



AIC's statement on the Computer Crimes Act in Thailand

By holding an intermediary liable for the actions of its users, this case could set a dangerous precedent and have a significant long-term impact on Thailand's economy. It could also end up denying Thai Internet users access to many of the online services they use everyday. Intermediaries, basically any online platform that allows users around the world to connect, such as social networks, online marketplaces and web forums, are a critical component of the Internet today.

Millions of Thai's, from small and medium business owners to students to civil servants have used online intermediaries to connect with the world and grow the Thai economy. Changing the way the Internet works in Thailand by denying intermediaries the protections they are granted in most countries around the world, could have a significant detrimental impact.

The Asia Internet Coalition believes that responsible intermediaries should be protected from prosecution over the actions of users and that clear notice and takedown policies must be in place. These are not included in Thailand's Computer Crimes Act. Our Coalition agrees that Internet is key to harnessing the Internet's vast economic potential

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