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ADPC's 8th Board of Trustees Meeting 4 July 2007, Bangkok

ADPC held its 8th Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting at the Montien Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. The Board was briefed and consulted on several issues pertaining to the future ratification of the new ADPC Charter, the progress made and the future strategies for the Regional Consultative Committees meetings that have been held since 2000, ADPC's contributions toward the Hyogo Framework for Action, potential collaboration and partnership between ADPC and the WHO, progress made in the implementation of the ADPC facilitated regional tsunami and multi-hazard early-warning system for Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean, and ADPC's activities over the course of the last 12 months.

H.E. Prof. Dr Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman of the ADPC Board of Trustees (BOT) opened the meeting and welcomed the distinguished members to the 2007 Annual meeting paying tribute to the previous Sri Lankan and Indian Ambassadors who had left the Board at the conclusion of their postings to Thailand in the last year and he welcomed the new Indian Ambassador, H.E. Miss Vijaya Latha Reddy, to the Board. Furthermore, ahead of their respective retirements in August 2007 the Chairman thanked both the Bangladeshi and British Ambassadors for their contributions to ADPC during their tenures in Thailand and wished them the very best in their future endeavours. As the first Board meetings attended since their respective investitures in 2006 the Chairman took the opportunity to formally introduce both, Dr Bhichit Rattakul, Executive Director a.i. and Secretary to the Board, and Dr Luis Jorge Perez-Calderon, Deputy Executive Director, to the members of the ADPC Board of Trustees.

Dr Bhichit Rattakul, in his inaugural address as Secretary to the Board he thanked Prof Dr Krasae for the honour of being able to serve as Executive Director of ADPC during Dr Suvit's tenure with the Royal Thai Government. Reflecting upon ADPC's activities over the last eight months since he took the position Dr Bhichit also paid tribute to the Director's of ADPC and thanked them for their hard work and successes throughout the region.

The meeting was attended by:



H.E. Prof. Dr. Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman,
Hon. Corazon Alma G. De Leon, Vice Chair,
Dr. Bhichit Rattakul, Secretary to the Board

Members present were:

Mr Philippe Allen, Counsellor, Australian Embassy
H. E. Mr Shahed Akhtar, Ambassador of Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. David Fall, British Ambassador
Mr Zhang Wanhai, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China
Ms Malthida Burnouf, Asst. to the Regional Counsellor, French Embassy
H.E. Miss Vijaya Latha Reddy, Ambassador of India
H.E. Mr. Pieter Marres, Ambassador of the Netherlands
Mr Lasse Nymoen, Counsellor, Royal Norwegian Embassy
H. E. Lieutenant-General (Ret) Khateer Hasan Khan, Ambassador of Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Antonio Rodriguez, Ambassador of the Philippines
Mr Simanhewage Piyadasa de Silva, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Sri Lanka
Mr Kriangsak Kittichaisaree, Director-General, MoFA
H.E. Mr Nguyen Duy Hung, Ambassador of Vietnam
H.E. Mr. Ung Sean, Ambassador of Cambodia
Mr Arjun Mainalli, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Nepal
Professor Said Irandoust, President, AIT
Ms Cecile Pichon, Technical Asst. DIPECHO