

## **Message of the Secretary-General, Office of the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)**

It is indeed a great honour and pleasure for the Office of National Research Council of Thailand and all Thai people that this is the Second year that the International Inventor's Day Convention (2<sup>nd</sup> IIDC) is to be scheduled in conjunction with Inventor's Day, which has been held for the past 14 years.

Last year, NRCT, WIPO, IFIA, and KIPA along with its 84 member countries, agreed to designate 2 February as International Inventor's Day(1<sup>st</sup> IIDC). Thailand has been given this great opportunity to be the first country in the world to host the first International Inventor's Day in order to jointly commemorate His Majesty the King being presented with prestigious prizes and His Majesty's recent 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. And this year we, NRCT, WIPO, KIPA, IFIA, decided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Inventors' Day Convention be again organized in Thailand.

Everyone visiting Hall 9 IMPACT Arena, International Trade & Exhibition Centre, Muang Thong Thani, Nonthaburi, on this occasion is bound to be enthralled by the kaleidoscope of fascinating activities and entertainments. Among the highlights are an exhibition of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's royal inventions, accompanied by photos, posters and video plays, especially featuring His Majesty's invention that was registered and patented in 1993. Plus, there are some other special exhibition and presentations of His Majesty the King's Royal Projects, including the New Theory, Royal Artificial Rain, and Palm Oil Biodiesel. We also have exhibitions and presentations of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's Royal Project-Support Arts and Craft Project (Silapacheeep). Meanwhile, we will also showcase the 2003 National Outstanding Researcher Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's achievements, together with H.R.H.'s 1990 National Outstanding Research on "Study of Land Use Map Accuracy from High-Detailed Artificial Satellite Classified by Computer : Narathiwat Province"

In addition, the International Inventor's Day Exhibition (2<sup>nd</sup> IIDC) and the 14<sup>th</sup> National Inventors will embrace over 100 masterpiece international inventions from 25 countries worldwide, such as the International Federation of Inventors Association (IFIA) Hungary, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Switzerland and Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA) Korea, along with a number of countries, including Taiwan , Romania, Russia, Nigeria, Serbia, Iran, Hungary, Latvia, China, Croatia, Moldova, the Philippines, Malaysia, Mongolia, Latvia, Australia, Serbia, Niger, (Kwia) Korea etc.

Another major lure of event is an extensive programme of academic seminars on numerous interesting topics, including international seminar "Policy and Promotion of Innovation and Invention to World Market". All topics will be presented by leading professors and professionals in each field. Both informative and intellectually stimulating, the seminars are designed to help inventors, researchers and all interested parties formulate their vision and apply knowledge gained in order to develop and implement innovative inventions to achieve further national, social and economic development to commercialization.

I would like to welcome everyone to one of the most fascinating events ever to be held in Thailand. By joining the event, Thai people from all walks of life will learn more about the immense significance of invention. You will see how science does not always require lots of training as long as you have an inquisitive mind and an eye for detail and creativity. And with more and more people coming up with new-fangled innovations, it will pave the way to generating more income and development for the country. The second International Inventor's Day Convention (2<sup>nd</sup> IIDC) and National Inventor' as it will serve as a grand forum where inventors meet investors which can only be positive for the future.

Most importantly, the Second International Inventor's Day Convention (2<sup>nd</sup> IIDC) and National Inventor's Day is held to extol H.M. the King who is globally recognized as a highly talented inventor who has pioneered ideas to solve problems concerning development issues around the country. As such, it is a matter of great pride for all Thais that our country has been selected to host these two grand events in honour of our great king who is also the "Father of Thai Invention" and the first monarch in the world to have patent registered.

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