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Bangsaen Declaration

on

The 1st Symposium on

King Bhumibol's Science: Critical Implications for Global Sustainability Movement

Saensuk Grand Hall, Bangsaen Heritage, Chonburi, Thailand

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We—the people, convened by 4 academic institutes, namely: College of Social Innovation, Rangsit University, Khon Kaen University, University of Technology Phra Chomklao Chaokhunthaharn Lardprabang, Burapha University, and Embassy of India in Thailand, Mab-aung Natural Agricultural Center, with scholars and social activists from Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, Turkey, and USA—numbering over 200, having assembled together at the Convention Hall of Bangsaen Heritage Hotel, Chonburi, Kingdom of Thailand with intentions to explore the landscapes of Science of His Majesty the Late King Bhumibol Aduyadet who has ruled Thailand for 70 years on the throne for its various critical implications for global sustainability movement which is known as “Sufficiency Economy”. We have gathered the information from the keynote address, panel discussions by internal experts followed by intensive discussion in five concurrent workshops, namely:

Workshop 1: King Bhumibol's Science: Philosophical Premises and Application for Sustainable development;

Workshop 2: Sufficiency Thinking in the Business Sector: Social Enterprise for Sustainable and Just Development;

Workshop 3: Social Innovation in Community Development, Natural Conservation and Natural Resource Management;

Workshop 4: Human and Social Development Policy Directions Based on King Bhumibol's Science; and,

Workshop 5: Leadership for Peace, Self-Reliance and Sustainability.

We spent the following day together studying as a field-based learning at Mab-aung Natural Agricultural Center. The outcomes of the 2-day intensive learning, sharing and discussion have led us to the following conclusion:

- 1) SE challenges the mindset of modern economists, policy makers, and governments worldwide
- 2) SE should be a guideline for new form of social enterprise, not for financial gain but hospitality, friendship and
- 3) SE points out that mother nature is essential long forgotten by industrialists, and entrepreneurs,
- 4) SE challenges the conventional education: framework of thinking as led by the modern world.
- 5) New leadership that is compassionate, wise and holistic concern should be promoted.

We call upon:

- International organizations: UN, UNESCO, WHO, etc. to study the precepts and practices of SE in-depth; as it is the solution for the immediate problems of the environment and society that are threatening our world;
- Government of Thailand, ASEAN community, and overseas to liberalize education management that incorporates communities, secular and spiritual alike, to engage in national and environmental development programs;
- Religious communities to take part in SE promotion, drawing it into practice in every level of life in the light of their own scriptural interpretations;
- Education organizations to integrate the natural way of life, development of community life, and regional wisdom into fundamental education according to SE;
- Business entrepreneurs to adopt SE as their philosophy of business enterprise instead of their conventional that aims for money gain and capitalism;
- Media organizations in Thailand and overseas to adopt SE as their solution sincerely to reform our society at all levels;
- Family to adopt SE in their daily living and livelihood;



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- Individuals adopt SE in their life, bringing in sustainable happiness, make the world a better place for our future generations;

Let's not the body of KBS to be forgotten, but perpetuated in all hearts and all souls forever.