Welcome Address
By
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At the Launch of UNODC’s World Drug Report 2013
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Mr. Jeremy Douglas, UNODC representative, Regional
Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific
His Excellency Mr. Denes Tomas, Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hungarian
Embassy
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honor to deliver a welcome speech to
all of you this afternoon. The World Drug Report is
annually organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs
and Crime or UNODC and embargoed on 26 June over
the world. At the UNODC headquarter in Vienna, Her
Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha will witness the
launch of the report, at the United Nations headquarter in
New York, Ambassador Norachit Sinhaseni, Permanent
Representative of Thailand to the United Nations, (นายนรชิ
สิงหเสนี เอกอัครราชทูต ผู้แทนประเทศไทย ประจำสหประชาชาติ)
will co-chair with representative from the Italian
Government on the special occasion of the United Nations
International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit
Trafficking. This year is the first time that the ONCB has
been selected as a venue to launch the world drug report.
We, therefore, are very delighted and proud to be part of
this remarkable event.
It is undeniable that, drug problem have become a global threat. Every country faces the same situation. Our beloved families, our children and our societies are victims of drug abuse. Our nations spent a lot of budget to bring back our people. Youth, a drive of the nations in the future, are targets of drug crimes. UNODC has declared 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking to provoke public regarding dangers of drugs and encourage every sector in the society to unite all efforts to protect our offspring from drug perils while general people are also safeguarded from drug related crime.

World Drug Report 2013 will provide us the significant information and up-to-date statistics of world drug situation. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the UNODC for launching this remarkable report which can be useful to our government. I am glad to learn that in this year, besides the report of the findings of new drug trafficking routes, the UNODC will also focus on new psychoactive substances or NPS. At least, the report will supply us different NPS categories being used all over the world in order that each government should take into consideration of any preventive measures.

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government and the ONCB, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the UNODC once again for this notable afternoon.

Remember, drug elimination, together we can.

Thank you