Mr. President,

We are at the war against the COVID-19.

Thailand has ‘hammered’ down the epidemic, and is cautiously moving into the ‘dancing’ stage. We have learned important lessons:

First, we have survived only the first few battles. Before the war is over, we must remain vigilant, and should not yet declare victory.

Second, this war requires the leadership of the heads of state or government to ensure effective multi-sectoral actions. As the battle field is nationwide, more than one million Thai Village Health Volunteers and leaders of local governments have been actively involved.
Third, a wide range of mandatory and voluntary measures is needed. Their success requires strong public awareness, engagement and cooperation.

Fourth, although fighting COVID-19 requires political decisions, we must ‘quarantine politicizing COVID-19’ to ensure solidarity.

Finally, COVID-19 proves the value of long term investment on Universal Health Coverage and health systems, manned by well-trained and committed health workers, especially nurses.

Our UHC covers all health services of COVID-19 for ‘everyone on Thai soil’.

We do not and will not ‘leave anyone behind’.

We do not have other option.

We only have to fight and we will win.

Thank you, Mr. President.