

Welcome Address
on the 44th Session of IPCC

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Good morning,

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Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I would
like to extend my warmest welcome, to all

distinguished delegates to Bangkok, Thailand for the official opening of the Forty-Fourth Session of the IPCC.

It is a great privilege and pleasure for Thailand to host this important meeting that brings together government and organization representatives, climate scientists and experts from all over the world to address global climate change.

I would also like to express my deepest respect and gratitude to IPCC member countries and all scientists and experts who volunteer their time and expertise to present scientific finding and solution to tackle climate change. The IPCC assessment reports and products are crucial scientific source to developing international cooperation under UNFCCC negotiation and for government policy relevant to climate change.

This session marks another important development of the work of IPCC in its Six Assessment cycle. At this 44th session, important decisions will be made on the outline of the Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways and outline of the Methodology Report to refine the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. These reports will significantly contribute to ongoing work of global community to address climate change, especially the work under UNFCCC and Paris Agreement. So far, the thresholds of the Paris Agreement to enter into force have reached. This will result in the agreement entering into force on 4th November 2016. Thailand is among 31 parties submitting the instrument of ratification during the United Nations General Assembly last month,

fulfilling the first threshold. As a party to the Paris Agreement, Thailand is developing a concrete roadmap providing clear measures and milestones for relevant sectoral agencies to ensure an achievement of NDC.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Despite your hard work at the session, please give yourself a chance to explore and discover Bangkok, especially to enjoy our culture, Thai food and many impressive places.

Finally, I sincerely wish that this meeting achieves remarkable results and herewith declare the official opening of the 44th session of IPCC.

Thank you very much.