

**Department of Intellectual Property joins forces with domestic and international partners
to dismantle cross-border pirated movie network
between Thailand and Malaysia, strengthening copyright protection**

The Department of Intellectual Property (DIP), in collaboration with the Economic Crime Suppression Division (ECD), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the Korea Copyright Protection Agency (KCOPA), and authorized representatives of copyright owners, conducted a joint enforcement operation in Chiang Mai Province to investigate and apprehend individuals involved in the MyIPTV4K network, which had been illegally distributing large volumes of copyrighted motion pictures across national borders. Such activities have caused significant harm to copyright owners and the creative industries, while undermining the digital economy in multiple countries.

Mrs. Auramon Supthaweethum, Director-General of the DIP, stated that this operation was carried out under INTERPOL's Stop Online Piracy (I-SOP) initiative through close collaboration among Thai law enforcement authorities, international enforcement agencies, including the Royal Malaysia Police (RMP) and the Korean National Police Agency (KNPA), and copyright owners. Through extensive analysis of digital evidence and financial transaction records, the authorities were able to gather sufficient evidence to obtain search warrants from the Chiang Mai Provincial Court. The coordinated operation successfully dismantled a cross-border copyright infringement network operating between Thailand and Malaysia. The network had been providing unauthorized access to copyrighted motion pictures through subscription-based online streaming services and conducting activities across multiple jurisdictions, resulting in substantial losses to copyright owners and the creative industries.

Searches were conducted at two locations in Chiang Mai Province, namely a company located in Suthep Subdistrict and a residence in Mae Hia Subdistrict. Authorities arrested an alleged offender responsible for administering the subscription-based streaming system on behalf of the principal service operator based in Malaysia. Evidence seized during the operation included 19 accounting documents, 4 records of payments made to cloud computing services providers, 22 documents relating to email communication, a laptop and a desktop computer. The suspect has been charged with jointly committing copyright

infringement for commercial purposes through the unauthorized reproduction, adaption, and communication to the public of cinematographic works. The operation reflects Thailand's intensified efforts to strengthen border surveillance and enforcement measures in order to protect the film industry, copyright owners, and the country's creative economy.

Mrs. Supthaweethum further reaffirmed that the unauthorized dissemination of copyrighted movies or other protected content—whether through uploading, streaming, sharing, retransmitting, or otherwise exploiting such content via online platforms—constitutes copyright infringement and is punishable under Thai law. The DIP remains committed to taking firm and continuous action against all forms of copyright piracy and infringement networks. Furthermore, in anticipation of the upcoming FIFA World Cup, the DIP will intensify its surveillance, inspection, and law enforcement efforts against the unauthorized live streaming of matches, the distribution of illegal viewing links, and the unauthorized use of match footage or clips for commercial gain. These measures aim to ensure full protection of copyright owners' rights and to promote a fair and sustainable digital environment for all stakeholders. Under the Copyright Act, general copyright infringement is punishable by a fine ranging from 20,000 baht to 200,000 baht. Where the infringement is committed for commercial purposes or financial gain, offenders may face imprisonment ranging from 6 months to 4 years, a fine ranging from 100,000 baht to 800,000 baht.

The DIP also calls upon the public to refrain from accessing or supporting websites and platforms that infringe copyright. Such activities not only violate the rights of creators and copyright owners but also adversely affect the creative industries, employment, and the national economy. Anyone who encounters suspected intellectual property infringement are encouraged to report information to the Intellectual Property Rights Suppression Division, Department of Intellectual Property, at 02 547 4702, hotline 1368, or via website www.ipthailand.go.th.