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Message from the NSM President

On behalf of the National Science Museum Thailand I would like to thank all participants attending the 4th Thailand International Symposium on Natural History Museums: Era of Ecosystem Restoration, held during 21–22 December 2023 at the Rama 9 Museum, Thailand.

This symposium will encourage interdisciplinary collaborations associated with taxonomy, biodiversity, museum collections, specimen conservation, museum education, public programs, young scientist inspiration, and utilization of natural resources. We hope that the presentations and sharing will contribute valuable insight for all of you, as well as inspire young people towards conservation of nature and sustainable development.

I wish you all enjoy the symposium and, once again, welcome to Thailand.

Rawin Raviwongse, Ph.D.

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Message from the Rector

Nestled in the heart of our biodiverse nation, this symposium beckons us to a journey of exploration and collaboration. As we convene to delve into the intricacies of Taxonomy, Biodiversity, Museum Collection, Specimen Conservation, Environmental Earth Sciences, Museum Education, Public Programs, and Utilization of Natural Resources, we embark on a collective endeavor to understand, utilize, and sustain the precious resources bestowed upon us. Thailand, endowed with rich ecosystems, presents not just challenges but incredible opportunities. Our biological resources are not mere commodities; they are wellsprings of innovation. In the discussions on utilizing these resources, let's reflect on how we can extract value while embracing sustainability—a delicate dance with nature.

The symposium provides a platform to explore not only the scientific aspects of our natural heritage but also the responsible utilization of biological resources. Let us seize this opportunity to exchange ideas, foster collaborations, and inspire one another to contribute to the preservation of biodiversity and the advancement of sustainable practices.

May the discussions over the next two days be a catalyst for change, grounded in a shared commitment to understanding, utilizing, and preserving our natural world. Welcome to a symposium that goes beyond knowledge dissemination—it's a call to action for a sustainable future.

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Message from the Executive Director

Biodiversity and taxonomy stand as fundamental pillars in our comprehension of life on the planet. They not only contribute to our well-being and offer potential solutions to a myriad of challenges but also illuminate the interconnectedness among all living beings. Preserving biodiversity and comprehending taxonomy are crucial for the prosperity of both current and future generations on our planet. Understanding the foundational principles of biodiversity studies is important, but equal emphasis should be placed on the prudent utilization of natural resources. The utilization of these resources plays a pivotal role across diverse fields such as agriculture, food, medicine, and healthcare.

Thailand boasts an abundant biodiversity, granting the country competitive advantages by offering a wide array of foundational materials for various high-value products. This abundance drives the development of the bioeconomy, leveraging the richness of our natural resources to propel innovation and economic growth.

BIOTEC is delighted to be one of the organizing committee of the 4th Thailand International Symposium on Natural History Museums (TISNHM): "Era of Ecosystem Restoration". I am certain that the symposium serves as a vital platform for disseminating published information and knowledge among participants from diverse origins, fostering an exchange that enriches the understanding of natural sciences. The symposium also encourages collaboration among practitioners, and facilitates the establishment of alliances for effective knowledge management and communication within and between individuals and organizations.

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