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Bangkok**

PRESS RELEASE

**Presentation Ceremony of the Indian Sculpture “The Head” at the
Central World Plaza, Bangkok**

To mark the handing over of the Indian statue “The Head” by the India-Thai Chamber of Commerce to the Royal Kingdom of Thailand, a presentation ceremony was held at Central World Plaza, Bangkok on Thursday, 30th April 2009. His Excellency Teera Slukpetch, Minister for Culture of the Royal Government of Thailand, Khun M.R. Sukhumpun Baripatr, Governor of Bangkok, Her Excellency Ms. Latha Reddy, Ambassador of India, important Thai and Indian dignitaries and members of the general public were present on the occasion.

The presented sculpture was that of a beautiful Indian face, which had been sculpted by the world famous Indian artist, Shri Ravindra Reddy. India-Thai chamber of Commerce and Central Pattana Group were the sponsors of this project, which had been taken up to mark the 80th birthday of His Majesty, the King and also the 60th Anniversary of His Majesty, the King’s Accession to the Throne.

Shri Ravindra Reddy, the sculptor, is one of India’s most celebrated contemporary artists, who has an acumen for fusing sculptural traditions with a contemporary sensibility. The works of Shri Ravinder Reddy are renowned all over the world and he is the recipient of several national level awards in India. This present work “The Head” also represents the India-Thailand relationship, as it indicates upward movement of the relationship between the two countries.

The project was initiated by the Central Pattana Group, who offered a wonderful location for the sculpture, and had the active support of the Indian Embassy since its inception. The total cost of Baht 5 million for the sculpture was met from the contributions made by India-Thai Chamber of Commerce. The managements of prominent Indian companies in Thailand Indorama Group, Aditya Birla Group, Diwan Chand Group, M.R. Amarnath Group,

Sharaff Group and Unique Enterprises made generous contributions for this project. The contributions made by these companies are symbolic of the close people-to-people contacts between India and Thailand.

The sculpture "The Head" has been installed in the sculpture garden at the Central World Plaza. There will also be sculptures from five other countries in this garden which, it is expected, will be visited by at least a million people every year. It is hoped that the sculpture garden will not only enhance and promote relationships between Thailand and international communities but also create a prime public place with dedicated art objects as an attraction for local and international communities.

Place : Bangkok
Date : 30 April 2009