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Biotec Int'l Advisory Board meets in Bangkok

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Singapore: BIOTEC, Thailand, recently held its Meeting of International Advisory Board (IAB) from March 15-16, 2013, at Chatrium Hotel Riverside in Bangkok.

The International Advisory Board was established by BIOTEC in 2005 to meet the constant challenges posed by globalization and the emergence of new technologies. Current BIOTEC International Advisory Board, serving October 2012- October 2014, consists of ten internationally-recognized experts from reputable organizations, with diverse backgrounds in biotechnology. The board meets annually to review the performance and progress of BIOTEC and provide recommendations on particular topics presented each year.

The theme of the 2013 meeting is the new initiative of three new multidisciplinary laboratories to serve industrial clients, namely Food and Feed Innovation Center, Thailand Bioresource Research Center and Integrative Biorefinery Laboratory, to be opened in the middle of this year at the Thailand Science Park. In addition to inputs given to the new initiative, board members also shared their experience on issues related to a research institute management.

The meeting was attended by nine international experts in the field of biotechnology research, development, policy and management. Present at the meeting were Prof Ken-ichi Arai (Japan), Prof Lene Lange (Denmark), Dr Martin Keller (US), Prof Gerald T Keusch (US), Prof Roger N Beachy (US), Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ahmad Zaharudin Idrus (Malaysia), Prof. Jia-Yang Li (China), Prof. Jens Nielsen (Sweden) and Prof. Sang-Ki Rhee (Korea).