

## **Opening Remarks**

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**Mr. Stanley Kang, Chairman of JFCCT**

**Mr. Robert Fox, Chairman of Organizing Committee on JFCCT Forum**

**Presidents, Foreign Chamber of Commerce**

**Distinguished Speakers**

**Distinguished Guests**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**On behalf of the Board of Trade of Thailand and on behalf of Khun Isara Vongkusolkit, our Chairman, who cannot physically be here but his heart and attention are always with JFCCT, we would like to congratulate JFCCT for the extremely well thought out to follow up 40<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Celebration with this JFCCT Forum. The theme of the**

Forum summarizes JFCCT wish list of tasks that would like to help pushed for the benefits of Thailand and foreign investors.

As foreign investors, this has always been the role of JFCCT to provide feedbacks and recommendations to the Thai Government and the Board of Trade of Thailand to create the right ecosystem as well as business environment to keep Thailand, in the eyes of present and future global investors, the most attractive and the safest country to invest.

The working relationships between the Board of Trade of Thailand and JFCCT has been as close and cordial partnership for the last 40 years. It has formed strong joint Corporation that would counter any disruptive situation as well as technology. No matter how volatile and unstable market might be, continuous and “never give up” attitude rectified many malaises and bottlenecks, in the areas, the ICT, SME, Education, Tourism, Rules and Regulations etc. are the samples of many untiring effort that both organizations attempted to change for the better.

The issues that JFCCT choose today is “Services” that Thailand lags behind many economies, such that, in the last 50 years, we have, in no doubt, achieved so miraculously on manufacturing and, in doing so,

**create continuous full employment and achieve high middle income bracket and quality of life.**

**However, as for service industry, such as, Tourism, Healthcare and Wellness, Logistics and distribution, retails business, IT e-commerce and fin-tech and professional sector, are equally important and much needed investment and upgraded to support the pillars of the Thai's economy beyond 2016.**

**Furthermore, the Board of Trade of Thailand lauds JFCCT in their endeavor to push Thailand to further enhance freer and more opened international trade, services and investment which we believe that would take Thailand to another level of modernization, growth and competitiveness, as well as quality of living; meaning higher income standard.**

**Once again, our heartiest congratulations on your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the follow up Forum this afternoon. We wish all the success on your endeavor in this undertaking.**

**Thank you very much.**