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**Keynote address on the Outlook & Prospects for Natural Rubber in Cambodia by His Excellency, Ly Phalla**  
**Director General of Rubber from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Cambodia)**

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## DAY 1 - 21 Feb 2011, Monday

- 08:00 Registration & Coffee
- 09:00 Chairman's Welcome & Introduction
- 09:10 **Keynote Address: Outlook & Prospects for Natural Rubber in Cambodia**  
*His Excellency, Ly Phalla, Director General, General Directorate of Rubber Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries*
- 09:40 **Economics of Rubber Cultivation vis-a-vis Oil Palm Cultivation**  
*Mohd Faris Adli Shukery, Vice President (Special Projects, Plantation Upstream), Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd*
- 10:10 **Rubber Developments in Thailand**  
*Dr. Luckchai Kittipol, CEO & President Thai Hua Rubber Public Co., Ltd*
- 10:40 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break
- 11:10 **Climate Change and its Potential Impact of NR Supply and Price Formation**
  - Changing climate scenarios in the traditional NR growing regions of the world
  - Impact of changing climate on growth and productivity of NR
  - Impact of climate change on outbreaks of new pests and diseases in NR*Dr. James Jacob, Director (Research) Rubber Research Institute of India*
- 11:40 **Trends in Global Tire Production & the Implications for NR Demand**
  - Recent shifts in regional tire production
  - How will these shifts likely shape the future of the industry
  - Impact and outlook for NR*John McClure, Research Economist LMC International Ltd*
- 12:10 **Effect and Correlation of Crude Oil, Synthetic Rubber and Other Commodities**
  - Are natural rubber prices a leading indicator of other commodity prices
  - Natural rubber prices correlation with long and short term crude oil prices
  - Correlation of natural rubber and synthetic rubber production, consumption and stocks*Avtar Sandu, Manager (Asian Commodities) Phillip Futures Pte Ltd*

- 12:40 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch
- 14:00 Chairman's Remarks
- 14:10 **Cambodia Hevea Cultivation: From Land Preparation to Commercialization**  
*Dr. Yin Song, Director Cambodian Rubber Research Institute (CRR)*
- 14:40 **Developments in Innovative Tapping System**
  - Double Cut Alternative (DCA) tapping strategy
  - Developments related to Gaseous Stimulation*Dr. Antoine Leconte, Representative in Thailand CIRAD (Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement)*
- 15:10 **Best Agro-Management Practices in Land Development and Rubber Cultivation**
  - Developing rubber on an ex-sugarcane and logged jungle land
  - Establishment of planting material, land clearing and preparation, etc.
  - Tackling contemporary challenges - labor, environment, mechanization, etc.*Ramesh Veloo, General Manager (Advisory Services) Tradewinds Plantation Berhad*
- 15:40 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break
- 16:10 **Tracing the Part from Tree to End Product**
  - Interaction between farmers, traders & buyers
  - Success factors and challenges
  - Market outlook for Vietnam*Dr. Tran Thi Thuy Hoa, Secretary General Vietnam Rubber Association*
- 16:40 **Propagating Indonesia's Downstream Sector & Integrated Supply Chain**  
*Panggah Susanto, Director General for Manufacturing Industry Base Ministry of Industry, Indonesia*
- 17:10 Discussion followed by End of Day 1

## DAY 2 - 22 Feb 2011, Tuesday

- 09:00 Chairman's Remark
- 09:10 **Commercial Cultivation of Rubber for Timber: Economic Considerations**
  - Development practices
  - Supply/demand of sawn timber, MDF and furnitures
  - Cost benefit analysis and viability of investment
  - Spin-off benefits of extracting latex from planted forest*V. Panirchellvum, PGB, Chief Operating Officer Asian Plantations (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd.*
- 09:45 **China's Demand for Rubber Products – from Latex to Rubber Wood**
- 10:20 **Assessment of Soil Variability in Rubber Tree Plantations: A Case Study within Abandoned Mining Land Context in South Thailand**  
*Dr. Henri Robain, Researcher IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement)*
- 10:55 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break
- 11:25 **Single Panel Discussion: Investment Climate in Africa**  
*Elson Ng, President (Strategic Projects) & Chief Advisor to CEO GMG Global Limited*
- 12:00 **Potentials for Higher NR Production in West Africa**
  - Potential land available for cultivation
  - Geographical and agroclimatological attributes
  - Yield responses to new exploitation technologies i.e. RRIMFLOW system
  - Constraints and potential for marked increase in production*Dr. S. Sivakumaran, Executive Director (Research & Development) Greenyield Berhad*
- 12:35 Final Discussion followed by Closing Lunch
- 13:40 End of Conference