Closing Remarks by Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Phongthep Thepkanjana At The ASEAN Executive Governance Program August 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

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Excellencies, Distinguished ASEAN Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- Good afternoon.
- It is a great honor for me to deliver the closing remarks of this ASEAN Executive Governance Program.
- I am sure that everyone has had an engaging exchange of views and ideas over the last four days, that will help to promote sustainable governance in each of our countries.
- This program has shown us that governance is not just about the capacity of the public and private sectors to make decisions and manage resources efficiently, but also to empower the institutions and processes that govern political, economic, and social interactions. These sessions have been a major step towards this goal.
- Together, we will strengthen ASEAN member cooperation with the promotion of governance harmonization and capacity building.

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- I finally would like to thank you all for your active participation in this event and I hope that the presentations and discussions over the past four days have provided helpful guidelines that we can all take back home.
- I am certain that the cooperative nature of this program will continue well into the future and will ensure that ASEAN maintains a true spirit of community. The progress made here over the last few days will help us achieve the goal of ASEAN integration in 2015.
- Once again, I would like to thank you for coming to Thailand, hope that you had an enjoyable stay and wish you a safe return to your homes and families.

Thank you very much. ขอบคุณมากครับ

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