

***A Royal Tribute to His majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej
On the Occasion of His Being Presented the "Golden Sheaves"
By the Administrative Board of the Asia Pacific
Rural and Agricultural Credit Association***

Your Majesty,

The Administrative Board of the Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association have been well aware that Your Majesty is a Monarch who is deeply sympathetic with the happiness and sorrow of his subject, especially farmers and the needy, including the underprivileged in the remote countryside. It is evident to all people both in Thailand and abroad that all through the many years since your accession to the throne, Your Majesty has continuously paid attention to rural and agricultural development, as can be seen from the frequent visit you have paid to the populace. From these visits, Your Majesty has observed that most of the Thai people subsist on agriculture and has thoroughly learned about their living conditions and the problems they are facing. Your Majesty has therefore, who constitute the majority of the country's population. The approaches taken by your Majesty in solving the problems have been of great benefit to the country. It is very auspicious for all Thais who live under Your majesty's bounty in a land incomparable to any other land

Your Majesty has rendered succor to the populace through the royal-initiated development projects and has established Royal Development Study Centers in all the regions of the country out of your great compassion. These royal activities bear a direct result on the well-being of farmers and all the people.

Your Majesty's sagacity, genius, initiatives, and far-reaching vision all reflect an integrated, systematic and continual development approach. It is generally accepted that Your Majesty's development principles are highly sustainable and efficient. Being deeply impressed by Your Majesty's royal activities and dedication towards rural and agricultural development, the Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association has resolved to growing rice as a staple food of the Thai people. Rice is a cereal that is a symbol of fertility. Thus the Thai people have a good living with a full stomach and a smiling face, proud to be born as Thai under Your Majesty's bounty. Moreover, the usefulness of rice is expanding more and more to the world population to become a significant food of mankind. The 79 grains of rice represent the auspicious occasion of Your Majesty's turning 79 on 5 December 2006.

The presentation of the "Golden Sheaves" is intended as a laudation to Your Majesty as the Monarch who is a model for sustainable rural and agricultural development, and as a great honor for the Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association.

May it please Your Majesty