TIJ Public Forum on the Rule of Law and Sustainable Development

Understanding the Legacy of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej
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Perspectives on the Rule of Law and Development by Understanding the Legacy of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej

Keynote Speakers:

1. Representative from the United Nations Development Programme
2. Dr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul, Member of the Board of Directors, Thailand Sustainable Development Foundation
3. Dr. Sandro Calvani, Senior Advisor on Strategic Planning, Mae Fah Luang Foundation Under Royal Patronage
4. Professor Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Former Deputy Prime Minister
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The search for a seamless collaboration between the Rule of Law and Sustainable Development is more than a century old.
The rate of return on capital $R$ is bigger than the growth rate $G$ of the economy as a whole.

**The big challenge of dysfunctional economies**

Piketty fever, bigger than Marx
A wonky book on inequality becomes a blockbuster

May 3rd, 2014
Making equations cool again is the closest thing to a pop-culture sensation heavyweight economics will ever provide. “Capital in the Twenty-First Century”, a vast work on the past and future of inequality by Thomas Piketty, a French economist, has become the best-selling title at Amazon.com. In America the online retailer has run out of the 700-page hardcover, which it sells for $25.
The emerging transition to new models of social enterprise
The Doi Tung Sustainable Livelihoods

a vision of Rule of Law and Sustainable Development centered on people, happiness and thrivability
A new definition of sustainable development? Or rather a true new mindset that change people’s life

• All definitions of sustainable development (SD) require that we see the world as a system, a system that connects space and one that connects time.

• It is indeed the way we at the Foundation view human development: we firmly believe that SD is always about people, and only about what those people get out of it - here and now in the present - and for the next generations.

• In a sustainable village, people and the environment live together in harmony because they understand and appreciate each other’s needs.
• “...This particular zinnia I didn’t grow from a seed, but bought a sapling from a nursery, and it is now strong and healthy. Why is that?

• Because the nursery owner knew how to choose a good seed, and the right soil. He knew how to nurse the sapling, which I could not have done as he did.

• When I brought it back, I had to attend to it, fertilize it constantly because the soil here is not so fertile...
A compact between people and Nature

• ...I have to constantly water the plant, turn the soil, pull the weeds and pick the dead leaves.
  
  • People are like that; if he/she comes from a good breed, the child will be healthy and intelligent.

• If the parents provide constant nurturing, picking out the defective bits and adding fertilizer, the child will grow up and prosper like these zinnias”.
Gradual Transformation from Survival to Sustainability

**Survival**
- Sufficient food all year round
  - Access to basic infrastructures
  - Treatment and control of illnesses
  - No new debts

**Sufficiency/Self Reliance**
- Living wage to stable income
  - Add value to local produces
  - Some or all debts repaid
  - Access to better education
  - Health care & prevention

**Sustainability**
- Savings & investment in “MSE”
  - Self-reliance & self-development
  - Community organization & outsiders
  - Immunity against shocks & change
  - Awareness of environmental consequences

- Access to better education
- Health care & prevention
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THE RULE OF LAW

is about respecting the planet/nature and people boundaries at the same time and keeping them connected.
The Rule of Law in International Relations

• International Treaties number over 500.
• These govern the behaviour of states and establish enforceable rights and obligations among them.
• They also reflect the concerns and dreams of ordinary people and civil society and affect the lives of individuals and corporations.
• Over 55 multilateral treaties on the environment.
2. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes the need to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

- Equal access to Justice
- Effective Rule of Law and good governance at all levels
- Respect of human rights (incl. the right to development)
- Transparent, effective and accountable institutions

Factors which give rise to violence, insecurity and injustice such as inequality, corruption, poor governance and illicit financial and arm flows are also addressed in the 2030 agenda.
Healthy relationship between planet, powers and people

1. Moderation
2. Reasonableness

Knowledge

Risk management

Sufficiency Economy

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SD

PLANET

PEACE

PARTNERSHIP

PROSPERITY

Sustainable Development
The glocal happiness formula

SEP + SD + ROL = Thrivability
People and nature

Doi Tung 1987
People and nature living together in harmony

Doi Tung 2017
We want the world our children inherit to be defined by the values enshrined in the UN Charter: peace, justice, respect, human rights, tolerance, and solidarity.

All major religions embrace these principles, and we strive to reflect them in our daily lives.

But the threats to these values are most often based on fear. Our duty to the peoples we serve is to work together to move from fear of each other, to trust in each other. Trust in the values that bind us, and trust in the institutions that serve and protect us.