

**Statement of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand on Concern on
Assembly Situations 28 November 2013**



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Subject: Concern on Assembly Situations

According to the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) issuing the statement entitled Notice and Recommendations on Political Situations on 31 October 2013 and statement entitles Concern on Children and Youth in Assembly Points on 22 November 2013, the NHRCT has been aware of and has monitored the situations continuously, particularly concerning that the situations are elevated together with the move of protestor rally to various government places and the government has announced the Internal Security Act B.E. 2551 (2008) to expand the additional areas while the situations are not leaded to violence by protestors. The NHRCT has been afraid that situations from both parties may be precarious leading to violence and human rights violations as same as the past demonstration.

The National Human Rights Commission of Thailand, which has its roles and duties in accordance with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand to promote respects for and compliance with the principles of human rights in order to maintain situations of the country in peace and calmness, has requested all sectors to consider and take actions as follows:

1. Groups of protestors must assemble peacefully and without weapons and behave themselves in accordance with rights and liberty principles in the democracy system and the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2550 (2007), including compliance with laws and not violating laws or rights and liberty of others;

2. Public sectors, academics and individuals, who have rights and freedom of expression in the democracy system, must respect individual beliefs and opinion of all parties, although there are different beliefs and political opinions. The comments must be on the basis of respecting rights and freedom and not causing stimulations which results in schism and violence in the society;

3. Government, public sectors and individuals must respect mass media to carry out their duty and not threaten mass media in presenting actual news. Meanwhile, mass media must present neutral information without bias on any party;

4. Government and relevant sectors are pleased to take care of, deter to avoid precarious situations causing any violent situations happened and treat protestor groups using universal principles and avoiding the acts of weapons and violence;

5. Government and protestors should have negotiation by peaceful means together with finding their solutions with cause and effect.

However, the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand has closely monitored situations and considerably look forward that the demonstration and protestors shall respect the rights of each other in order to bring the peace to the country continually.

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