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Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2006

*Public-Private Partnerships for
Development in Asia and the Pacific*

Jakarta, Indonesia,
Friday, 7 April and Saturday, 8 April 2006
Jakarta Convention Center



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About the Asia-Pacific Business Forum

Initiated in 2004, the Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) 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. It also provides a useful forum to discuss the roles of Governments and enterprises in meeting the challenges of globalization.

The President of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono; the former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Hon. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi as well as other high-profile speakers will address this year's forum, which focuses on how the public and private sector can work together to ensure sustainable economic and social development.

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. To assure the presence of ministers and senior government officials from across Asia and the Pacific, the APBF is organized back-to-back with the annual UNESCAP Commission Session.

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 discussions are expected to lead to the formulation of a plan of action with specified roles for Governments, business, international organizations and civil society.

Benefits of participation:

- Participate in an action-oriented dialogue on the opportunities and challenges of doing business in Asia and the Pacific
- Provide input to national and regional policymaking on how to improve the business climate
- Share views on how the public and private sectors can jointly achieve sustained economic growth
- Network with key business leaders and government officials from the Asian and Pacific region

Programme

Friday	07 April 2006
1700 – 1900	Registration
1900 – 2100	<i>Opening Ceremony and Gala Dinner</i> Hosted by PT Newmont Pacific Nusantara Welcoming statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kim Hak-Su, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary, UNESCAP• H.E. Dr. Boediono, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Indonesia Inaugural address: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia Guest of honour: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
Saturday	08 April 2006
0630 – 0730	Registration and Breakfast
0730 – 0830	<i>Breakfast meeting with the President</i> Hosted by Microsoft “Managing Development to Diminish Poverty” Keynote speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia Guests of honour: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia• Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
0830 – 1215	<i>Plenary Sessions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair: Hon. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia• Co-Chair: Dr. Kim Hak-Su, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary, UNESCAP
0830 – 0845	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Mohamad Sulaiman Hidayat, President, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN Indonesia)
0845 – 0930	Special address by Guest of Honour <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD Respondents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Victor Fung, Group Chairman, Li & Fung Group: Hong Kong, China• Senior government official
0930 – 1000	<i>Networking Break</i>
1000 – 1115	Plenary I Strategies to overcome impediments to development Strong and effective cooperation among all stakeholders of the region, including Government, private sector, civil society and academia is crucial for sustainable economic growth and development. The plenary will discuss in which areas public and private sectors can work together to overcome impediments to development and to foster an enabling business environment. Practical examples from different fields where public-private partnerships/collaborations (in their broader sense) have been or can be beneficial to both partners will be provided. The discussion will also focus on how to extend these lessons to other issue areas as well as countries.
1115 – 1215	Plenary II Pacific connectivity through public-private partnerships The Pacific Island countries suffer from a poor communication system mainly due to geography and lack of funds. With the fast advancement of satellite technology and drastic decrease of its cost, satellite communications might be a viable solution. It may be beyond any one of the 19 Pacific islands in the UNESCAP region to have such a system of its own, due to small business volume and small population. However, collectively, the 19 countries with a total population of 8 million may achieve connectivity through group negotiations. SinoSat, a leading regional satellite service provider will present different scenarios of communications through satellites and optical fibers, among others.

1215 – 1330

Working Lunch

Hosted by UNDP Indonesia

- **Launch of the Global Compact Network in Indonesia**
- **Questions and Answers**
- **Global Compact signing ceremony**

1330 – 1745

Breakout Sessions and Closing Plenary

1330 – 1500

Parallel Breakout Session I

Stimulating development through public-private partnerships in:

Breakout I A:

Development of transport infrastructure

This session will provide an outline of a vision of the way in which the Asian land transport sector could develop, followed by consideration of the lessons learned from private sector participation. It will also investigate the possibilities of inland sites, including facilities such as inland container depots, dry ports, value added logistic services and free-trade zones.

Breakout I B:

Corporate strategies to serve the rural poor

A majority of poor people in Asia lives and works in rural areas. Tapping into their unrealized potential is an opportunity for companies and at the same time a powerful tool for raising the income of millions of poor farmers. Experiences of companies that are finding ways of fitting poor farmers into their corporate strategies will be presented and discussed at this session.

Breakout I C:

Implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Benefits from CSR implementation include improved sales figures and enhanced customer satisfaction, not to mention substantial contributions to better labour conditions and protection of the environment. Asian and Pacific companies will present practical examples of how to implement CSR for the benefit of business and the development of the region. This session will also discuss actions to ensure the spread of such good practices.

1500 – 1530

Networking Break

1530 – 1700

Parallel Breakout Session II

Stimulating development through public-private partnerships in:

Breakout II A:

Green business growth model to help change the lives of the poor

Today the potential for the business community to meet the needs for environmentally sound lighting technologies of the largest segment of consumers with no access to modern energy services is well recognized. Such services will offer poor rural communities a new source of revenue to uplift their lives, while creating prospects for market development. Successful examples and enabling policy measures will be presented and discussed.

Breakout II B:

Provision of ICT infrastructure and services to all

The Asian and Pacific region has widely diverse situations with respect to ICT infrastructure and services, including who is best served by varying aspects of ICT. The region includes world-leading as well as least-developed areas. Participants will describe their experiences in public-private partnerships in this arena, and share their thoughts on how Governments, companies, and others can partner to benefit all from improved ICT infrastructure and services.

Breakout II C:

Strengthening business involvement in the WTO/Doha negotiations and regional trade initiatives, including the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement

Business involvement in the current Doha negotiations under the WTO as well as in regional and bilateral trade agreements, which are proliferating in the region, is rather limited. Yet, the potential implications of these negotiations for business are enormous. The session will hear the opinions of various experts on how to improve business engagement in multilateral, regional and bilateral trade negotiations.

1700 – 1730

Conclusions and recommendations

1730 – 1745

Closing statements

For the latest information on the Forum and to complete the application form online, please refer to <http://www.unescap.org/apbf>

Some of the speakers (in order of appearance)

Day 1	Dr. Kim Hak-Su	Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary, UNESCAP
	H.E. Dr. Boediono	Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
	Hon. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad	Former Prime Minister of Malaysia
Day 2	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	Secretary-General of UNCTAD
	Mr. Victor Fung	Group Chairman, Li & Fung Group; Hong Kong, China
	Mr. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle	Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Sri Lanka
	Senior Representative	Microsoft
	Mr. Sok Siphana	Director, International Trade Centre
	Prof. Emil Salim	Center for Policy and Implementation Studies (CPIS), Indonesia
	Mr. John Hewson	President, John Hewson Group, Australia
	Senior Vice 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	

Confirmation process is in progress.

Remark: The table lists invited speakers as of 10 March 2006. For more recent updates as well as speaker profiles, please visit: www.unescap.org/apbf

Who should attend?

- CEOs and senior corporate executives
- Senior government officials
- Representatives of business organizations
- Civil society organizations
- Academics, media and opinion leaders

Participation is free, but the number of seats is limited and balanced regional representation will be sought. For application and more information such as travel information, please refer to www.unescap.org/apbf. Early application is advised.



Information and contact

To apply for participation in the Asia-Pacific Business Forum, please sign up at www.unescap.org/apbf. There you will also find more information, including a detailed programme and an updated list of speakers.

For information on speaking opportunities and other questions, please contact:

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