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The Ministry of Transport, Thai Airways International (THAI) and THAI Smile Airways have joined forces to send consumer goods, necessities and relief kits to those hit by floods in the northeastern region.

THAI President Sumeth Damrongchaitham said that Transport Minister Saksayam Chidchob and Deputy Transport Minister Thaworn Senneam are greatly concerned about the flood-affected people in several provinces across the northeastern area or Issan. He stated further that THAI and THAI Smile were requested to collect and transport donated items including consumer goods and relief kits to the flood-affected victims. THAI Smile is responsible for delivering the items to the destinations where it operates regular flights. The items will be handed over to provincial units of the Interior Ministry's Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department for distribution to the flood-affected people.

Mrs Charita Leelayudth, Chief Executive Officer of THAI Smile, said that THAI Smile volunteered to act as an intermediary for the northeastern region by transporting consumer goods and relief kits from Suvarnabhumi International Airport to airports in Khon Kaen, Ubon Ratchathani and Udon Thani at no cost. The transport service started today, she said.

THAI and THAI Smile are also open for donations of dried food and medical supplies but cannot accept fresh food and dangerous goods. Donated items can be delivered to the domestic transport division at the Domestic Cargo Terminal, Suvarnabhumi International Airport. To facilitate delivery, THAI Smile requests that the items be packed in containers not exceeding 50x50x50 cm in size and not weighing more than 30 kilogrammes each. For more information, please call 02-137-4521-3 between 8am to 5pm.