painter.

His composition "Jana Gana Mana" became the national anthem of Independent India. Tagore was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913 for his best-known collection of poetry 'Gitanjali', thus becoming the first non-European to get such an award.

He founded Shantiniketan, which became 'Visva-Bharati University' in 1921.

Rabindranath Tagore visited Thailand (then Siam) in 1927 as part of his visit to South East Asian countries. During his visit, Rabindranath Tagore delivered several talks including a talk at Chulalongkorn University. He also composed two poems "To Siam" and "Farewell to Siam".

Some prominent Indian diaspora members and the members of academia and media were present at today's event. Floral tributes were offered to Rabindranath Tagore. Ambassador of India to Thailand H.E. Ms. Suchitra Durai in her opening remarks said, inter alia, that Tagore's visit to Thailand in 1927 was a seminal one and laid the foundation for the political and cultural connection between India and Thailand in the modern era.

The guest Speaker, Assoc. Prof. Sawitree Charoenpong of Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok spoke at length about the association of Tagore with Thailand. A short programme of Rabindra Sangeet was presented by Indian community members. A performance video titled 'Eternal Prayer and Joy' was also played.

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