
Process of Preparing Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainable Development Plan Based on Self-reliance: Case of Southern Region

The Second National Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on Process of Preparing Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainable Development Plan Based on Self-reliance: Case of Southern Region;

Anxious about the impacts from the past development plans that do not arise from the region's basic economic structure, that it is not built upon the industries related to the region's existing productivity. Therefore the plans are likely to create more social conflicts, as these impacts on the southern region and future trends are more likely to cause inequitable income distribution while benefits will be in the hands of certain groups and in certain areas and therefore, *concerned* that the impacts from the development of the southern seaboard will be the same as the eastern seaboard;

Concerned that such incidents will give rise to serious impacts on the culture and resources on which the southern region is based;

Noting that the direction of southern region development should follow the community's way of life and culture as well as the area capacity which are based on the tropical rainforest eco-system. The area is suitable for agriculture, fishery and tourism which are knowledge and wisdom received from their ancestors;

Realizing that there is the National Health Commission's Announcement on Principle and Criteria for Assessment of Health Impacts Derived from Public Policies 2009 which is to be shortly implemented;

Realizing that the cabinet had a resolution on 6th October 2009 having an agreement to have a national-leveled committee for development of areas for industrial ecology

Aware that the "Process of Preparing Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainable Development Plan Based on Self-reliance: Case of Southern Region" should be one whereby people and Stage agencies concerned with southern region development can exchange knowledge and learning in a friendly manner, leading to recommendations on public health policy for wellbeing of the people, through a process of systematic participation of all sectors in the planning of sustainable development;

Hereby adopts the following resolutions:

1. Recommending that the government, by the cabinet, to assign the National Economic and Social Development Board review the draft master plan for sustainable development of the southern region's economic zones and other related plans with following principles:

1.1 Attach importance to developing quality of life and education focusing on health in a holistic balance.

1.2 Attach importance to developing industries according to context and capacity of certain areas and communities.

1.3 Attach importance to eco-tourism, way of life, and income distribution alongside economic growth.

1.4 Attach importance to the reservation of bio-diversity, sustainable agriculture and sufficiency economy.

1.5 Attach importance to local wisdom and multi-culture by providing an opportunity for the people to express their needs and participate in determining development issues by themselves.

2. According to No. 1, the National Economic and Social Development Board shall coordinate with government, academic, private and civil sector, as well as with those related to health impacts from any development, to establish a committee for the draft master plan review using participatory approach for appropriate proposals to be considered for further strategic decision.

3. Requesting the committee for the draft master plan review addressed in 2. to drive the reviewed plans to be strictly implemented at both regional and local levels. There shall be also a monitoring and evaluation mechanism, which shall provide useful data/report to the public.

4. Requesting the government, by the cabinet, to issue Order of the Prime Minister's Office regarding the master plan for sustainable development of economic zones in the southern and other regions in order to support implementation of related activities of the committee in No. 2 in a continuous manner.
