

SPEECH FROM THE RECTOR



Welcome to Bangkok and to the Fourth ICEBM,

It's an honor to open the Fourth ICEBM on this lovely day in Bangkok, Thailand. This year, this conference put forward the theme of "Building Sustainable Business Networks: The Role of Entrepreneurs and Professionals."

It is without a doubt that in this era, businesses are faced with challenges in order to face the competition and to grow. Particularly, due to the development of a very dynamic communication through the Internet, which creates a hyper-connected world.

Firms all over the world are looking for ways to expand their business. However, with limited resources, firms need to find a solution to deal with this issue. One of their strategies is to collaborate and build sustainable business networks. What is considered a sustainable business networks? How to build sustainable business networks? What should professionals and entrepreneurs do to achieve a sustainable business networks? These are some of the questions arising that needs to be addressed.

This conference brings together practitioners and academics that are well known in their fields to address this theme. We are proud to present Mr. Chanin Donovanik as the CEO of Dusit International – a well-know firm in hotel management and education, which comprises a unique international portfolio of distinctive hotels and resorts. I believe that his knowledge and expertise would be valuable in addressing the theme of this conference. We are also proud to present Prof. Carunia M. Firdausy (Untar), Prof. Chen Cheng-Nan (Kun Shan), and Dr. Chong Chee Leong (UniSIM) that would share their expertise to address the conference theme.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the parties who are involved in hosting and organizing this conference – partner institutions (Dusit Thani College, Kun Shan University, Universiti Sains Malaysia, and Ciputra University), scientific committee, organizing committee, and the sponsors. I believe that through this conference, where great minds gather, we will be able to advance our knowledge in findings innovative ways and solutions to build sustainable business networks.

Once again, welcome and enjoy the conference.

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