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Citi supports 2013 SEA Games Under-23 Thai National Team

Thailand soccer just had a boost when Citi Thailand announced its support for the team's quest for the 2013 SEA Games trophy.

Speaking at a press conference held in the heritage city of Ayudhaya on January 12, CCO Thailand Darren Buckley announced Citi's support of the Under-23 National Soccer Team's aspirations to clinch the Championship title this December in Myanmar.

Darren encouraged the National Team, which has won eight Gold medals consecutively from 1993 to 2007, to "bring back that winning trophy!"



Darren Buckley (second left) announcing Citi's support of the U-23 National Soccer Team

The CCO also emphasized Citi's commitment to develop young talent as they will play important roles in the social and economic development of the country. "Hence sponsoring the Under-23 National Soccer Team is in line with this belief and it gives us the opportunity to further encourage our youth and spur on their development," said Darren.

The announcement also fell on Children’s Day, making it “even more apt and meaningful as we commit to developing and celebrating our youth,” he added.



Darren Buckley with Governor of Ayudhaya Wittaya Powpong, Assistant Team Manager Col. Pornchai Thaitae and National Team players

The press conference also introduced Thailand’s Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Finance Minister Kittiratt Na-Ranong as Team Manager for the Under-23 National Soccer Team despite a demanding schedule. Discussing his second stint as manager, he said, “I am very happy to be back as team manager...We have only one target – win the SEA Games gold medal.”

Kiatisuk “Zico” Senamuang’s appointment as Coach of the team was well received when announced. Zico, one of the country’s most celebrated soccer players, has helped to win the Gold in every SEA Games match in which he competed.



Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Kittiratt Na-Ranong presenting the Thai National Team jersey to Darren Buckley

A soccer clinic conducted by the Thai national players was conducted on the same afternoon for some under-privileged kids. Darren distributed Citi jerseys to the kids who attended the soccer clinic at the Ayutthaya Stadium.

Capping the exciting day was a friendly warm-up match between Thai national players and the Ayutthaya Football Club team. The Under-23 team won with a 1-0 score.

Citi clients and employees can look forward to some exciting soccer activities ahead.



Darren Buckley distributing Citi jerseys to under-privileged kids at the Soccer Clinic

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