

Special Session Of Anrpc Assembly At Ministerial Level Chiangmai, Thailand, 29 - 30 April 2005

The Special Session of Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC) Assembly at Ministerial Level was held in Chiangmai, Thailand on 30 April 2005, preceded by the 30th Meeting of the ANRPC Executive Committee held on 29 April 2005.

The Special Session of ANRPC Assembly at Ministerial Level was graced and officially opened by the Hon Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Thailand. In his opening address the Prime Minister mentioned that this Special Session is of great significance to the natural rubber industry in the producing countries. He also touched on the crucial role of the Tripartite Rubber Co-operation in stabilising world rubber prices at a level that is beneficial to the smallholders and at the same time also acceptable to consumers.

The Hon Peter Chin Fah Kui, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities, Malaysia, chaired this Meeting. In his statement, the Hon Minister thanked the Thai Prime Minister for his continuous support and strong commitment towards cooperative efforts among producing countries. He also mentioned the need to act as one and to have common strategies for the benefit of NR producing countries. In this meeting the delegation leaders of member countries presented their views on the rubber industry and adopted the report of the 30th Meeting of the ANRPC Executive Committee. The meeting agreed the next Assembly would be held in Malaysia in November 2005.

The highlight of the 30th Meeting of the ANRPC Executive Committee meeting held on 29 April 2005 was the issue of expanding the Tripartite Co-operation to member countries of ANRPC to bring about remunerative and stable prices for natural rubber.

