

**United States of America
Dept of State & Dept of Defense**

support of

**Thailand Mine Action Center
and
Government of Thailand**



OVERVIEW



US and TMAC Leadership

US Department of State (DoS) past contributions

US Department of Defense (DoD) past contributions

Current US support

Synergy of Effort and cooperation – the way ahead



Incountry leadership of US demining initiatives



US Ambassador Darryl Johnson
COL Jack Dibrell, Chief JUSMAGTHAI

Mr. Mark Lambert, Political Military Officer

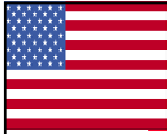


TMAC leadership



MG Tamrongsak Deemongkon, Director
COL Teera Saipradist, Deputy Director
COL Khongphant Menaganga, Ass't Director





DoS past contributions



Three year plan, from FY00-02, completed. No future funding:

- Facilitated launching of demining operations, initial operational support of TMAC and HMAUs 1 and 2
- Managed through contractor RONCO rep Dave McCracken
- Launched the Dog Program
- Integrated approach: DoD training and mechanical devices + DoS lauched dog program



DoD - past contributions



AUG 1999-2002:

12 US Special Forces led training events - \$ 3 million:

- 400+ Thai deminers trained – “train-the-trainer”
 - Demining Training Center in Ratchaburi
 - Mine Awareness Center, Lopburi
- Donation of 150 2.5 ton trucks (\$ 9 million)

2000-present: US Demining Tractor Mechanic in place

2000-present: Tempest Demining Tractor (\$150,000)

2001-present: SDTT Tractor – clears mines/vegetation

2003 - 9 computers for TMAC and demining sites



US DoD – 2004



Arrival into Thailand of Uni-Disc system – vegetation clearing tractor, position at HMAU-1, this week, (\$1 million)

Provided computers & hardware for mine data tracking

Computer advice - data and LAN systems (Maj Barlow)

US military medical team to exchange blast injury expertise with Thai medics, Aranyaprathet

Hand-held demining system: testing hosted by TMAC, NOV-DEC 04



Synergy of effort



Increased collaboration with NGO leadership in support of TMAC & MoFA initiatives – a great trend.

Recent examples:

--This MoFA hosted conference

--Video Teleconference - Thai-based NGO's, Royal Thai Army Medical Ctr and Tripler Army Hospital, July

--Geneva International Center Humanitarian Demining database training + JUSMAGTHAI follow-up, AUG



Conclusion



US Embassy and JUSMAGTHAI leadership keen on continuing support of MoFA and TMAC humanitarian mine action initiatives in collaboration with NGO's, Thai military and government agencies.

Next:

- video clips of the three different US DoD tractors currently being used by TMAC
- plus video of latest handheld demining system, to be tested by TMAC in Nov/Dec.