

The 9th World Environmental Education Congress

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Distinguished Speakers and Participants,

It is my great pleasure to be with you at the 9th World Environmental Education Congress today in Vancouver. The general theme of WEEC's this year, which is "Cultureenvironment : Weaving New Connections" is both highly appropriate and timely for the sustainable protection of the environment cannot be successfully carried out by a single group or a single country alone.

Thailand has attached great importance to the environment and sustainable development. To this end, Thailand has applied the "Sufficiency Economy Philosophy," initiated by the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, to create balance among socio-economic development, decent living conditions of the people and the environmental protection. This philosophy

encourages people to live within their means and not abuse natural resources in order to enhance sustainability and create resilience to external challenges. Over the course of more than 40 years, the “Sufficiency Economy Philosophy” continues to be ingrained in the minds of the Thai people. It has also become a guiding principle for our policy toward sustainable development that we are proud to share with our neighboring countries and the international community at large.

As the future host of the 10th World Environmental Education Congress to be held in Bangkok in November 2019, we are looking forward to exchanging views, learning and sharing with all of you the experiences, latest trends and best practices in environmental protection and education with the view to finding a better and suitable approach to address these vital challenges of common concerned.

We hope to welcome all of you to our beautiful country, known to be “The Land of Smiles” in 2019.

Thank you/ “*Khob Khun Ka.*”
