Advancing e-Democracy through the Establishment of e-Parliament

The Secretariat of the House of Representatives has launched the Parliament's website, www.parliament.go.th, to electronically communicate with the people since 1996. The Bureau of Information Technology has a major responsibility to apply information technology to the development of the work systems and legislative procedures of the National Assembly, the House of Representatives and the Secretariat of the House of Representatives. Seeing that all five office buildings of the Secretariat are located separately and remotely, their networks, therefore, are linked by metronet broadband service which the main parliament building is the network center.

For the establishment of e-Parliament, the Parliament's website serves as a useful tool to provide and communicate democratic and political information to people for 13 years. Its webboard interacting with people would be an open forum for them to exchange and express their political views with others. All of our government officers working in the Secretariat of the House of Representatives have an individual e-mail address which e-mail hosting is "parliament.go.th". Additionally, the back office to technically support the works of the Secretariat of the House of Representatives has become more advanced in order to subsequently serve our Members of Parliament, Members of Committees, persons who are working in parliamentary system, and general public as they are front office. For the document circulated within the Secretariat, e-document has been introduced and used via intranet that would, sooner or later, move all offices of the Secretariat to paperless communication.

Beside this, at present, we are initiating and establishing a new electronic system that will enable people to track their interested bills via the website of parliament. This way, they can access information about the bills and will be informed what stage such bills are processed.