PPDO International Conference

Happiness and Public Policy

United Nations Conference Center (UNCC)

Wednesday, 18 July 2007

07.00 – 08.45 Registration for the International Conference at the UNCC

08.45 – 09.30 Morning Sessions – Conference Room 1

Opening Ceremony

08.45 - 09.00 Video Presentation “Happiness Development Pathway”
09.00 - 09.05 Welcoming Address
By Dr. Sauwalak Kittiprapas, Acting Director, Public Policy Development Office, Kingdom of Thailand
09.05 - 09.10 Welcoming Remarks
By Mr. Kim HAK-SU, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP
09.10 - 09.15 Official Address to the Prime Minister
By Mr. Rongpon Charoenpan, Secretary-General to the Cabinet, Kingdom of Thailand
09.15 - 09.30 Opening Speech “Sufficiency Economy: Thailand’s Operationalized Model of happiness”
By H.E. General Sorayud Chulanont, Prime Minister of Kingdom of Thailand

09.30 - 10.00 Coffee Break

10.00-12.45 Introductory Sessions – Conference Room 1

10.00 – 10.30 Introductory Remarks:
“Happiness: New Direction for Development”
By H. E. Lympo Jigmi Thinley, Minister of Cultural and Home Affairs, Kingdom of Bhutan

10.30 - 12.30 Plenary Sessions – Conference Room 1
“Happiness and Public Policy”
Prof. Robert Cummins, Deakin University, Australia
Prof. Paul Fritzer, Queensland University of Technology, Australia
Prof. Takayashi Kusago, Osaka University, Japan
Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, Director of Environment and Sustainable Development Division, UNESCAP

Chaired by: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Varakorn Samskoses, Deputy Minister of Education of Kingdom of Thailand
12.30 - 12.45  “Tree Robo” 3D Film – Grand Prix Winner at the 12th Bradford Animation Festival, Director Moon-Saeng Kim, Republic of Korea

12.45 – 13.45  Lunch Break

13.45 - 15.30  Session 1- 5
15.30 - 15.45  Coffee Break
15.45 - 17.15  Session 6 - 10

18.00  Reception hosted by

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09.00 – 12.15  Morning Sessions – Parallel sessions in 5 rooms (CR1, MR A, MR G, MR H, MR F)
09.00 – 10.30  Session 11 - 15
10.30 – 10.45  Coffee Break
10.45 – 12.15  Session 16 – 20

12.15 – 13.45  Lunch Break

13.45 – 16.00  Afternoon Session –Conference Room 1
13.45 – 14.00  Video Presentation “Happiness Development Pathway”
Closing Session
14.00 – 16.00  “Pathways to Happiness”
By Ms. Erica Matthews, OECD
Prof. Allister McGregor, University of Bath
Dr. Thakur Singh Powdyel, Center of Bhutan Studies, Kingdom of Bhutan
Mr. Sulak Sivalak, Chairman, Satian Koses-Nakaprateep Foundation, Kingdom of Thailand
Chaired by: H.E.. Paiboon Wattanasiritham, Deputy Prime Minister of Kingdom of Thailand