



## **Siam Legal Chiang Mai Strengthens Services Amid Regulatory Changes Affecting Northern Thailand**

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Siam Legal International's Chiang Mai office has expanded its legal and immigration support services in response to multiple regulatory updates currently reshaping the legal environment for foreigners, residents, and businesses throughout Northern Thailand.

The strengthened services come as Thailand implements several regulatory changes that directly affect international clients in the region. These include stricter enforcement of alcohol sale regulations at the provincial level, the national rollout of a new digital work permit system, intensified crackdowns on drug trafficking and online scam operations, government action to amend laws addressing illegal nominee arrangements in Thai companies, and proposed changes allowing limited alcohol sales on previously restricted Buddhist holidays.

"The regulatory landscape in Thailand has experienced significant shifts in recent months, creating new compliance challenges for both individuals and businesses," said Apichart Mattayanuwat, a representative from Siam Legal International. "Our Chiang Mai office has strategically enhanced our capabilities to ensure clients can navigate these changes with confidence and full legal compliance."

The expanded support services address critical areas where recent regulatory changes have the most impact. Immigration services now provide comprehensive assistance for new and existing visa categories, including the Thailand Privilege Visa, Long-Term Resident Visa, Retirement Visa, Education Visa, and various business-related visas. The firm has also bolstered its corporate and business compliance support to help companies affected by nominee regulations and digital work permit reforms.

For businesses operating in Chiang Mai, the new regulations present both challenges and opportunities. The digital work permit system, while streamlining certain processes, requires careful navigation to ensure proper implementation. Similarly, the government's focus on illegal nominee arrangements has prompted many foreign-invested businesses to review their corporate structures.

The Law Firm Chiang Mai has also enhanced its litigation and dispute resolution support for individuals and companies impacted by new enforcement measures. This includes assistance for foreigners seeking to understand updated alcohol regulations and local enforcement practices, which vary significantly across provinces.

With over 20 years of experience serving international clients, Siam Legal International maintains offices in Bangkok, Phuket, and Chiang Mai. The firm provides comprehensive legal services, including property transactions, business formation and compliance, family law matters, immigration support, and litigation services. The Chiang Mai office specifically serves the growing expatriate and business community in Northern Thailand, offering English-speaking legal assistance across all practice areas.

The regulatory changes affect a wide range of stakeholders, from long-term residents and retirees to business owners, employers, and new arrivals. The strengthened enforcement measures and evolving legal framework underscore the importance of professional legal guidance for those living, working, or conducting business in Thailand.

Siam Legal International continues to monitor regulatory developments and adapt its services to meet evolving client needs. The firm's Chiang Mai office remains committed to providing clear, practical legal solutions that help international clients thrive in Thailand's dynamic regulatory environment.

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