



**Left: Thai Tourism and Sports Minister Weerasak Kowsurat (center) stands alongside (from left) Secretary-General of the Southern Border Provinces Administrative Center Supanat Sirantawineti; Thai Ambassador Bansarn Bunnag; Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Japan Mitsuhiro Miyakoshi; and Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Iwao Horii during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 2018 Thai Festival at Yoyogi Park on May 12. Above: Kowsurat poses for a group photo after the ceremony with ambassadors, politicians and participants. YOSHIAKI MIURA**