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5th Asia Economic Forum

**Asia's Challenges and Opportunities
During the Time of Global Economic and Financial Crises**

Raffles Hotel Le Royal

SUNDAY: April 5, 2009

All day Arrival of participants

7:30 **Dinner Reception in Honor of International Participants and Speakers**
(By Invitation Only)
Hosted by **Dr. Haruhisa Handa**, *Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia; President and Founder, International Foundation for Arts and Culture; Founder and Chairman, Asia Economic Forum; Chancellor, The University of Cambodia*

Venue: Tonle Bassac Restaurant

MONDAY: April 6, 2009

7:30-8:30 Registration

8:30 Arrival of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, *Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia*

9:00-10:00 **Opening Session**

National Anthem

Welcome Remarks by **Dr. Haruhisa Handa**, *Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia; President and Founder, International Foundation for Arts and Culture; Founder and Chairman, Asia Economic Forum; Chancellor, The University of Cambodia*

Keynote Address: “Asia’s Rise and the Global Economic and Financial Crises: Prospects for the Future” by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

10:00-10:15 Coffee break

10:15-12:15 **Plenary Session I: Key Issues Affecting Asia**

This session attempts to identify priority issues that concern Asia most during the current global financial crisis. What does the global financial crisis reveal about Asia’s economic position? In addition, the session seeks to build consensus on key issues affecting the region.

Chair: **H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn**, *Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation; AEF Secretary-General; President, The University of Cambodia*

Speakers:

Lord George Carey, *Former Archbishop of Canterbury, London*

Ambassador Eddi Hariyadhi, *Senior Adviser, The Department of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia*

H.E. Ambassador Wang Xuexian, *Chinese Senior Official for the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM SOM Leader for China), International Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China*

H.E. Sok Chenda Sophea, *Secretary General, Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC), The Kingdom of Cambodia*

Dr. Akinori Seki, *President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Tokyo, Japan*

Questions and Answers

12:15-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 **Plenary Session II: Asia’s Response to Financial and Economic Crises**

The financial crisis looms across the globe, threatening to destabilize the economic system built on free market capitalism. This session looks at the proposed responses by public and private sectors of Asian countries on how to mitigate the financial and economic crises’ impact on Asia’s economy. Since Asia has already experienced a financial crisis, what have

we learned from past experience that can be used to minimize the impact of another financial crisis in Asia? What plans and/or proposals have been developed?

Chair: **H.E. Dr. Chap Sotharith**, *Advisor and Chief of Cabinet to Deputy Prime Minister, Royal Government of Cambodia*

Speakers:

Mr. Sok Hach, *President and Founder, Economic Institute of Cambodia (EIC), Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia*

Dr. Stephane Guimbert, *Senior Country Economist and Acting Country Manager, The World Bank, Phnom Penh*

Mr. Hideki Wakabayashi, *Former MP; Councilor, Senior Research Fellow of the Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR), Japan*

Dr. Kang Chandarot, *Director and Head of Economic Unit, Cambodia Institute of Development Study (CIDS), Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia*

Questions and Answers

3:30-3:45 Coffee break

3:45-5:00 **Plenary Session III: Financial Crisis' Impact on the Millennium Development Goals**

This session seeks to examine the financial crisis' impact on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Perspectives from developed and developing countries examine what governments can do to realize the MDGs. How will the financial crisis affect countries' MDGs? What threats are posed by the financial crisis on the MDGs of poverty-reduction, health and education? Despite a global financial meltdown, will the rich countries maintain their commitment to poverty reduction and other targets?

Chair: **H.E. Kong Vibol**, *Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Royal Government of Cambodia*

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, *Secretary-General of ASEAN, Jakarta, Indonesia*

H.E. Son Koun Thor, *Vice Chairman of Supreme National Economic Council; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Rural Development Bank, Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

Mr. Douglas Broderick, *Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh*

Ms. Chanthou Boua, *Former Director, Partnership for Development in Kampuchea (PADEK), Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

Questions and Answers

TUESDAY: April 7, 2009

9:00-10:30 **Plenary Session IV: Peace, Security, and Stability in Asia**

This session examines the impact of the global financial crisis on peace, security, and stability in Asia. What challenges and opportunities does the global financial crisis pose for these aspirations? How can Asian countries work to strengthen relationships within the region? What strategies can be offered to enhance regional cooperation to address the global financial crisis and advance Asia's interest?

Chair: **H.E. General Neang Phat**, *Secretary of State, Ministry of National Defense; The Kingdom of Cambodia*

Speakers:

H.E. Ong Keng Yong, *Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Singapore; Former Secretary-General of ASEAN, Singapore*

H.E. Jose T. Almonte, *Former National Security Adviser, Republic of the Philippines*

Ambassador Shashank, *Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India*

H.E. Ms. Margaret Adamson, *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh*

Dr. Ngo Duy Ngo, *Deputy Head of the Institute of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Social Republic of Vietnam*

Questions and Answers

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:30 **Plenary Session V: Prospects for Asia's Trade and Investment**

This session examines the prospects for Asia's trade and investment in the face of a global recession. What are opportunities and challenges for investment and trade in Asia during a time of financial crisis? What roles and responsibilities do big businesses have in helping mitigate the current world crisis?

Chair: **H.E. Pan Sorasak**, *Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce and Trade, Royal Government of Cambodia*

Speakers:

Dr. Jebamalai Vinanchiarachi, *Principal Adviser to the Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Vienna*

Mr. Douglas Clayton, *Managing Partner, Leopard Capital, Phnom Penh*

Dr. Rajah Rasiah, *Professor, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

Dr. Benny Widiono, *Former United Nations Secretary-General's Representative in Cambodia; Professor of Economics, The University of Connecticut, USA*

Questions and Answers

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 **Plenary Session VI: Asian Perspectives on Climate Change and Food and Energy Security**

This session attempts to identify Asian perspectives on climate change and on food and energy security? What is at stake? What are the challenges? What are the expected consequences? What roles and responsibilities do governments, businesses, and citizens have? How do we reconcile the need to protect our environment with our insatiable consumption needs, given an economic system that needs to continue to grow because it is driven by progress and profit? Can we come to a global consensus that climate change and food and energy security affect us all, and thereby develop policies to mitigate the impact? Who will reinforce these policies?

Chair: **H.E. Dr. Mok Mareth**, *Senior Minister, Minister of Environment, Royal Government of Cambodia*

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Andrew Mace, *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom Embassy of the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh*

Mr. Koen Everaert representing **H.E. Mr. Rafael Dochao Moreno**, *Chargé d’Affaires a.i., European Commission to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh*

H.E. Mr. Ngurah Swajaya, *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh*

Mr. Lay Khim, *Team Leader (Energy and Environment) United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Resident Representative*

Questions and Answers

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:00 **Plenary Session VII: Asia’s Political and Economic Outlook**

This session looks at Asia’s political and economic outlook. What is forecast for Asia in the short-, medium-, and long-term? What are the links between politics and economics? Are we heading towards a global recession or depression? If so, how can this be mitigated?

Chair: **Lord George Carey**, *Former Archbishop of Canterbury, London*

Speaker:

Ambassador Wu Tao, *President, The China-ASEAN Association, Beijing*

Mr. Noritada Morita, *Chairman and CEO, Asia Strategy Forum (ASF), Bangkok*

Mr. KPV Nair, *Director & Managing Trustee, Asia Centre, Kolkata, India*

Adjunct Professor Din Merican, *The University of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia; Former Regional Director, Sime Darby Berhad, Malaysia*

Questions and Answers

5:00

Closing Session

Remarks by H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, *Secretary-General, Asia Economic Forum; President, The University of Cambodia; Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

Closing Remarks by Dr. Haruhisa Handa, *Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia; Founder and Chairman, Asia Economic Forum; Chancellor, The University of Cambodia; President and Founder, International Foundation for Arts and Culture*

WEDNESDAY: April 8, 2009

Departure of international participants