



The 6th Meeting of the AIPA Fact-Finding Committee (AIFOCOM)
to Combat the Drug Menace
10 - 14 May 2009, Le Meridien Chiang Rai Resort
Chiang Rai, Thailand

**CLOSING REMARKS
BY ASSOC. PROF. DR. TASSANA BOONTONG
CHAIRPERSON
AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF
THE 6TH MEETING OF THE ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY
ASSEMBLY FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE (AIFOCOM)
TO COMBAT THE DRUG MENACE
ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2009
AT LE MERIDIEN CHIANG RAI RESORT, CHIANG RAI**

Heads of AIFOCOM Member Delegations,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The Sixth Meeting of AIFOCOM has come to a successful and fruitful conclusion. I am indeed very pleased that we, the AIPA Members who attend the 6th AIFOCOM meeting, has identified areas and put forward recommendations to the Thirtieth AIPA General Assembly for the harmonization of laws on seizure and forfeiture of assets in drug criminal cases and on the chemicals and precursors control.

The meeting has stressed the importance of preventive measures, alternative development and treatment and rehabilitation as the effective tools to combat narcotics and enhance the well-beings of the peoples of ASEAN as well as linking the work of AIFOCOM to the work of the AIPA Caucus on the harmonization of laws to combat the drug menace. It has also recommended an integrated regional strategy to combat drugs.

Distinguished Delegates,

I sincerely appreciate all of you for your valuable contributions at the meeting, and for your support to me in my job as the chairperson of the meeting. To this end, I wish all of you have the safe trips back to your home country and I wish more opportunities to meet you again.

Thank you.

