Speech of Prof. Emeritus Dr. Pongsak Angkasith  
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Chairman of the Session  
Distinguish Delegates  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. I’m Prof. Emeritus Dr. Pongsak Angkasith, Executive Board Member of RPF, Thailand. On behalf of foundation, I would like to share our experience and success story about the Alternative Development for the Highland Sustainable Development in Thailand. In 1969 We have received the Royal Project Development which founded by His Majesty King Rama 9 which aims to solved the problems of Poverty, Narcotic Drugs of Opium Poppy cultivation and Environmental destruction for the “Humanitarianism and Nation Security” The Alternative Development have been introduced to the highland development by the initiative of His Majesty King Rama 9 which it shown the highly successful for 55 years, The alternative development strategy base on the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy by working for the Middle Path to Balance all three dimensions of Socio-Economic and Environmental development by the methodology of “Understanding, Empathy and Development”. Alternative Development have been accepted from the Impact of Stability and Sustainability on the Thai highlands and became the lesson learning which can apply to use in many countries and UN had adopted to be the Guiding Principle for Decade and to be the guiding strategy to sustainable development goals to the SDGs in 2030.

So, I would like to confirm and give you a confidential of AD had shown how to work with the successful that result for better life of living in any situation.

Ladies and Gentlemen

At present world had changes and disrupted in all dimension, Socio-Economic and Environment the shown the serious problems. His Majesty King Rama 10 give us the Royal Policy to “Conserve, Nurture and Extend” Royal Project development for the better life of Living and Happies to all. We are now working to apply AD in any situation, like Economic Recession, Social Changes,
in aging society and Climate Changes which we hope that AD should be consider to be used for these changes. Especially concerning to Narcotic Drugs Problem which changes to Synthetic Drug which cause big problem to our society, We’re looking to apply AD to these as well as we could.

**Ladies and Gentlemen: For the Future Goals of our work of AD in Thailand and International**

Royal Project Foundation will work closely and concentrated our work for the future to come which concerning to those world changing, we have to considered seriously including.

1. Research and development of AD to all dimension for the better of achieved of successful development toward the Sustainable Development Goals by year 2030.

2. To expanding our lesson learned of Royal Project Model of AD development throughout the world connecting and networking, especially with our neighboring countries in ASEAN where it will carry out by the RPF Learning Institute.

3. To strengthening our youth and women development activities in all aspect. Especially social and narcotic prevention programme.

4. To encourage the Government to declare AD for Sustainable Development on the National Policy to apply is all areas and aspects in the country and international level.

Finally, I wish to confirm and give you our confident of AD from our experience for 55 years that AD can adapted to the world changes and suitable to apply to work in the future to come.

Last but not least, I would like to announce our important activities coming by next year, 2024. The Celebration on the Auspicious Occasion of His Majesty King Rama 10's Birthday on 28 July 2024 (6 rounds) and celebration 55 years anniversary of Royal Project Foundation:

1) Side Event and Exhibition of Thailand Alternative Development toward SDGs: March 14-22, 2024.

2) International conference on Highland Alternative Development for SDGs: Encountering Global Challenges in August 2024 in Bangkok and Tak province, 39th Royal Project Development Center: Ler Tor.

**Thank you for your attention.**