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[Text] SRV Ambassador to Thailand Hoang Bao Son paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Gen Prem Tinsulanon today at 1500 ~~prior to his departure~~ from Thailand upon completion of his tour of duty. The ambassador was accompanied by Director General of the Protocol Department Nikon Phraisaengphet.

The SRV ambassador said he felt honored by this farewell call accorded by the prime minister because he has high esteem for the prime minister.

During the past 4 years here, he became intimate with and was highly impressed by the Thai people. In carrying out his duties, he met with difficulties sometimes, but was given full cooperation by the Foreign Ministry and concerned government agencies. This cooperation has helped him overcome obstacles. It also illustrates the efforts of the two countries to preserve their friendship. The SRV ambassador said no matter what his new post would be he would always work for improving relations between the two countries.

The prime minister thanked the ambassador. He said he feels a personal closeness to the SRV ambassador. Although they still hold different views on several matters, he said Thailand and Vietnam may one day share a common attitude if they really try to look at the facts as they are. The prime minister conveyed his best wishes to the SRV ambassador. He also presented a souvenir for the SRV ambassador.