

# Welcoming Remarks

by Professor Bundhit Eua-arporn,  
President of Chulalongkorn University  
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**“Measuring population ageing: Bridging research and policy”**

Mandarin Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

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- Mr. Danucha Pitchayanan (ดนุชา พิขยน์นธ์), the Deputy Secretary General of the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC)
- Ms. Karoline Schmid, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs-Population Division (DESA)
- Mr. Sergei Schebov, Deputy Program Leader with the World Population Program (POP) at IIASA (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis)
- Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

I am very pleased and honored to welcome all of you to the Expert Group Meeting on **“Measuring Population Ageing: Bridging Research and Policy.”**

On behalf of Chulalongkorn University, I would like to express our sincere thanks to

- The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA),
- The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and
- The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

for organizing this remarkable event.

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At Chulalongkorn University, we have missions to co-create knowledge and innovation for sustainable development of Thai and global societies through partnerships.

With the increasing significance of population aging, the elderly or retired populations have become our main research focus in recent years.

We launched the **Chulalongkorn University Aging Research Innovation** or the so-called “**Chula ARI**” in mid-2018.

Chula ARI is a platform which integrates knowledge and expertise across disciplines and faculties in order to address challenges of aging society in Thailand.

I believe that this 2-day conference which brings together outstanding experts from all over the world will contribute to better understanding of aging and its implications for better policy design at the national, regional and global levels.

I would like to welcome you all once again and wish you a fruitful, thought-provoking dialogues leading to long-term collaborations.

Thank you very much.