Opening Address (November 19, 2010) by Mr. Sirithan Pairoj-Boriboon

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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to preside over the opening ceremony of the workshop on "Low Carbon Society Model Capacity Building Workshop" in Bangkok, Thailand, which is organized by Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (TGO), National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan, and Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT) of Thammasat University.

I consider this workshop to be a very important activity in which the climate change problems become more worldwide realized over the decades.

The aim of this workshop is not only to present results of low carbon society (LCS) analyses in Asia but also to enhance capacity building in LCS modeling and development for greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation.

In addition to the GHG mitigation from LCS development and implementation, this workshop also includes bridge simulation scenarios and policy implementation for sustainable LCS development policy.

This workshop is the first LCS model capacity building workshop in the framework of the Asia-Pacific Integrated (AIM) model under the development of the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan and Extended Snapshot (ExSS) tool developed by Prof. Yuzuru Matsuoka and his research team from Kyoto University.

However, the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (TGO) finds this workshop useful to the participants and beneficial to the global and local environment.

At this auspicious moment, I would like to declare this "LCS model capacity building workshop" open and wish the seminar be a successful one.

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