

Welcome Remarks

by Mr. Yongvut Saovapruk, Governor

at the Biomass Open Research Forum : Biomass Resource Assessment for ASEAN+6
Countries

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Mr. Somchai Tiamboonprasert (สมชาย เทียมบุญประเสริฐ),
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Distinguished participants,

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of Thailand Institute of Scientific and
Technological Research, it is my great pleasure and an
honor to extend my warmest welcome to all of you to
the Biomass Open Research Forum on

2./ “Biomass Resource...

“Biomass Resource Assessment for ASEAN+6 Countries”. We are most pleased to have this opportunity to host this event in Thailand, receiving distinguished representatives, researchers and scientists from various research institutes and organizations from ASEAN state members and the 6 state dialogue partners, who have joined us here today.

The purposes of our today event are

(1) to share the current situation on biomass and bio-fuel technology development among our ASEAN+6 state members,

(2) to share the meeting outcomes from the Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Biomass Resources Assessment, which completely held on 6th – 8th July 2015 in Thailand, by jointly organizing of MOST, APCTT and IRENA.

3./ (3) to provide...

(3) to provide a platform for knowledge sharing related to biomass open research/innovation, and lastly,

(4) to brainstorm on the ways and means to establish ASEAN Network on Biomass Open Research, or ANBOR, as a regional cooperation mechanism for enhancing cross-border cooperation on biomass research among the ASEAN+6 state members.

With our ambitious goal, ANBOR could reinforce our regional economic competitiveness, energy security and environmental safety. And eventually it could be operated as a firm platform for the establishment of ASEAN Biomass Open Research Center, or ABORC, in the future.

4./ With our strong...

With our strong ambition and determined timeline, we completed some of primary stages of the establishment of ANBOR. Recently, the concepts of ANBOR had already been endorsed by ASEAN COST Sub-committee on Sustainable Energy Research (SCSER), and reported to the 69th ASEAN Committee on Sciences and Technology meeting, on 25 – 26 May 2015, Phuket, Thailand, as one of the ‘ASEAN biofuel Flagship Program’.

To promote the cross-border network and cooperation among professionals and participants from various sectors on research and development of biomass utilization, TISTR has been working with various partners on the establishment of Thailand Biomass Consortium (TBC) and the setting up of ANBOR.

5./ I am very proud...

I am very proud that we have initiated the first step together in the transition towards soon-to-be a successful biomass open research network for ASEAN countries.

The theme of this forum are relevant and timely having regard to the circumstances of the region and I am particularly enthusiastic regarding the outcomes and impacts that will emanate from this forum as it represents an opportunity for the experts to share their knowledge and best practices on biomass/biofuel technology and biomass energy resource assessments, and provide first-hand perspectives on the issues that could shape the region's future.

6./ The forum will...

The forum will provide an opportunity for the participants to engage in forthright and enlightened discussion and to learn from each others' status and experiences so that we can respond better to the needs of our countries and to find the suitable platform for national renewable energy resource assessment. I am confident that this forum can potentially enable us to play a stronger role in shaping our national, regional and global sustainable development processes.

I hope that your participation in the Biomass Open Research Forum will prove to be interesting, productive, collaborative, and enjoyable.

7./ On this note,...

On this note, I would like to express our sincerely appreciation the presence of all the distinguished delegations and guest speakers here today. And I would like to thanks our co-organizer of today meeting event, namely, the Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) of the United Nations Economic an Social Commission for Asia and The Pacific (ESCAP), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and National Metal and Materials Technology Center (MTEC) of National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), for your kind support and enthusiasm in making this forum such a remarkable event.

Thank you.