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# Molten concluded an agreement with the Football Association of Thailand (FAT) to supply the official ball for the Thai league and all matches hosted by the FAT



Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition quality sports balls and equipment, has concluded an agreement with the Football Association of Thailand (hereinafter FAT; Headquarters: Bangkok, Thailand; President: Somyot Poompanmoung) to supply the official match ball for eight years.

Based on this agreement, Molten's football will be used as the official match ball for all Thai league matches and FAT matches, including matches played by the Thai national team, held from July 1st.



# Quote from Pol.Gen. Somyot Poompanmoung , President of the Football Association of Thailand

I am very pleased and honored to enter a new partnership with Molten Corporation as the new official match ball manufacturer of the Football Association of Thailand (FA Thailand) and Thai League competitions. We genuinely believe in their expertise in the production and distribution as well as the outstanding quality of Molten's match ball, which has been widely used in an international competition by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and also in the UEFA Europa League.

This partnership will also enhance the industrialization in our country as Molten Corporation had established their factory in Thailand for more than 30 years, which will also create an opportunity and career for Thai people as well.

As the President of the Football Association of Thailand, I would like to sincerely extend our utmost appreciation to Molten and all related parties that made this partnership deal happened. I am confident that the FA Thailand together with Molten will further develop the game that we love and will surely bring success to Thai football from this time on.

#### Kiyo Tamiaki, president & CEO of Molten Corporation, commented:

We are thrilled to embark on this new partnership with the Football Association of Thailand in which allows our products to be used at various games and promotional activities in Thailand. Since our ball production in Thailand started operation in 1989, we have received a great deal of support from the people of Thailand, and we would like to thank once again Mr. Somyot Poompanmoung, President of the Football Association of Thailand, and all of those people involved to make this feat possible. We will strive to ensure that we contribute to the development of football in Thailand by providing high quality products to players across all generations.

## ■ About the official match ball for the Thai league and Thai national team matches

Both official match balls have special designs using the Thai league logo and Thai national team logo as a motif. The fire appearing in both balls expresses passion. The fire in the Thai league ball uses the colors red and blue to symbolize the Thai flag, and the Thai national team ball uses FAT's identity color of royal blue.

### ■ About the Thai League

The Thai league is a professional football league founded in 1996 that boasts top class status and history in Southeast Asia.

Official website: https://www.thaileague.co.th/#b2



#### **■** About Molten

Molten, a manufacturer of balls and sports equipment, has been making and marketing basketballs, handballs, soccer balls, and volleyballs, of uncompromising quality since 1958. Molten continues to raise global standards, supplying the official game balls and sports equipment for major leagues, teams and international tournaments around the world.

For further information, please visit www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/

### ■ For the real game

Molten's brand statement, "For the real game", encapsulates what we hope to accomplish through our products and activities. It is our conviction that the real game happens only when impeccable balls and sports equipment enable athletes to realize their full potential and maximize performance.

## ■ Product image data (JPEG) is also available

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