

**Summary of  
A Special Talk “Sustainability Talks: Towards a Green ASEAN”  
On January 19, 2024  
At Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Ratchadaphisek Road, Bangkok**

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Fostering corporations and partnerships for Sustainable Development was a key issue strongly to achieve Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

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