

## WELCOME ADDRESS

by

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Members,  
Distinguished Participants,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is truly my privilege to have an opportunity to join this meaningful legal forum with friends, colleagues, members of the ASEAN Law Association and all participants to the ALA 9th General Assembly under the modern-day theme of "the Challenge of Globalization to Legal Services". For all delegates who have come from abroad, I would like to convey my warm welcome to you and your families and wish you all have a pleasant stay in Bangkok.

I am deeply honored to inform all of you that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn has graciously entrusted Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha to represent His Royal Highness in presiding over the Opening Ceremony of the 9th General Assembly and deliver the royal address. Moreover, Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha will be the honorary keynote speaker on the topic of "ASEAN Law in Transition". The presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha manifests nothing but the perceived significance of this General Assembly.

I am personally gratified to witness the conference which is not only an official gathering among leading jurists of the ASEAN countries, but also reflects a long standing bond among neighbors in South East Asia towards one of the most significant and effective cooperation in this region regardless of their different legal systems.

I strongly believe that the 9th General Assembly will live up to our expectations and will serve our main objective in promoting closer relationship, cooperation and mutual understanding among legal practitioners in the ASEAN region. I wish you all the utmost success in your deliberations through out the conference.

Thank you very much.

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