DECR chairman meets with Buddhist Supreme Patriarch of Thailand



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On November 28th, in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, met with the Buddhist Supreme Patriarch of Thailand, Somdet Phra Ariyavongsagatayana IX.

Taking part in the meeting were also Metropolitan Sergiy of Singapore and South-East Asia, Patriarchal Exarch of South-East Asia; Archimandrite Oleg (Cherepanin), secretary of the Diocese of Thailand; and Archpriest Daniel Wanna of the Thailand Diocese.

Metropolitan Anthony conveyed to the Buddhist leader of Thailand greetings from His Holiness

Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus' and told him about the **celebrations** that had taken place in Bangkok to mark the 25th anniversary of the presence of the Russian Orthodox Church in Thailand. The DECR chairman also described the current state of interfaith relations and dialogue in Russia and outlined various activities of the Department for External Church Relations.

The Patriarch of Thailand warmly greeted the delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church and noted, in particular, that Russia and Thailand have a long history of good relationships.

A gifts exchange marked the conclusion of the meeting.

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