

- Discouraging the free flow of imports from Thailand, especially of items that compete with local products.

The twinning may have some positive outcomes in terms of setting up joint processes towards developing capabilities for waste management and water harvesting for both islands. The Andaman administration owes it to the archipelago's residents to work on a priority basis toward building these capabilities, while also exploring models of tourism appropriate to the island ecosystem and with demonstrated long-term benefits for its inhabitants.

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