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SECRETARY-GENERAL THANKS THAI GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR GIFT OF ARTWORK
AT INAUGURATION OF UN CONFERENCE CENTRE IN BANGKOK

The following is the text of a statement made by Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali in thanking the Royal Thai Government for a gift presented to commemorate the inauguration of the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand, on 9 April:

I am deeply honoured to receive, on behalf of the United Nations, the decorative ceiling artwork that you have so thoughtfully presented as a commemorative gift from the Royal Thai Government. This unique gift not only marks the auspicious occasion of the inauguration of the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, but in many ways it represents the importance the Government and people of Thailand attach to the United Nations for promoting peace, progress and prosperity of mankind.

The artwork symbolizes, as indeed the United Nations does, the underlying commonality of basic human values in a world of great diversity through its depiction of the characteristics of the six different continents in a most aesthetic fashion. Yet, it is done in a dramatic presentation of Thai art and its very distinctive interpretation techniques and methods.

The commemorative gift, thus, represents the richness of interactions and traditions within the region in particular and the world at large.

In accepting this unique gift, I wish to thank you most warmly and, through you, convey our grateful appreciation to the Government and people of Thailand for their sustained support and cooperation towards the attainment of the noble objectives of the United Nations Charter.

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