Item 4: Management issues

Madam,
Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

Thailand reaffirms its continued support to the regional institutions and bodies related to ESCAP. We take note of the document reporting progress on technical cooperation in 2012. Also, we share the same view that valuable support of ESCAP donors and development partners is crucial for the achievement of the Commission’s goal in sustainable economic and social development and the achievement of the MDGs.

Therefore, we are pleased to announce our contributions for the year 2013 as follows:

1. The Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) in the amount of USD 15,000;
2. The Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) in the amount of USD 15,000;
3. The Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA) in the amount of USD 10,000; (we may provide more in-kind support through best practice sharing and sending experts to assist in the fields of production and production control, etc.)
4. The Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) in the amount of USD 30,000.

That brings the total amount of the contributions of the Royal Thai Government to the regional institutions and projects related to ESCAP in 2013 to USD 70,000.

Thank you.