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Recognizing and Building Cases of Trafficking: Training for 75 Thai Police

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February 16, 2015. Chonburi Province, Thailand. The Exodus Road partnered with The Social Welfare Department of Region Two in Thailand to host a two day police training for members of the Thai Royal Police in Region Two, an area well known for it's high levels of potential sex trafficking, underage sex workers, and Western pedophiles.

Perhaps the most telling moment of the event held at a hotel and conference center came at the very beginning. A presenter polled the audience, "Who has heard this type of specialized training before?" Only one officer raised his hand, highlighting the grave need for targeted trainings such as this one.

The event was organized and led by The Social Welfare Department of Region Two with complete financial backing and oversight from The Exodus Road. Topics covered included relevant information for local police such as: current information on human trafficking law, how to build strong cases of human trafficking, how to collect evidence, and presentations of successful case studies.

An engaging panel discussion was also led by The Exodus Road's Operations Manager, Suppanat Uthaisri. On the panel, experts of The Social Welfare Department, local NGO's, and police served as they answered candidly questions about their own experiences fighting trafficking and partnering with The Social Welfare Department to deliver victim care.

Another powerful session was conducted by local police officer, Lt. Colonel Omsin, who walked new police officers through the eight types of trafficking cases they should be looking for and what types of evidence needs to be gathered for each to build a successful arrest and case in court.

One speaker told the group of 75 local police, mostly new recruits to the province, "The people in power have the responsibility to protect the people without the power, the vulnerable. As police, you are the people with power."

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