

**BANPU PARTICIPATION IN COALTRANS ASIA CONFERENCE 2002
REPRESENT ITS EXPANSION IN ASIAN MARKET**

Banpu Public Company Limited recently joined Coaltrans Asia Conference 2002 exhibition and seminar to demonstrate its strength and to boost recognition on the company among regional coal industry. As a successful Thai company operating in the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Somyot Ruchirawat, Senior Vice President-Coal Indonesia of Banpu, was an invited guest speaker on "Successful and confident in the future: Banpu's experience in Indonesian investment opportunities". Banpu's participation in the event is part of its strategic plan for development as a leading energy company in Asia region.

Coaltrans Asia is a well recognized conference among coal business community in Asia Region. It's not only the place where people in coal and related businesses gathering for information update and exchange but also an opportunity for marketing and sales. The 8th Coaltrans Asia held in Bali, Indonesia, this year was participated by more than 500 delegates from Asia and other regions.

Due to its long experience and significant development, becoming one of the top five coal producers in Indonesia, Banpu booth at Coaltrans Asia Conference 2002 gained high interest from the delegates and drew visitors throughout the event. Banpu started its exploration in Indonesia in 1995 and began production at Jorong mine in 1997. In 2001, Banpu acquired "Indocoal", an Indonesian coal mining group comprising Indominco, Kitadin, Trubaindo, and Barasentosa mines.

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