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THAILAND ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE

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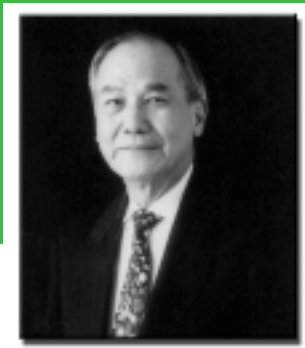
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MESSAGE

Chairman of the Council of Trustees



Today, the Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) takes great pride in celebrating its 10th anniversary. The occasion reflects the Institute's long-term commitment to raising environmental awareness among the Thai people of all age groups and levels of society, particularly the younger generation.

TEI has played a prominent role in Thailand's environmental conservation, from a grassroots to a national and even international level. Being environmentally aware, TEI strives to instill good environmental values, develop respect for the environment, discourage excessive consumption of resources and implement a number of educational programmes. As a part of its effort, TEI also helps empower the local communities, enabling them to actively participate throughout the various management phases.

In addition, the Institute plays a catalytic role in promoting sustainable development through various important sectors. Together with the business sector, TEI has significantly contributed towards the formulation of the Thailand Business Council for Sustainable Development (TBCSD) since 1993. TBCSD has also helped promote ISO14001 and Thai green labeling activities in the Thai business and industry sectors.

On this special occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Thai people at all levels for their valuable support over the past 10 years. TEI is committed to promoting opportunities for active individual involvement in environmental protection, while providing a wide range of programmes for the development of Thai society.

Anand Panyarachun
Chairman, Council of Trustees
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Chairman of the Executive Board of Directors

As expected, the past year proved to be a highly significant one for the Institute. In addition to celebrating its tenth anniversary, TEI was finally able to move into its own building located in one of the largest housing estates in Bangkok. Because of lack of funding, much work remains to be done to make the building a truly outstanding example of good environmental conservation. Actually, 2003 saw a rather large surplus in financial resources, but a policy decision has been made to set up a 'Fund for Social Services' with an initial funding of 4.1 million Baht. This development is of special significance in that it is the first time that TEI will be able to use its own funds for the direct benefits of communities in a comprehensive manner. The Institute will try to address basic problems of rural communities including income generation, health, social and environmental matters. The first project will be ready to start later this year. It will essentially be in the nature of a process of 'learning by doing.' In addition to supporting selected communities in their effort at self-development, TEI teams will also try to learn more about factors affecting integrated development, the knowledge gained will be essential for following phases of the project involving sustainability and replication.

The Institute is fortunate in having obtained the services of Professor Sanit Aksornkroe as its new President. Professor Sanit's extensive experience in both academic and field operations will be particularly valuable to the overall work plan of the Institute.

Considering the dedication of its staff and the able leadership of both the Board and the Council, I am confident that the next year will turn out to be another successful one for the Institute in contributing to environmental development of the country.

*Prof. Phaichitr Uthavikul, Ph.D.
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MESSAGE



Annual reports are written a year in retrospect. Hence I am writing these opening words for the TEI 2003 Annual Report in June, 2004. I took up the position of President for TEI in January 2004. I am pleased to have the opportunity to highlight some of TEI's main achievements in 2003 but I do not take credit for them. All of the achievements reported here came from work done under the direction of my predecessor Professor Thongchai Panswad, Ph.D., who was President between October 2000 and September 2003. Professor Thongchai worked hard to ensure the future of TEI right up to the end of his appointment, and he has left a legacy to be proud of. I would like to acknowledge here the enormous amount of work he did in building up TEI to its present position.

Reviewing the contents of this annual report, I see that in 2003 TEI has accomplished a great deal. Breaking with tradition, the stories in the following pages highlight some of our work that has had the greatest impact over the year.

Another issue of great pride is that TEI has now owned its office building. This six-storey building in the Muang Thong Thani area is more comfortable and convenient and we have made an effort to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the space. Some selected tropical trees were planted in a specific garden around the building, representing tropical forest ecosystem. The garden will thus not only be used for heat protection, but also for public learning of natural forest ecosystem. Later this year, we will also set up an Environmental Learning Center on the first floor of the building, which will hopefully be more beneficial to the public, especially students, and to the community.

There are huge challenges ahead, but TEI is in good shape to meet them, thanks to the skills and expertise of our staff and associates. During the year, they have given their utmost to ensure that progress has been made on every front. We are grateful for that hard work and commitment.

Prof. Sanit Aksornkoe, Ph.D.
President
Thailand Environment Institute

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Established in 1993, the **Thailand Environment Institute (TEI)** is a non-profit, non-governmental organization working for the conservation of natural resources and environment in Thailand and in the region. TEI advocates a participatory approach to shared environmental responsibility by working closely with government, private sector, local communities, civil society partners, as well as international organizations. TEI helps to formulate environmental directives and link policy with action to encourage meaningful environmental progress in Thailand. In this way, and by serving as a reliable and up-to-date information and knowledge resource, TEI works to advance sustainable development in the country, in the Asia-Pacific region, and beyond.

Organizational Structure year 2004



Overview

Vision

The vision of the Thailand Environment Institute is ...

"... to be a center of excellence in environmental issues; a source of up-to-date and reliable data; equipped with highly qualified personnel able to promote initiatives towards the sustainable development of our natural resources and the environment; and as such well recognized both locally and internationally."

Urbanization and Environment Program



Somrudee Nicro, Ph.D.
Director

- Sustainable Cities
- Environmental Policy
- The Access Initiative
- Public Participation
- Environmental Strategy

Mission

The Thailand Environment Institute will serve as a respected research institute, a center of high-quality information and meaningful action committed to sustainable human development,

- by conducting research activities within and outside the country to benefit the conservation of natural resources and the environment, and by supporting and participating in the practical application of the research findings.
- by establishing up-to-date and reliable information systems and through providing for extensive dissemination of quality information on environmental issues.
- by developing and enhancing the knowledge and capabilities of the staff so that they can be proud of their work and their organization.
- by producing quality research publications to be made available to relevant institutions and the general public, both locally and internationally.
- and further, in line with its social obligations towards the Thai society, TEI will undertake environment related capacity building activities among the more vulnerable groups of society in support of the national poverty alleviation goals and within the overall framework of sustainable development.

Staffing (as of December 2003)

