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Dear sir,

The Thai Canal which is also known as the Kra Canal, is a-mega project that has been a key subject of discussion for decades in Thailand. Some believe that the canal can serve as a vehicle to create economic prosperity for the future.

The immense investment in the Thai Canal is not only great affecting the Thai economy in a positive way, but it is also reverberating through the rest of the world. Thai Canal has more to offer to businesses than just a canal. It is also home to two world-class logistic and business hubs at the either end of the path between two oceans. The effects within Thailand and the whole Asia continent, especially Southeast Asia, will be exponential impacting everything from ports and terminal development to shipping, transport (rail, road, sub-waterways) and warehousing in the areas.

King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang and Thai Canal Association for Study and Development are pleased to inform you the international conference on TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE PATHS TO THAILAND'S FUTURE, **THAI CANAL:** Comprehensive Study of Alternative Logistics Systems for the Maritime Silk Road. The conference will include panels and presentations on major considerations for Thai Canal project from key industry specialists who are from private, public and government sectors.

Besides, the conference will provide highly valuable networking opportunities where the C-level, senior management, professionals, operators, contractors, consultants and investors can learn about what projects can possibly be put in the pipeline and capitalize on the business opportunities being created.

The conference which is warmly supported by European Association for Business and Commerce (EABC), will be held September 11, 2017, at Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel. A special discount is available for group registration, and conference attendees who register before September 1, 2017.

Please find the attached conference program and registration form for your consideration.

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Best regards

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON Technology for Sustainable Paths to Thailand's Future

THAI CANAL:

Comprehensive Study of Alternative Logistics Systems for the Maritime Silk Road

September 11, 2017, Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel

Will Thai Canal be constructed?

How will it benefit Thailand and Asean Countries?

This conference aims to bring together professionals from different disciplinary backgrounds involving various specialties in commercial canals around the world in order to brainstorm on the Thai canal feasibilities from both academic and visionary perspectives.



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE:

OPENING SPEECH:

- **H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Somkid Jatusripitak** (participation not yet confirmed)

MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

- **H.E. Thanin Kraivichien:** former Prime Minister, former President of the Supreme Court & former Member of the Privy Council
- **Gen. Saiyud Kerdphol:** former Supreme Commander
- **Mr. Rolf-Dieter Daniel,** President, the European Chamber of Commerce

KEYNOTE SPEECHES:

- **Gen. Pongthep Thesprateep,** Chairman, the Thai Canal Association for Study and Development
- **Prof. Dr. Suchatvee Suwansawat,** President, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL)

PANEL OF SPEAKERS:

SESSION 1: World' Major Canals, Chaired by: Mr. Georg Wolff, Chair of Advocacy Group Rail & Road Infrastructure, European Association for Business & Commerce (EABC)

- **Panama Canal:** Example of successful linkage between Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
Dr. Ilya Espino de Marotta, Vicepresidenta Ejecutiva, Ingeniería y Administración de Programas, Autoridad del Canal de Panamá.
- **Suez Canal:** Example of successful linkage between the Mediterranean and Red Sea.
Mr. Osama Mohammed El-Sayed, University of Malaysia (To be confirmed)
- **Kiel Canal:** Example of successful linkage between the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.
Dr. Marin Kruse, Director, Regional Policy, Innovation and Environment, Chamber of Industry and Trade, Kiel, Germany

SESSION 2: Significant Concepts for world Development, chaired by Dr. Nunthawat Charusrojthanadech, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang

- **Mega-Projects in Asia and around the World – Challenges in Construction**
Dr. Norio Yamamoto, Global Infrastructure Fund Foundation, Japan
- **One Belt One Road Initiative – Global Aspects**
 - 1) **Prof. Bai Yun,** Tongji University Shanghai, People Republic of China
 - 2) **Prof. Cao Heping,** Department of Development Economics, Doctoral Supervisor, School of Economics, Peking University
- **One Belt One Road Initiative – Regional Aspects**
 - 1) **Dr. Jinsong Zhao,** PRC Lawyer Maritime Arbitrator, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
 - 2) **Mr. Zhao Gang,** the Scheme of International Cooperation in Renewable Energy and New Energy Sources

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SESSION 3: Kra Canal and Linkage among Asian Countries, chaired by Dr. Harald Wagner, Director Of International Civil Engineering Program, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang

- **Impacts of OBOR on Maritime–Overland Transportation Logistics in Malaysia**
Dr. Ruslan Hassan, Vice President, the Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM)
- **Navigational Saturation of Malacca Straits and Its Consequences**
Mr. Pakdee Tanapura, Vice Chairman of Thai-Chinese Culture and Economy Association, Head of Kra Canal Study Team
- **Development of Free Economic Zones**
Mr. Tony Restall, Development Services International Ltd.

SESSION 4: Security and Environment, chaired by Dr. Aphichat Sramoon, Senior Executive Vice President, TEAM Consulting Engineering and Management Co., Ltd.

- **Kra Canal and the Unity of Thailand**
Admiral Supakorn Buranadilok, President of the Royal Thai Navy Advisory Group
- **Impact of Megaprojects on Environment & People**
Harald Wagner & Douglas Smith. KMITL Bangkok & ESIA London (DS Environment & Social Impact Assessment Institute)

DELEGATES PROFILES BY INDUSTRY:

Infrastructure construction, construction contractor, construction consultant, environment consultant, civil engineering, industrial engineering, industrial investment, property developer, project developer & planner, urban & rural developer, transport & logistics service provider, ports, airlines, commercial ship operator, freight forwarder, electricity & water supplier/ management, bank and financial institution, law firm, management consultant, relevant government agencies & state-owned enterprise, public listed companies, Commercial Section of Embassies, Trade Associations, international Chambers of Commerce, R&D, business media and PR firms.

ATTENDANCE FEE

| Group Bonus for up to and more than 10 delegates | EARLY BIRD RATE: Before 1 September 2017 | REGULAR RATE: |
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| THB 1,000 | THB 1,500 | THB 2,000 |

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