



## **Opening Address by H.E. Air Chief Marshal Kamthon Sindhvananda, the Privy Councilor**

I am most delighted that the Kingdom of Thailand has been honored with hosting the “Fifth International Conference on eLearning for a Knowledge-Based Society.” The theme of this year’s Conference is “New Generation and New Values of eLearning.” I welcome the presence of educators and Information Technology professionals who have gathered at Assumption University Suvarnabhoomi campus to share their innovative research and ideas. I am confident that out of the papers in this Conference, many fruitful ideas will emerge that will contribute towards the betterment of education for the present and future generations. The exponential growth in the new generation of eLearning technologies is influencing educational opportunities for global communities. The ubiquitous technological advances of online education are changing the role of universities and civic institutions everywhere. The success of eLearning research projects needs a systematic and collaborative global approach. I, therefore, believe that this eLearning Conference will be very useful for researchers from Thailand and other parts of the world to come together and discuss how eLearning can add to the development of knowledge-based economies and enhance other social and cultural dimensions. I am very excited by the opportunities that the new eLearning technologies will provide for the betterment of education at all levels. Education is no longer for only for young people enrolled in a school or a university. Through eLearning, education is becoming an ongoing and ever-expanding opportunity for people of all ages. The benefits of this vast expansion of opportunities for life-long learning are obvious.

I am particularly pleased to see that the “I triple E (IEEE)” is among the organizers of this Conference. When I established the IEEE in Thailand long time ago, there was a joke that IEEE was an organization of a man and three women, because in the Thai Language “T” is used to refer to a “Man” and “E” to refer to “Women”. Anyway, the Computer Society of the IEEE is the oldest and largest computer engineering society in the world. I am also delighted that the Computer Society of IEEE is located at Srisakdi Charmonman IT Center” of Assumption University, Suvarnabhumbi Campus.

This Conference thus has wide-ranging implications for the world of tomorrow. I therefore would like to thank all the sponsoring organizations and the members of the Organizing Committee led by Prof.Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman for their hard work. I would also like to thank all the participants for their significant contributions to the Conference’s success.

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