

Welcome Speech
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Good morning

- Dr. Wannarat Channukul, Minister of Industry
- Khun Payungsak Chartsutipol, Chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries
- Khun Kashem Yaemvathithong, President, Thai Packaging Association
- Khun Pornchai Rattanachaikanont, President, Thai Printing Association
- Khun Veerasak Kositpaisal, Chairman, Federation of Thai Industries – Plastic Industry Club
- Mr. Pravit Sribanditmongkol, Board of Director, Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau
- Mr Gernot Ringling, Managing Director, Messe Düsseldorf Asia

Distinguished Guest
Member of the Press
Ladies and Gentlemen

As a joint effort of three parties: Messe Düsseldorf Asia, the Plastic Club of the Thai Federation of Thai Industries or FTI and the Thai Plastic Industries Association, we are pleased to present TIPREX 2011. Please join me in congratulating the 3rd Thai International Plastics and Rubber Exhibition or TIPREX 2011.

I am most delighted that we can bring together the strengths of the three parties and make this exhibition possible once again. TIPREX 2011 will showcase the very best companies from the plastics industry from converters of all sectors, including injection, extrusion, blow molding, thermoforming, auxiliary equipment and many more.

Ladies and gentlemen

Thailand continues to carve out a role as a global player in plastic raw materials and products, and last year, exported US\$2.37 billion in plastics to countries such as Japan, the United States, Australia and Indonesia. Along with Vietnam, China is a key destination for raw Thai plastics, and like India, Thailand is also in the business of re-exporting finished products to the world market. At present, the plastics industry is growing up to 20% annually while the finished product segment about 10%.

As competition increases from around the region and new technologies and innovations develop, the plastics industry will need to keep up with the

developments and further improve its processes and use more sophisticated production techniques and biodegradable plastics. Under Thailand's road map for the development of the bioplastics industry, which spans 2008 to 2012, US\$54 million has been earmarked for research and development.

Against this exciting backdrop, TIPREX 2011 is happening at an opportune time as it provides an instrumental platform for the exchange of ideas, information, knowledge and the latest technology from the international world of plastics and thus contribute to enhanced competitiveness in the marketplace.

Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of the Thai Plastic Industries Association, I strongly believe TIPREX 2011 will be beneficial for exhibitors and visitors, and that it will provide a host of opportunities to strengthen the Thai plastics industry and raise it to even greater heights.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Messe Düsseldorf Asia for organizing this event and I would also like to thank all exhibitors, suppliers, trade visitors, and other parties involved in making TIPREX 2011 a success.

Thank you.