

DESTRUCTION CEREMONY ORGANIZED BY DIP, CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, ECD, AND DSI

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The Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) organized a grand destruction ceremony at Klongluang District, Pathumthani Province on December 17, 2008. Ms. Puangrat Udsawawisit, the Director-General of the DIP, gave the opening remarks. The seized goods that were destroyed at this event came from finalized cases from three main government departments: Customs Department, Economic and Cyber Crime Division (ECD, formerly ECOTEC), and Department of Special Investigation (DSI).

Different processes of destruction were used by these three bureaus depending on the goods being destroyed. A wide variety of goods were destroyed, including garments,

mobile phone accessories, wristwatches, bags, shoes, CDs, calculators, electronic appliances, etc. The goods that could not be recycled were destroyed by incinerator,



while the goods that could be taken apart were destroyed by recycling process. Three machines were used in the first steps of destroying the goods: (1) a bulldozer; (2) cutting machines; and (3) a waste grinder.

The total number of destroyed goods was 1,667,715 items, coming from a total of 1,527 cases. The total value of the products amounted to approximately THB 164 million. These seized goods involved various intellectual property owners including Nokia, Casio, Levi's, Epson, Canon, Citizen, Chanel, Timberland, Lacoste, Adidas, Rado, Louis Vuitton, etc. ♦