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**OF**  
**THE ROYAL ADDRESS**  
**OF**  
**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE MAHA VAJIRALONGKORN**  
**OF THAILAND**  
**AT THE ELEVENTH UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION**  
**AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**AT THE QUEEN SIRIKIT NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE**  
**ON MONDAY 18 APRIL B.E. 2548 (2005)**

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His Majesty the King has graciously designated me to be His Representative at the Opening to-day of the eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. It is indeed a great pleasure for me to welcome on behalf of the Thai people all the delegates from Member States and I sincerely hope that all of you will have a pleasant and enjoyable stay during all the time that you are in our Country.

This present world of ours today has certainly progressed enormously in several ways, but at the same time it gives rise to many problems which continue to enlarge and become more and more complicated, including the various problems involved with crime which is the main topic of the present Meeting. It must also be remembered that the problems that arise in any one place must inevitably reverberate in effects to various other places near and far, forcing nations to co-operate closely not only in the preventions and attempted solutions of problems but also in the promotion of progress and prosperity in all spheres of life. Thus effective co-operation among member countries of the United Nations in the prevention of crimes as well as the development of the system of Criminal Justice so as to become highly methodical and effective becomes something which is extremely valuable and worthwhile, being one way for nations to co-operate positively, with results which are not for useful practice in any country in particular, but radiating benefits rather to the international community as a whole.

I therefore feel fully confident that the absolute determination and application of full knowledge and ability of all of you who have come together for this Congress will become major forces to bring great success to this convention, thus resulting in the increase of peace, happiness and true justice for the world community in every direction just as has been your desired objective.

In the name of His Majesty the King, I bring you good wishes that the meeting will proceed with satisfaction in every way and that all of you who have gathered here will meet with all personal success and happiness.