



Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2006

7-8 April 2006

Background

The Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) 2006 provides a unique annual forum for region-wide business networking, partnership building and dialogue among the business community, governments and civil society on how to create an enabling environment for sustainable business growth. The theme of the Forum is "Public-Private Partnerships for Development in Asia and the Pacific."

Over 400 business executives, senior officials, academics and representatives of civil society from the Asian and Pacific region and other regions are expected to participate. The forum will be conducted in the form of moderated panel discussions, with the active involvement of both panel discussants and participants from the floor.

The Forum will take place in conjunction with the 62nd annual UNESCAP Commission Session, to assure the presence of Ministers and senior government officials from across the Asia-Pacific region. APBF is organized by UNESCAP in close collaboration with the Government of Indonesia, the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) and the International Chamber of Commerce, Indonesia.

Speakers

Some of the speakers (listed by order of appearance) include:

Mr. Kim Hak-Su	UN Under-Secretary-General and UNESCAP Executive Secretary
H.E. Dr. Boediono	Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
The Hon. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad	Former Prime Minister of Malaysia
H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono	President of Indonesia
Mr. Noke Kiroyan	President, International Chamber of Commerce, Indonesia
Mr. Mohamad Sulaiman Hidayat	President, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN Indonesia)
Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi	UNCTAD Secretary-General
Mr. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle	Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Sri Lanka
Mr. Victor Fung	Group Chairman, Li & Fung Group, Hong Kong, China
Prof. Emil Salim	Center for Policy and Implementation Studies (CPIS), Indonesia
Mr. John Hewson	President, the John Hewson Group, Australia

Mr. Cheng Guangren	President, SinoSat, China
Mr. Chote Sophonpanich	Executive Chairman, Greenspot, Thailand
Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim	Chairman, AmBank Group, Malaysia
Ms. Jannie Tay	Vice Chairman, The Hour Glass, Singapore
Dato' Mohamed Iqbal	Group Executive Director, Farlim Group, Malaysia
Mr. Paskah Suzetta	State Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia

Purpose

The Asia-Pacific Business Forum aims to:

- Provide a platform for governments, the business sector and civil society to discuss economic policy issues and their implications for the economies of Asia and the Pacific.
- Foster region-wide networking and partnerships between the business community, governments and civil society.
- Explore ways in which public and private sectors can work together to achieve the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals and the principles of the Global Compact.

The discussions at the Forum are expected to lead to the formulation of an action-oriented agenda with specified roles for governments, business, international organizations and civil society.

Participants

CEOs and high-level company executives/leaders in the Asia and Pacific region, senior government representatives, representatives of business organizations and civil society are encouraged to register.

Registration

Participation is free, but the number of seats is limited and balanced regional representation will be sought. Early application is advised. On-line registration for APBF 2006 as well as additional information on the meeting is available on the UNESCAP web-page at www.unescap.org/apbf. □