

Speech

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Good Morning, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you, the UN ESCAP (ดีเอสแคป) (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific) for giving me the opportunity to join this meeting. It is both a pleasure and an honor for me to extend my warmest welcome to all the participants of the **ministerial roundtable of the Seventh Session of Committee on Environment and Development** today.

Thailand was admitted as the 55th member of the United Nations¹ since 15 December 1946 (75 years) and recognized as the center of international organizations and important international conferences in the region and known as the capital of “the United Nations in Asia”.

¹ <https://www.thaiembassy.be/2020/12/10/thailand-and-the-un-75-years-and-counting/>

As the capital city of Thailand, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration or “BMA” has placed great emphasis on maintaining relationships and supporting the mission of UN through cooperation with international organizations under **the UN** in many fields such as Global Future Cities (GFC) with UN-HABITAT, Learning Cities with UNESCO, Environmental with UNEP, Youth with UNICEF, Net zero carbon energy system, circular economy and city building infrastructure with **the ESCAP** (ดิเอสแคป) and so on.

The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) is responsible for the well-being of Bangkok residents. Taking care of over ten million residents of Bangkok and visitors is very challenging and there is no one-size-fits-all solution to solve urban challenges. However, the Bangkok Governor emphasizes on capillaries issues, including education, healthcare, housing, transportation, and quality of life. Meanwhile the Global Livability Concept of the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) were used to develop the Bangkok Governor’s policies on Nine aspects or Nine ‘Goods’ of;

1. Good Security,
2. Good Transport,

3. Good Health,
4. Good Creativity,
5. Good Environment,
6. Good Infrastructure,
7. Good Management,
8. Good Education,
9. and Good Economy

For Good Environment, the Bangkok Governor has implemented several important environment projects to promote a greener and cleaner city. For example, the “15 Minute Pocket Parks”, the “City-Wide Tree Planting”, and the recent “ไม่ทิ้งขยะ หรือ No Mixed Waste” pilot projects. While the use of Electric vehicle to help reduce PM2.5 has been supported as well.

To achieve Bangkok Governor’s policies, the BMA has also fostered both international and domestic collaborations, partnerships, and extensive networks of experts and citizens, to work towards the goals of creating a more liveable Bangkok together.

As the today's meeting, it is very grateful to meet everyone at **the Seventh Session of Committee on Environment and Development** today. It is a great opportunity for the BMA to share experiences with other countries/cities which may encourage our further collaboration in the future. I hope this meeting achieves goals. And the vision for Bangkok to be a “**Livable City for All**”, a city that is **green, convenient, inclusive, and safe** for everyone, would be accountable for the goal to protect our planet as well. Championing Greener Environment is not always easy, but it is not hard to achieve if everyone joins hands in working towards our shared goals of protecting the world we live in, one step at a time.

Thank you.