



Joint Press Statement of the Breakfast Meeting for IMT-GT Ministers

**Hosted by the Executive Director of
the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)**

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Krabi, Thailand**

1. We, the Ministers of IMT-GT had a productive exchange of views with the Executive Director of ERIA at the Breakfast Meeting held in Krabi, Thailand on 5 August 2010. We discussed about possible development strategy in IMT-GT based on ERIA's academic contribution in the form of the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP).
2. We appreciated ERIA's drafting of CADP and evaluated its provision of grand spatial design of economic infrastructure and industrial placement, and the entailing development strategies relevant to IMT-GT, including the nomination of specific projects in the territory with their significance from the perspective of enhancing sub-regional economic growth in accordance with the development strategy.
3. We welcomed ERIA's initiative and sponsorship to organize the Symposium on Energy Saving and Biofuel Utilization to be held at Prince of Songkla University, Hat Yai, Thailand scheduled on and September 2010 under the authorization of IMT-GT Ministerial Meeting, and we acknowledge the objective of the symposium to expose to the IMT-GT stakeholders the importance of biodiesel as a clean fuel and looking at the potentials of the IMT-GT sub-region in growing palm oil and producing biofuels. We confirmed that the result of the symposium will be reported to IMT-GT Summit.