



# International Union of Soil Sciences HUMANITARIAN SOIL SCIENTIST AWARD THE WORLD SOIL DAY

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Your Majesty it is with a great honor that I humbly stand before You on behalf of the International Union of Soil Sciences and recognize You as Our Humanitarian Soil Scientist. The members of the International Union of Soil Sciences were first introduced to Your Knowledge and Leadership in the sustainable use of soils at our 17th World Congress of Soil Sciences held in August 2002 in this wonderful city of Bangkok. One of the key parts of this congress was an Exhibition regarding Your Majesty's Vision, Leadership and Commitment to Sustainable Land Development. This Exhibition provided the ongoing theme of our Congress and gave enormous encouragement to our members from all corners of the globe through Your Majesty's Leadership.



In recognition of Your Majesty's Leadership, the Council of the International Union of Soil Sciences meeting in Bangkok, proposed to recognize Your Birthday, the 5th Day of December as World Soil Day. This is now celebrated globally with special stamps published in some countries and special meetings and exhibitions held on this day. These activities raise the importance of managing soil in sustainable ways, and often we have focused these meetings on our children to encourage them to understand the need to care for our soil and use it in sustainable ways.



I have visited Thailand over many years and have seen at first hand Your Majesty's Practical Support and Leadership for your people in the sustainable management of their soils through a number of development projects initiated by Your Majesty and I am particularly impressed by the Royal Development Study Centers with their focus on making training in land development and agricultural management and relevant problem solving approaches accessible to your people



Your Leadership in the Sustainable Use of Soil is important for Your Country, but also provides an excellent for others to follow. We in the international Union of Soil Sciences wish to recognize this enormous contribution by making you our first "Humanitarian soil Scientist". On behalf of the international Union of Soil Sciences I humbly present to You this medal and certificate and am sure that You will continue to provide leadership in these matters both nationally and globally.

Dr. Stephen Northcliff  
Chairman of the International Union of Soil Sciences  
on 16 April 2012

