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Dear IYPE Secretariat,

We are pleased to inform you that Thailand has set up a Committee on International Year of the Planet Earth since April 2007. Appointed by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, the Chairman of the Committee is Mr. Apichai Chvajarernpun, Director General of the Department of Mineral Resources (apichai@dmr.go.th), Secretary General is Mr. Phitaks Ratanajaruraks (ratanajaruraks@yahoo.com). Vice Secretary General is Dr. Sommai Techawan (sommaitechawan@dmr.go.th). The committee comprises representatives from geoscience-related governmental and private sectors, universities and academic institutions. Enclosed please find the Appointment Order (in Thai) together with its translation.

We have intended to start off our national IYPE activities with GEOTHAI'2007 International Conference, "Geology of Thailand : Towards Sustainable Development and Sufficiency Economy" to be held 21-22 November 2007 in Bangkok. All subsequent activities will be regularly reported to you through Email. Please be assured that there will be quite a number of Thailand's activities in geoscience for the society not only in the proclamation year. We kindly request your permission in using the IYPE logo for the IYPE events in Thailand. Please provide us any suggestion or guidance related to the IYPE you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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