

**Country Report of Thailand**  
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**Mr. President,**  
**Excellencies,**  
**Honorable Parliamentarians,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Delegation of Thailand, I would like to convey my sincere gratitude and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Jin-Pyng Wang, President of the National Group of the Republic of China (Taiwan), APPU and President of the Legislative Yuan for hosting the 40<sup>th</sup> APPU General Assembly and hospitality extended to us. Under your guidance, we will conclude a fruitful outcome.

The Thai Delegation is honored to participate in this event of the APPU which is considered a parliamentary forum for discussion on the matters of mutual interest and common concern issues related to Asia and the Pacific region. I am, therefore, very pleased to share my views with all of you on essential matters of the Union.

**Mr. President,**

In regard to the current situation of Thailand, the Government and Parliament have been working under democratic principle and the rule of law to strengthen democracy, stabilize economy and carry forward the political reform consistent with the system of democratic governance with the King as Head of State.

**Mr. President,**

On economic aspect, the Government has undertaken policies with addressing the country's urgent problems so as to ensure sustainable development and respond the true needs of the people by applying His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Sufficiency Economy Philosophy. His Philosophy is a fundamental principle of the national development and proven to be in accordance with Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the UN.

On macroeconomic management, the Government has promoting stable economic growth through coordination of fiscal and monetary policies to create balance between the rate of economic growth, price stability and employment and providing support for investment and business by amending rules and regulations and putting in place a regulatory system in line with financial innovations , encourage saving by establishment the Elderly Savings Fund which the Government will give additional contribution to the fund aiming to provide a benefit to people in their retirement years. Moreover, the Government also undertaking measures to help low-income earners by reducing the cost in terms of transportation, cooking gas and public utility services.

In energy conservation, the Government has placed alternative energy usage as national agenda and promoted effective use of energy with incentive measures. The Government also developed energy source in the country for greater self-reliance by expediting the exploration and development of energy sources at both domestic and international levels through negotiation with neighbouring countries at the government level for joint development.

**Mr. President,**

In dealing the social aspect, the Government has emphasized on quality of life for Thai people . In education, the reform entire education system has been raised to improve of education management and open all sectors in particular the private sector can participate in the development of the educational system as a whole,

including the insurance that everyone is provided with access to 15 years' cost-free education, starting from the kindergarten level through the secondary educational level. In connection with labour, the Government has promoted training and development all levels of workers to broaden their knowledge and skills that meet technological changes and market demand and provided comprehensive protection for formal and informal labour. For ensuring social welfare and human security, the Government enhances gender equality and eradicate domestic violence and discrimination against women, children and persons with disabilities including the protection of human rights. Moreover, the Government also provides protection and promote appropriate social welfare for the poor persons with disabilities and those under difficult circumstances in order to better their quality of life and enable them to be self-reliant.

**Mr. President,**

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The theme of this General Assembly which is "Human Security" reflects the current world situation and APPU member countries concern. In dealing with this issue, Thailand has rendered every effort to relieve problems and promoted the cooperation in every aspect.

The APPU is a parliamentary forum which has shown that we all aware of the problems are still facing not only in our region but also throughout the world. We have collectively adopted the fruitful resolutions to strengthen our cooperation as parliamentarians. The special session of the APPU General Assembly in Tokyo last year is the beginning of the revitalization. . The reform of the APPU is a continuing process for strengthening the organization. Towards this end, I would like to propose the establishment of three working groups on Alternative Energy Cooperation for

Sustainable Development, Promoting Ecotourism in Asia-Pacific Region and Sustainable Water Resources Management.

I hope that you all will support the proposal of Thailand for tangible actions.

**Mr. President,**

I would like to reiterate that we have a strong intention to broaden and deepen Thailand's cooperation with you all in the APPU framework, bilateral level to achieve our mutual goals and to establish the more active APPU. I wish the 40<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the APPU a fruitful and concrete outcome.

On behalf of the Delegation of Thailand, I would like to express once again wholeheartedly thank you the Government of the Republic of China(Taiwan) for providing care for around 60,000 Thai workers as compared with the another homeland and also protecting them in accordance with international standards.

Thank you for your kind attention.