

1. Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra performs classical dance at a reception in Vientiane, during his visit to Laos, 13–14 June 2001. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



2. Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen receives his Thai counterpart at Phnom Penh Airport, 18 June 2001. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.

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3. Thaksin visits the Shwedagon Pagoda, Yangon, during his trip to Myanmar, 19–20 June 2001. On his left is Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



4. Thaksin with a group of Thai workers in Brunei Darussalam. He pays an official visit to the Sultanate state on 16 August 2001. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



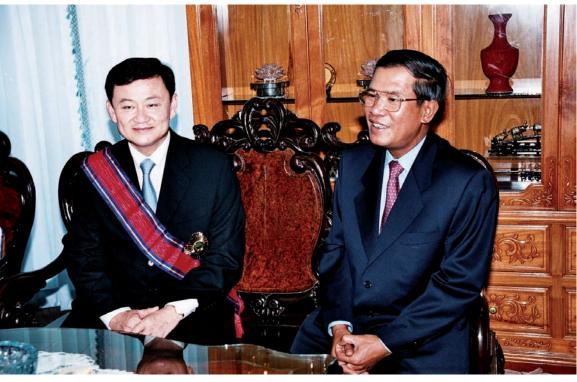
5. Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew and Thaksin, 22 August 2001, in Singapore. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



6. Thaksin is received by Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Beijing, during his visit to China, 27–29 August 2001. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



7. Thaksin and his wife, Khunying Pojaman, tour China's Forbidden City, 28 August 2001. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



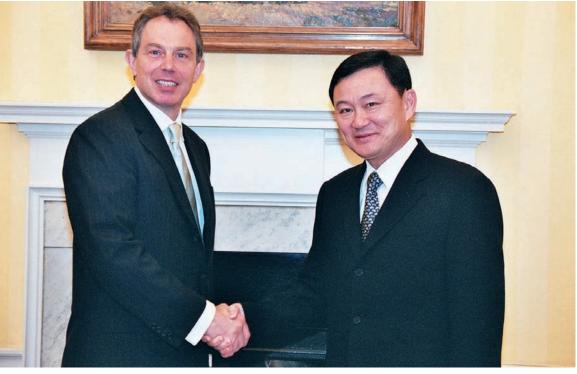
8. Thaksin meets with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, again, on 11 October 2001, in Phnom Penh. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



9. His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia grants an audience to Thaksin and his two daughters, 11 October 2001. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



10. Thaksin and Surakiart, with President Gloria Macapacal-Arroyo of the Philippines, during their visit to Manila, 12–13 October 2001. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



11. At number 10 Downing Street, Thaksin meets with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, during his official visit to the United Kingdom, 13–15 May 2002. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



12. Australian Prime Minister John Howard and Thaksin, during his trip to Canberra, Australia, 29–31 May 2002. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



13. On 10 June 2002, at the International Airport in Manama, Thaksin shakes hands with His Royal Highness Shaikh Salman Bin Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Kingdom of Bahrain, with Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa in the background. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



14. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and Thaksin meet in Islamabad, 1 July 2002. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



15. During his visit to Dhaka from 8–10 July 2002, Thaksin meets with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia of Bangladesh. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



16. Portraits of the two leaders, central Dhaka, Bangladesh. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



17. At the Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the setting up of the tripartite rubber trade venture at the Tampasiring Ubud Summer Palace, Indonesia, 8 August 2002. From left, Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, Thaksin, and Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



18. Thaksin speaks at the East Asia Economic Summit 2002, in Kuala Lumpur, 6–8 October 2002. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



19. In Moscow, Thaksin meets with President Vladimir Putin. Thaksin pays an official visit to Russia on 16–18 October 2002. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



20. Thaksin returns to Yangon for a two-day official visit, on 9–10 February 2003. He meets with Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, Myanmar. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



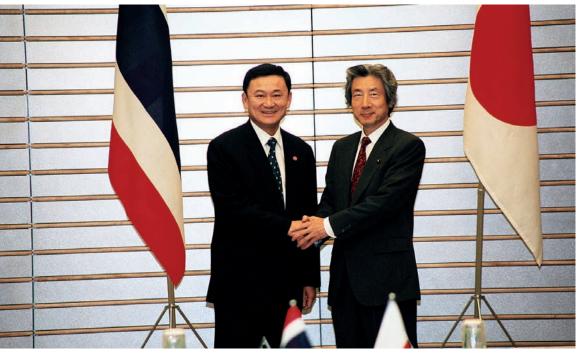
21. During this trip, 9–10 February 2003, Thaksin also meets with Prime Minister Khint Nyunt before the latter's downfall in October 2004. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



22. Thaksin with Myanmar's Foreign Minister Win Aung, during his visit to Yangon, 9–10 February 2003. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



23. Thaksin attends the 9th International Conference on the Future of Asia, 5 June 2003, Tokyo, Japan. On the right of Thaksin is Sorajak Kasemsuwan, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



24. While in Tokyo, Prime Minister Thaksin holds talks with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, 5 June 2003. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



25. Thaksin attended the 9th International Conference on the Future of Asia, Tokyo, Japan, on 6 June 2003. On his right is Kasit Piromya, Thai Ambassador to Tokyo. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



26. Thaksin, on the sidelines of the US-ASEAN Business Council meeting in the United States, meets with U.S. President George W. Bush at the White House, 10 June 2003. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



27. Thaksin with Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, in Kuala Lumpur. His visit to Malaysia is on 27–28 June 2003. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



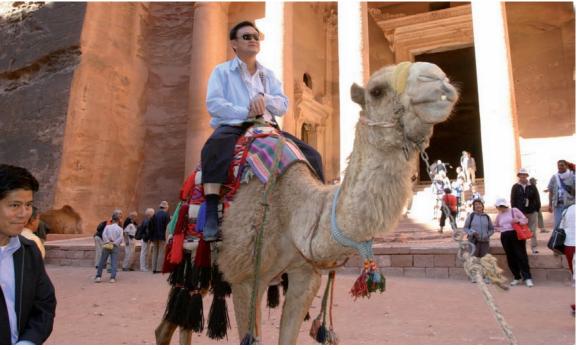
28. At a bilateral meeting between Thailand and South Korea, with Thaksin and President Roh Moo-Hyun. Thaksin pays an official visit to South Korea on 24–26 August 2003. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



29. During his visit to Singapore on 5–6 September 2003, Thaksin has lunch with Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



30. Wearing "happi" or traditional Japanese overcoats, Thaksin attends the ASEAN-Japan Summit, Tokyo, on 11 December 2003. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



31. Thaksin, on the back of a camel during his visit to Jordan and Oman, 25–27 April 2006, five months before the military coup. In the left-hand corner is Foreign Minister Kantathi Suphamongkhon. *Photo courtesy of Thailand's Government House*.



32. Surakiart, during his "listening tour" in preparation for his United Nations Secretary-General campaign, exchanges views with Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore, Istana, 10 June 2006. *The author's photo*.