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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Office of the Public Sector Development Commission (OPDC) is a central government agency of the Royal Thai Government which is directly responsible for the fostering public sector reform through participatory process with other relevant central and line agencies. The key objectives focus on "Good Governance for Sustainable and Better Life" that are integral to government transformation to gain a credible and trust from the citizens.

It is a pleasure to offer a letter of support for the nomination of Nong Klang Dong Subdistrict Administration Organization, Uthai Thani Province for the UN Public Service Awards 2020. Nong Klang Dong Subdistrict Administration Organization has initiated the 'Turning One Person's Trash into Another's Treasure' which provides effective waste management in Taluk Moo Village, Uthai Thani.

Disposal of solid wastes is a stinging and widespread problem in both urban and rural areas in Thailand. This causes an increase in the volume of waste which has steadily accumulated more than 144.6 kg of waste /month/household in Taluk Moo Village. For over a decade, many attempts have been made by various organisations to offer long-term waste management solution, however challenges still remain. One of the main obstacles is the lack of waste sorting awareness and knowledge of reusing and managing the waste appropriately. A response of these imperfections is the development of "Turning One Person's Trash into Another's Treasure" initiative to turn the area into a zero waste community which can manage waste and reuse it properly, including establishing the waste fund as the waste community bank in the village and earning money by the collaborative efforts of different interests and various organisations, particularly local community. The characteristics of waste community bank was to provide a platform for local communities to express their views, create shared goals, specify rules and legitimacies for trade-offs and negotiations and solve the cause of waste problem by making money from it towards sustainability. Currently, an average amount of waste is only 17.2 kilograms / month / household. The community is able to utilize a hundred per cent of the waste and manage it appropriately, resulting in a trash-free village.

With this in mind, the initiative is worthy of being awarded because it shows locals are aware of their roles and the benefits of turning waste into treasure as a result of involvement at the start of the planning process, cooperation and strong commitment to network goals. The advantages of the initiative can help make a contribution in SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. In the case where you might require any further information or questions thereon, please do not hesitate to let us know. Your kind cooperation in taking into consideration of the work of the nominee agency would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir/Madam

Uthai Thani Province consists of 64 local administrative organizations,including 1 provincial administrative organization, 1 municipality, 13 municipal districts,and 49 sub-district administrative organizations. All to local administrative organizations in Uthai Thani Province have responsibilities for providing public services for the happiness of people in locality in consistent with Determining Plans and Process of Decentralization to Local Government Organization Act B.E. 2542 (1999) Public services in each locality may be different based on social, economic, and cultural context.

For this reason, part of the goal of Uthai Thani Province is to create the effectiveness of solid wastes manangement through promoting the cooperation among communities, Department of local Administration, Uthai Thani Provincial Governer's Office and other relevant sectors. "Tuning One Person's Trash into Another's Treasure" initiative to turn the area into a zero waste community which can manage waste and reuse it properly, including establishing the waste fund as the waste community bank in the village and earning money by the collaborative efforts of different interests and various organisations, particularly local community. The characteristics of waste community bank was to provide a platform for local communities to express their views, create shared goals, specify rules and legitimacies for trade-offs and negotiations and solve the cause of waste problem by making money from it towards sustainability. Currently, an average amount of waste is only 17.2 kilograms / month / household. The community is able to utilize a hundred percent of the waste and manage it appropriately, resulting in a trash-free village.

Uthai Thani Province would like to express the great admiration to the initiative, Tuning One Person's Trash into Another's Treasure, is worthy of being awarded because it shows locals are aware of their roles and the benefits of turning waste into treasure as a result of

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involvement at the start of the planning process, cooperation and strong commitment to network goals of Uthai Thani Province. This causes the project to be sustainable because of the initiation of the community and cooperation of all. Uthai Thani Province wishes to nominate the intiative for the 2020 United Nations Public Service Awards. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further inquiries. Please contact Director of Uthai Thani Provincial Office for Local Administration. Contact Number 668 3058 4543. May I extend my deep appreciation for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely

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