

**Welcoming Remarks of  
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Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to be able to welcome all of you to this Project Cycle Management training, and I thank you for sparing some of your flood-ravaged time to participate. We're here today so we can all learn something new or refresh our memories so that our projects going forward are well planned and executed with the highest standards.

It's a good time to brush up on our skills. We're entering into the new programme cycle between the Royal Thai Government over the next 5 years, and it is a

rare chance to bring together UNDP's implementing partners and project personnel. I hope you enjoy the opportunity to meet, to learn, and to exchange experiences.

At UNDP, our goal is to contribute to sustainable improvements in people's lives. We provide support through programmes and projects that are intended to strengthen national capacities and expand the options and opportunities available to partners and beneficiaries in programme countries. For UNDP in Thailand, we are working with the Royal Thai Government in three key thematic areas, Governance, Environment, and Development Advocacy.

This training is a part of the technical assistance and capacity building services UNDP provides to the Thai Government under the partnership in various development projects. If we've done our job well, we hope that by the end of these three days, UNDP will help you, first to strengthen your knowledge and understanding on the general concept and process of

project management cycles and familiarize you with UNDP's Nationally Implementing Modality (NIM).

Second, we hope that as a result the effectiveness of result-based management on UNDP-supported project: processes, procedures and deliverables is improved, and we hope that this training offers a forum for exchanges on project experiences and a chance for you to provide feedback to UNDP project management/assurance processes, as the chance to networking among your fellow development counterparts.

Managing a project is like a healthy marriage. Both require understanding, commitment, and transparency, to ensure fruitful and sustainable results. And yes, like any relationship, it can get bumpy at times. It is important to know the rules of the game and be flexible enough to adjust and adapt.

Now that I've stretched the marriage metaphor, it is also important to keep things in perspective. Doing a project and project cycle management is only a means

to an end. We do not simply want to complete the project for its own sake, or to “tick” donor development “box” or UNDP deliverable, rather the ultimate goal is to better human development and security in all aspects.

That’s what we hope this Project Cycle Management Training will be to you. And, we hope that through this training our development partnership with you will be both productive and long-lasting. Finally, I’d like to also thank our resource person – ADCC for their expertise in designing and preparing for this training.

I wish you all a very successful and enjoyable session.

Thank you.

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