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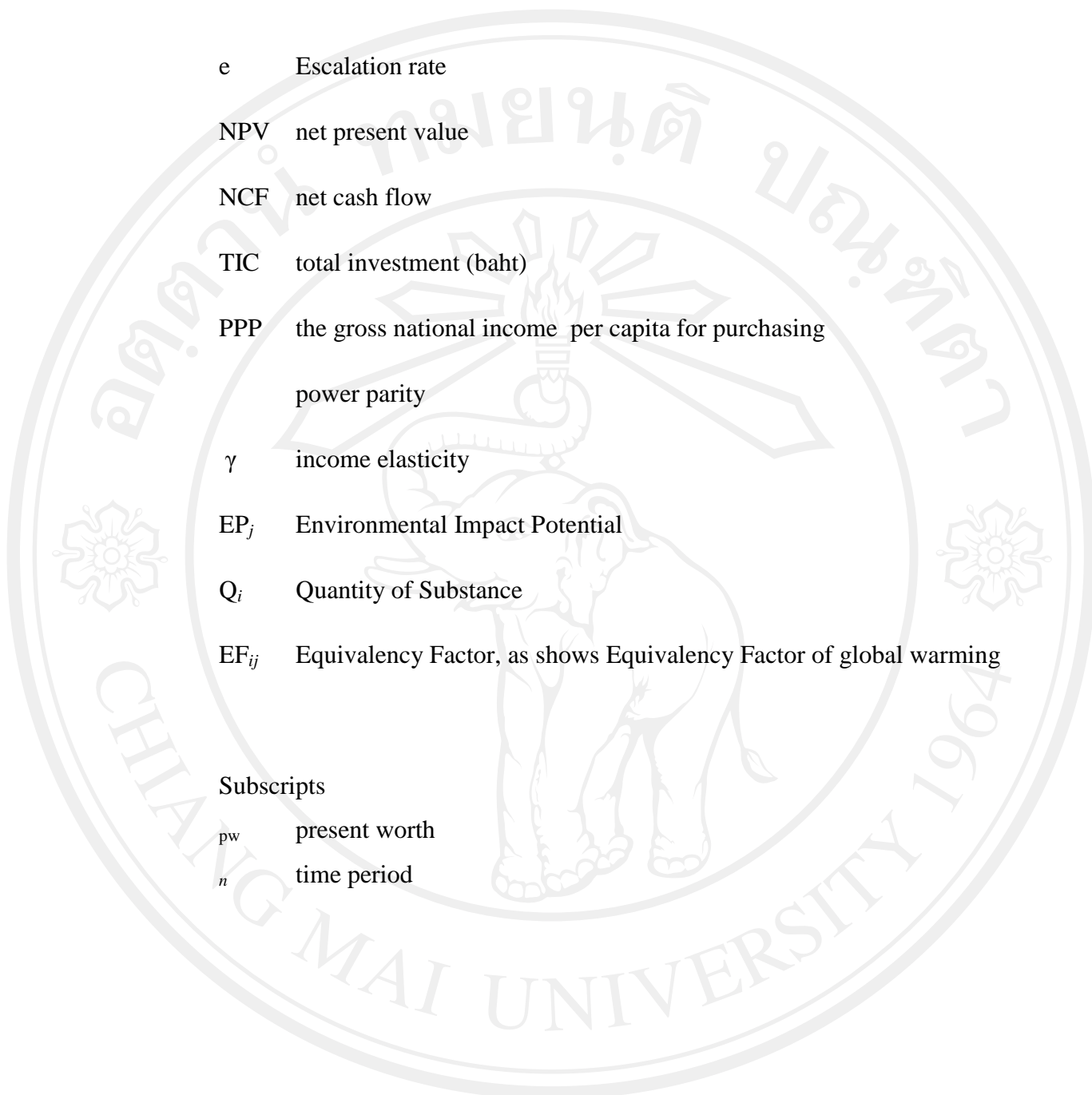
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### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

C	capital cost (baht)
M	operating and maintenance costs (baht)
F	fuel cost (baht)
R	replacement cost (baht)
S	salvage value (baht)
X	externalities cost (baht)
C <sub>e</sub>	amount of emission (kg)
VED	Value of environment damage (baht/kg)
CF	Collection and transportation costs (baht)
FC <sub>1</sub>	fixed cost associated to loading/unloading operations where time, human resources and fuel are used (baht)
FC <sub>2</sub>	a fixed cost associated to biomass compacting (baht)
VC	a cost that depends on the total distance travelled (baht)
D	distance of transport (km)
NR	the number of trips needed to transport the biomass from the origins to one only destination (bioenergy plant)
C <sub>e</sub>	Cost of electricity per unit (baht/kWh)
LCC	Life cycle cost (baht/year)
E <sub>t</sub>	Energy produced throughout the project (kWh/year).
F	the value of money in the future (baht)
P	the value of the current (baht)
i	the interest rate per year
A	the value of income (annually uniform cost)



e	Escalation rate
NPV	net present value
NCF	net cash flow
TIC	total investment (baht)
PPP	the gross national income per capita for purchasing power parity
$\gamma$	income elasticity
$EP_j$	Environmental Impact Potential
$Q_i$	Quantity of Substance
$EF_{ij}$	Equivalency Factor, as shows Equivalency Factor of global warming
Subscripts	
pw	present worth
n	time period