## 2005 International Biodiversity Day Celebration in Thailand

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand had conducted an extensive activity to celebrate the International Biodiversity Day, together with the National Tree Day, since for this year, the two mentioned days were at the same day of May 22 nd. The activity, which was a part of the "Power For Forest" Project, had approximately 3,000 participants from government agencies, local schools, local police station, army camp and village leaders, and took place at Mae Khawtom District in Chiang Rai Province. The event focused mainly on reforestation, and the participants had planted some precious woody plants such as Teak, Golden Shower (Thai national flower), Siamese Rosewood and White Cheesewood.

This project was successful in raising public awareness, especially the youth, on value and importance of forest ecosystems, which will further contribute a lot to biodiversity conservation in the country.





