



Bio Profile

Ms. Arunrung Phothong Humphreys

Ambassador of Thailand to the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ms. Phothong was appointed Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh in December 2018. She is resident in Dhaka and is also accredited as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Prior to this posting, Ms. Phothong, held the position of Deputy Director-General for the East Asian Affairs Department, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand where she oversaw bilateral relations with ASEAN member nations.

Ms. Phothong joined the Thai Foreign Service in 1993 as a career diplomat. Her overseas assignments have previously included Thailand's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, from 1996 to 1999. There, she covered the work of the Second Committee on development and financial issues. During that time, Thailand was also Chair of the UNDP's Executive Board.

Ms. Phothong later served at the Royal Thai Embassy in New Delhi as First Secretary from 2003 to 2005. In that capacity, she was in charge of political and protocol matters. In 2012, Ms. Phothong served as a Minister-Counsellor and Head of Chancery at the Royal Thai Embassy in Brussels. In this position, she initiated Thailand-Belgium cooperation on science, technology and innovation issues which opened new opportunities for the two countries to reap the benefits from Belgium's STI strength wedded to Thailand's emerging economy and competitiveness driven by science and innovation.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, her variously work covered human rights and human security issues, relations with South Asian countries before she transferred to the East Asian Affairs Department.

Ms. Phothong graduated from Thailand's Thammasat University with a Bachelor degree in International Affairs. She subsequently acquired a Master degree in Development Studies from Ohio University in the USA.

She is married to a now retired diplomat, Mr. Liam Jackson Humphreys.