The Royal Thai Army and the People's Army of China military units have ended their joint landmine clearing operations along the Thai-Cambodian border of Thailand's eastern Chantaburi Province.

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The Thai and Chinese military teams began their joint landmine clearance in Ban Phakkad in Chantaburi's Pong Nam Ron District on September 5 and ended their special operation on November 25.

Thai Joint Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Lertrat Ratanavanich presided over a ceremony to end the joint operations and handed over Ban Phakkard to local authorities on Friday.

The joint operation, in which the Thai military has learned from China's modern technology and contemporary techniques, is part of a Thai-Chinese military cooperation agreement.

Lt. Gen. Lertrat said, however, that there are many more landmines to be cleared in other border areas, along the Thai-Cambodian border, including sites in mountainous areas.

He said that the Thai military intends to speedily clear the remaining mines to return the border areas into safe areas for public use.