

Intervention by H.E. Mr. Supark Prongthura
Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN
At the 2020 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
“Protecting the Planet and Building Resilience”
(Most closely related SDGs: SDG 12, SDG 13, SDG 14, SDG 15, and SDG 17)
Wednesday 8 July 2020, 14:00-15:00 hrs.

Thank you Mr. Moderator,

As we build back better and adjust to the “New Normal”, it is our opportunity to steer the world towards a more sustainable and inclusive path, with the SDGs as our “guiding light”.

Thailand is currently **applying a Bio, Circular, and Green (or “BCG”) economy, as a means to advance inclusive and sustainable growth**. The BCG model capitalises on our strengths in biological diversity, and efforts in reusing and recycling resources while maintaining delicate balance among the economy, society, and environment. We implement this model in tandem with our homegrown development approach, the **Sufficiency Economy Philosophy**, which also aligns with the SDGs.

Green Recovery will need scaled-up nature-based solutions, which we strongly believe are a realistic and economically viable option to tackle environmental challenges and a catalyst for SDGs achievement. Thailand has been working on unlocking the potential and regenerative power of nature through activities, such as reducing deforestation and promoting mangrove forests restoration. They not only contribute to mitigation efforts, but are also part of our adaptation to climate change, ecosystems protection and promotion of biodiversity.

2020 was set out to be a “super year” for the environment with numerous key multilateral meetings. Their postponements do not mean time for complacency. We must continue with full stamina to ensure next year’s concrete outcomes that will better protect our planet and steer us closer to achieve the SDGs. Thailand looks forward to engaging with all countries and stakeholders on this important matter.

I thank you.
