

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

Visit of the Chief of Naval Staff to Thailand (23-26 July 2015)

Admiral R. K. Dhowan, Chief of Naval Staff of India paid an official visit to Thailand at the invitation of Admiral Kraison Chansuwanit, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy from 23–26 July 2015. Admiral Dhowan made official calls at the Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters and Royal Thai Navy and interacted with high ranking government and armed forces officials.



2. The Royal Thai Navy accorded a ceremonial welcome to Admiral R. K. Dhowan on 23 July, which was followed by delegation level talks with his counterpart Admiral Kraison Chansuwanit. Both sides reviewed the ongoing cooperation between the two navies and agreed to enhance the same. Taking into account the high degree of dependence of both the countries on maritime trade and the emerging asymmetric challenges in the maritime

domain, the two sides identified exchange of white shipping information to complement each other's Maritime Domain Awareness, greater degree of coordinated patrols, anti-piracy as areas of immediate importance and exploring the possibility of cooperation in hydrographic surveys. Expanding the scope of cooperation in training and education was also discussed during various interactions.



3. Both sides also decided to explore bilateral cooperation in ship-building and ship construction projects. The two sides also exchanged views on developing a Road Map for defence cooperation. Admiral Dhowan visited the facilities at the Sattahip Naval Base and interacted with officials of the Royal Thai Navy on 25 July 2015.

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