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Mr Peter Thorland

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Dear Peter,

I wish to provide my sincere thanks for your support and hospitality during our very successful port visit to Sattahip, Thailand.

Your support to us whilst visiting Sattahip reminds us of the legacy of Service and the close sense of community and heritage that exists between all navies and their ex-serving communities. In particular I wish to provide my personal thanks for hosting my senior enlisted and providing such excellent support to us in easing the trials of at sea service. The local tourism information, mobile phone sim cards and the general support you provided, as well as the exchanging of plaques was greatly appreciated by the ships company. It has been appreciated.

Both ship's companies have had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the unique Thai culture when ashore, experiencing both the cuisine and some of the more popular tourist sights, providing an excellent opportunity for respite and strengthening our international relationships. This has been greatly supported by the Navy league and your members.

Again, I wish to thank you for your support and I look forward to the opportunity to visit Sattahip again in the future.

Agx,
G.W.L. Blackburn

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