



**Opening Remarks
at the World Men's Championship 2008
by
H.E. Mr. Weerasak Kowsurat
Minister of Tourism and Sports
On Thursday 21 August 2008, at 19.00 hrs.
at The Mall Ngamwongwan , Bangkok**

**The President of Thai Tenpin Bowling Association,
The Organizing Committee,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is an honour and a pleasure for me to welcome all of you to the World Men's Championships 2008 held between 21 -31 August 2008. I am very pleased that participants from 57 countries throughout the world has come to participate in this great event in Thailand.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Organizer, the Thai Tenpin Bowling Association and the SF Strike Bowl for their efforts in arranging this important international bowling match.

On behalf of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, it is our great pride that Thailand has been chosen as a venue for both regional and international competition in many kinds of sports including bowling, a sport in which everyone from all walks of life regardless age and gender can enjoy with no concern of weather.

Apart the competition, I do hope that you will spare some time to explore and enjoy our facilities, hospitality, and cultural heritage surrounding Bangkok and Nonthaburi Province where the venue of the World Men's Championships 2008 is taking place.

Once again, I wish all participants and staffs for their great success in the games with a memorable impression.
