

Honorable Chair,

Distinguished Colleagues,

I am **ณัฐพงษ์ เรืองปัญญาวุฒิ**, Member of Parliament and Leader of the Opposition in Thailand. Less than two weeks ago, Thailand and Myanmar were struck by the most powerful earthquake in recent memory. I extend my deepest condolences to the people of both nations.

In Thailand, life has almost returned to normal, and I want to assure you—**we remain strong and welcoming.**

However, this tragedy reminds us of life's fragility, and the urgent need for **social justice**. The majority of those who lost their lives were construction workers: both Thai and migrant.

As parliamentarians, our duty is to legislate and provide oversight **with justice in mind**—ensuring that people like these construction workers, who are building our nation, are not left behind.

In the area of education, we are pushing for decentralization—empowering local schools and governments to tailor learning.

I'm also pleased to share that our Parliament recently passed a bill banning **corporal punishment** against children.

I hope that some of our efforts I have highlighted may serve as an inspiration to other delegates here today.

Together, as representatives of the people, we must remain fully committed to moving our societies forward—toward greater social development and justice—especially now that the world is being upended by trade.