

NAPAT KONGSAWAD

Reporter — NHK (Japanese Broadcasting Company)

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SUMMARY

Thai reporter working in English, with three years across **Bloomberg**, the **Associated Press**, and **NHK**. I cover Thai politics, regional conflict, the Southeast Asian scam industry, and climate for global audiences, filing breaking news, features, and open-source investigations under wire deadlines. Certified in AFP's digital investigation methods. FCCT Fellow (2023–2024).

Languages: Thai (native) English (native / bilingual)

Education: B.S. in Business Administration, Arkansas State University (Jonesboro, AR)

WORK EXPERIENCE

News Reporter / Associate Producer — NHK

Bangkok, Thailand • Sept 2024 – Present

- Report original features, investigations, and breaking news on Thai politics, security, and regional conflict for a global audience of 380 million across 160 countries.
- Cover the Southeast Asian scam industry as a connected regional beat across Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand — work that began from an online post and a source chain of a border social worker, a compound survivor, and a Mae Sot investigator.
- Broke the arrest of two Japanese organized-crime leaders in high-profile scam-center crackdowns; reported first-person testimony from a Bangladeshi survivor who escaped a Myanmar compound; and interviewed the Royal Thai Police's senior Inspector-General on scam groups relocating from Myanmar into Cambodia and Laos.
- Led investigative reporting on the Myanmar–China rare-earth supply chain, using trade, geographic, and open-source data to track a five-fold export increase and its environmental fallout on downstream Mekong communities in northern Thailand.
- Broke a Lao government agency's halting of all clearance of unexploded American ordnance after the USAID freeze
- Produced social features on aging Thailand and end-of-life planning and on the unresolved North Korean abduction of Thai national Anocha Panjoy; live-coordinated evening broadcasts of NHK's Newsroom Tokyo from the Bangkok studio.

Intern Text Editor — The Associated Press

Bangkok, Thailand • Apr 2024 – Sept 2024

- Reported and filed English-language wire copy on Thailand's political crisis, including the Constitutional Court's dismissal of PM Srettha Thavisin and the Paetongtarn Shinawatra cabinet formation.
- Filed breaking news for a wire audience of 51.9 million unique readers: the Grand Hyatt Erawan cyanide deaths, the Singapore Airlines turbulence emergency, and the death in detention of monarchy-reform activist Netiporn Sanesangkhom.
- Covered human rights and refoulement, including transnational repression in Southeast Asia.

Freelance Journalist & Broadcaster

Bangkok, Thailand • Sept 2023 – Apr 2024

- Reported policy, infrastructure, and the environment for The Nation and Krungthep Thurakij: the Clean Air Bill, the Southern land bridge, the digital wallet scheme and NACC objections, Mekong shipping at Chiang Saen Port, and Thaksin's return from exile.
- Delivered English play-by-play and color commentary for the Thai Rugby Union, including Asian Rugby Championship fixtures.

News Intern — Bloomberg

Bangkok, Thailand • May 2023 – Jul 2023

- Contributed reporting on climate and global food security: Thailand's drought and the threat to world sugar and rice supply, rice at a three-year high after India's export ban, and El Niño's projected cut to Australia's wheat crop.
- Filed fast-turn political copy during the 2023 Thai elections and their aftermath, including the coalition speaker dispute and Prime Minister vote.

CERTIFICATIONS

AFP Digital Investigation Techniques – Advanced — created by AFP with support from the Google News Initiative (2026).

HONORS & AWARDS

Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand Fellow (2023–2024)

- Organized panel discussions with the programming committee; mentored by senior journalists from AP, AFP, and BBC.

SKILLS

- Breaking news, features & long-form reportage • Investigative & data journalism • OSINT & open-source verification • Source development & on-record access • Conflict, climate & environmental reporting • Multi-platform (text, video, photo) • Data analysis (Stata, R)