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**2020 International Customs Day**

**“Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet”**

Mr.Krisada Chinavicharana, Director-General of the Thai Customs Department, presided over the opening ceremony of 2020 International Customs Day and awarded Customs executives and officials, a total of 24, the Certificates of Merit on 27 January 2020 at Customs Hall, Building 1, the Customs Department.

The Director-General stated that International Customs Day (ICD) was annually held on 26 January. For this year, its slogan is “Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet”. The concept can be categorized as follows:

1. *People*: Serving the People by building safe and secure societies by combating illegal trade, terrorism and money laundering.
2. *Prosperity*: Ensuring Prosperity by reducing trade barriers, streamlining Customs procedure to facilitate international trade and taking strong action against duty evasion.
3. *Planet*: Protecting the Planet and aiming for a sustainable future by ensuring and supporting compliance with international environmental agreements and conventions.

In this regard, a total of 24 Customs executives and officials who have demonstrated their commitment to the 2020 slogan, were selected to be awarded the Certificates of Merit from the World Customs Organization (WCO.) The guests of honor for this event included Bangkok-based Customs Attachés, representatives from WCO Asia/Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) experts. Apart from the certificate presentation, there was an exhibition featuring Customs projects and work, namely TradeLens Platform with Blockchain Technology, e-Drawback, NSW e-Tracking on Mobile, Bill Payment and numerous operations, which are in line with this year’s slogan.

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