

Thailand Becomes First Southeast Asian Country to Legalize Gay Marriage

Thailand is now the first country in Southeast Asia to legalize same-sex marriage, and weddings are expected to begin taking place in October.

The country's senate upper house gave final approval on Tuesday, France 24 reported, noting the move changes the law to allow gay marriage.

"The new legislation will now go to King Maha Vajiralongkorn for royal assent and come into force 120 days after publication in the official Royal Gazette," the article said. Thailand is the third Asian country, along with Taiwan and Nepal, where same-sex couples are allowed to wed.

During a recent Bangkok Pride Parade, Thai Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin told the crowd at the event, "Government and public sectors will work together to legalize same-sex marriage successfully, as well as gender recognition and sex work."

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