

**International Seminar on “Construction Guidelines for Standards and Competency  
Framework of Early Childhood Education”  
21 July 2016**

**Great Atmosphere at the Opening Ceremony**



Dr. Watanaporn Ra-Ngubtook, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Education Council and Dr. Pornchanit Kaew-nate, the Vice President for International Affairs and Customer Relationships, Suan Dusit University reported the objectives of this international seminar.



H.E. Mr. Simon Roded, the Ambassador of Israel to Thailand attended and delivered a welcoming speech.



Ms. Suphatra Srimaitreephithak, the Director-General of Thailand International Cooperation Agency presided over the opening ceremony.



### Keynote Speakers at the International Seminar



Prof. Dr. Wijarn Panich, Chairman of Mahidol University Council gave a keynote speech “Skills of Early Childhood Teachers in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. He mentioned that early childhood development (ECD) is the future of our society. Early childhood teachers should understand four major factors affecting ECD; biological factors, environment factors, interpersonal relationships and early experiences and relationship. He also suggested that good early childhood education will lead to productive, healthy and happy adult life as well as being a good citizen.



Prof. Dr. Paitoon Sinlarat, Professor of Higher Education and Dean of College of Education Sciences, Dhurakij Pundit University gave a keynote speech entitled ASEAN Teachers' Standards: Road to New Quality Education. He proposed the standards of ASEAN teachers for new challenges in education.

### **Presentations and Group Discussion**

The parallel sessions were held for two groups of participants, university lecturers and early childhood teachers from ASEAN countries. Each group exchanged knowledge and expertise in early childhood management in each country.

