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## OPENING REMARKS

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Distinguish guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to welcome you all to the Roundtable Discussion or a small workshop on “Developing CDM Project for Municipal Solid Waste Management in Thailand”. The event today is jointly organized by the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (Public organization), or TGO, the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP), and the World Bank which is the outstanding financial institute with great experiences on CDM and Carbon Finance, as well as in providing capacity building on CDM implementation for many countries in Southeast Asia, South Asia, and other regions.

As we are all aware of global warming problems and its threats pose to the world, and our global community’s efforts in cutting greenhouse gases emission while tackling climate change impacts and vulnerabilities, Thailand as a Party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol has taken various steps to facilitate the implementation of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and lay out the foundation for future greenhouse gas mitigation activities. One of the major efforts taken by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, particularly from the ONEP that I have to address herewith is **the establishment of the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization, or TGO**. This newly established organization would have its mandates to serve as secretariat for the Designated National Authority of CDM (DNA CDM) to review greenhouse gas mitigation and CDM projects in Thailand, as well as provide services on capacity building on CDM; greenhouse gas inventories and information, and promote investment on greenhouse gas emission reduction.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

This program today is aimed to introduce the linkages between climate change and solid waste management, and its linkages with Carbon Finance that nowadays is well known to the global society. I am sure that the invited experts from the World Bank would be keen to share views and experiences with participants regarding Solid Waste Management, CDM and Carbon Finance.

At this occasion, I am glad to mention that originally we were thinking of a small workshop with around 40 people for the program, but today we have a great interest from up to 70 participants.

So, I would like to welcome participants from the European Commission Delegation, the Embassy of Israel, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Kenan Institute of Asia, the TGO Board member, Secretary-General of ONEP, and distinguished participants from Ministry of Energy, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Nonthaburi and Pitsanulok Municipality Authorities, Pollution Control Department, Securities and Exchange Commission, Thai Industrial Standards Institute, private sector, financial sector and experts from Universities for joining us. Thank you very much for your coming and I hope you will get fruitful deliberations all through the workshop.

Thank you for your attention.