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编者在本套丛书的编写过程中,特别注重了如下特色:

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2.语言地道, 出自名报名刊名记

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> 编 者 2013年7月

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World Leaders 各国领袖



热点看世界

Thailand's First Female Prime Minister Goes Well Gradually

As she marks a year in office this week as Thailand's first female prime minister, Yingluck Shinawatra's biggest boast could be about what hasn't happened during that time: a return to the chaos that has wracked the country for much of the past six years.



① Her achievement is more remarkable because she is the sister of the man at the center of

Thailand's long-running political maelstrom, former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was deposed by a military coup in 2006 after being accused of corruption and disrespect for King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

² "From being a novice, this is a woman who has come a long way already in one year, but there's much further to go for her to achieve her government's objectives," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, a political science professor at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University. "And there's also a long way from the sort of compromise and reconciliation that this country needs."

Only two years ago, in 2010, Thailand seemed almost ungovernable as Thaksin supporters seeking to remove another government occupied a central part of the capital and two months of protests deteriorated into violence that left at least 91 people dead and more than 1,700 injured. Combat troops were used to crush the protests. Just a year after that, Yingluck led Thaksin's political machine to a landslide victory in a general election. She had been pooh-

词海拾贝

boast [boust] n. 引以为荣的事 wrack [væk] v. 严重伤害; 使遇难 maelstrom ['meilstra:m] n. 大漩涡 depose [di'pouz] v. 免职; 废黜 corruption [kə'rʌpʃn] n. 贪污, 腐败; 堕落 novice ['na:vis] n. 初学者, 新手

reconciliation [,rekonsɪlı'eɪʃn] n. 和解;调和 ungovernable [ʌn'gʌvərnəbl] adj. 难统治的 deteriorate [dr'tɪrɪəreɪt] v. 恶化,变坏 landslide ['lændslaɪd] n. 大胜利;山崩 pooh-pooh v. 嗤之以鼻 femininity [,femə'nɪməti] n. 女性主义

poohed for her lack of political experience. She was an executive in Shinawatra family businesses — but working a combination of fresh-faced charm and her brother's enduring popularity, her Pheu Thai party won overwhelmingly. Yingluck famously vowed during the campaign to use her femininity and her empathy to ease the country's tensions.

Since taking office, Yingluck's government has been implementing some of its election promises in her brother's populist mold: tablet computers for schoolchildren, credit cards and rice price supports for farmers, tax breaks for first-time car and home purchasers, and a substantial increase in the minimum wage. As an attractive and impeccably dressed 45-year-old woman, Yingluck is often judged on her style, probably to her political advantage but to the disappointment of feminists.

"Her identity is mostly defined by her gender," said Chalidaporn Songsamphan, a political scientist at Thammasat University in Bangkok. She noted that discussions of Yingluck's outfits, makeup and hairstyle often overshadow her official duties, as was the case when she ventured out during last year's floods in a pair of expensive Burberry mid-calf boots.

Thaksin remains the country's "superpower", said Korkaew Pikulthong, a Red Shirt leader and ruling party lawmaker. But he said Yingluck is no longer as politically naive as she once was. "She is very responsive to problems of the people and is very keen to solve them," he said. "And that's the quality of a true politician."

empathy ['empəθi] n. 同理心; 神入; 移情作用 populist [pɑ:pjəlɪst] adj. 民粹主义的 impeccably [ɪm'pekəbli] adv. 无瑕疵地 outfit [autfit] n. 服装; 用具; 全套装备

overshadow [,ouvər'ʃædou] ν. 使失色 military coup 军事政变 come a long way 取得很大进展;远道而来

泰国首位女总理渐得民心

本周,作为泰国第一位女总理,英拉·西那 瓦正好执政一年。她最大的骄傲可能就是,在她 执政期间,在过去六年里一直席卷这个国家的混 乱状况没有再次出现。

① 与上任总理相比,她的成就更加显著,因为她是前总理他信·西那瓦的妹妹。他信是一个长期处于泰国政治漩涡中心的人物。他曾因腐败和对国王普密蓬·阿杜德无礼遭到指控,在2006年的军方政变中被迫下台。



② 曼谷朱拉隆功大学的政治学教授提蒂南·彭苏迪拉说: "作为一名女性,从一个新手做起,在一年里她取得了很大的进展。但是,要想实现她的政治目标,她还有更长的路要走。要达到这个国家所需的平衡与和谐,也还有很长的路要走。"

仅在两年前,即2010年,泰国几乎到了难以统治的地步。当时他信的支持者想要除掉另一个政府,支持者占领了曼谷一个中央区域。两个月的抗议活动演变成了暴力事件,导致至少91人死亡和1700多人受伤。泰国出动了战斗部队来镇压抗议。在那之后仅仅一年,英拉就领导他信的政治团体在大选中取得了巨大胜利。由于缺少政治经验,很多人对她嗤之以鼻——她是西那瓦家族企业的高层领导人——但是凭借着清新亮丽的外表和他哥哥经久不衰的声望,她所在的泰党取得了巨大胜利。在竞选期间,英拉表现出色,用她的女性特质和同情心缓和了泰国的紧张局势。

任职以来,利用哥哥的民粹主义模式,英拉政府已经兑现了一些选举承诺:为小学生提供平板电脑、为农民提供信用卡和粮价补贴、对首次购车和购房者实行减税以及持续增加最低工资。作为一名具有吸引力、衣着得体的45岁女性,人们通常会通过其风格来对她进行评判,这可能是她的政治优势,却也令女权主义者失望。

曼谷法政大学的政治学者卡利达邦·桑森潘说:"她的身份主要是由她的性别定义的。"她注意到人们对英拉的穿着、装扮和发型的讨论经常会使她的政绩黯然失色。去年洪灾期间,她大胆穿了一双昂贵的巴宝莉中筒靴,就是一个这样的例子。

红衫军领袖,同时也是执政党议员的考久称,他信仍是这个国家的"超级领袖"。但他还表示,英拉在政治上已经不再像以前那么幼稚了。他还说:"她充分响应并非常热衷于解决人民的问题。那是一个真正的政治家所应有的品质。"

语法点津

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 - · 句中because引导原因状语从句she is ... Bhumibol Adulyadej。
 - · former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra为the man ... political maelstrom的同位语。
 - · who引导的非限制性定语从句was deposed ... Bhumibol Adulyadej, 修饰former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra。
 - · be accused of为动词的现在分词作状语,含义为"被指控"。
- "From being a novice, this is a woman who has come a long way already in one year, but there's much further for her to go for her to achieve her government's objectives," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, a political science professor at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University.
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 - · a political ... Chulalongkorn University为Thitinan Pongsudhirak的同位语。

注释

- 1. 英拉·西那瓦为现任泰国总理。2011年8月5日,作为泰国为泰党总理候选人在第24届国会下议院第二次会议上当选为泰国第28位总理,成为泰国历史上首位女总理,也是西那瓦家族近十年的第三位总理。英拉是泰国前总理他信·西那瓦最小的妹妹,比他信小18岁。从5月16日被为泰党推到前台,短短82天,英拉就完成了从女高管到女总理的身份飞越。
- 2. Chulalongkorn University即朱拉隆功大学,是泰国的第一所大学,创建于1917年,适值朱拉隆功国王拉玛五世在位期间,因此取名为朱拉隆功大学。