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LETTER FROM GENERATION 21 CHAIRMEN AND CONVENORS

Generation 21: Asia Pacific New Leaders' Dialogue charts new territory in the field of Asia Pacific engagement. Staged in the dynamic city of Jakarta, in a world class television studio, and led by two of the region's star news anchors, the dialogue brought together 52 new and emerging leaders to share their perspectives for the future.

The participants came from 16 countries across the region to identify the challenges and possibilities for the 21st Century, and to reflect on the implications of global power moving from the Western to the Eastern Hemisphere.

The two-day program was hosted by Indonesia's Modernisator and Australia's Asialink, with McKinsey & Company, Jakarta, and was screened to a prime time audience by Indonesia's SCTV.

The Dialogue occurred within the context of a series of thought-provoking addresses, exclusive to Generation 21, from regional heads of government, and eminent leaders in business and academia. They were:

Boediono

Vice President of Indonesia

Datuk Tony Fernandes

Founder & CEO, AirAsia

Vinod Khosla

Co-founder, Sun Microsystems

Prof. Kishore Mahbubani

Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy,
National University of Singapore

Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati

Minister of Finance.

H.E. Dr Surin Pitsuwan

Secretary General of ASEAN

Dr Stephen Roach

Senior Executive, Morgan Stanley

The Hon. Kevin Rudd

Prime Minister of Australia

The Hon. Abhisit Vejjajva

Prime Minister of Thailand

Muhammad Yunus

Nobel Peace Prize winning economist

Prof. Yong Zhao

University Distinguished Professor,
College of Education, Michigan State University

From the beginning, it was clear this group had the motivation to take their conversations to new ground. Rather than setting out an agenda for merely centring power into the region, Generation 21 discussed a range of topics through the lens of responsibility. Discussions about economic growth recognised the need for social safety nets, environmental protection and the preservation of respective countries' distinct cultures. Education and the project of attracting the best and brightest to the teaching profession were considered high priority, but so too was the need for a new generation of risk-taking entrepreneurs.

The television program aired on Indonesia's largest television network, SCTV, on November 11 and 18, 2009, to great acclaim. The hope of Generation 21 is to build an enduring network with the common goal of increasing dialogue and understanding between the countries of Asia Pacific.

Signed,

Dino Patti Djalal

Co-Founder, Modernisator

Sid Myer

Chairman, Asialink

Jenny McGregor

CEO, Asialink

Benjamin Soemartopo

Managing Partner, McKinsey & Company, Jakarta



SESSION 1: 21ST CENTURY CONTEXT

The opening sessions of the Dialogue provided a background to the existing leadership and organisation of the Asia Pacific region. At the opening night dinner, Indonesian Finance Minister, **Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati** set out the great challenges she faces in reforming Indonesia's economy and some of the positive signs she is witnessing.

The Dialogue commenced with a video welcome from one of the region's most youthful leaders, the Prime Minister of Thailand, **The Hon. Abhisit Vejjajiva**. United States Ambassador to Indonesia, **Cameron Hume**, followed this with the delivery of **President Barack Obama**'s personal message to the Dialogue (see appendix). **H.E. Dr Surin Pitsuwan**, Secretary General of ASEAN, then underlined the significant achievements of the organisation he heads, and his hopes for its greater relevance and recognition in the region and beyond. ASEAN was ready to "arrive at the 'head table' of global institutions", he said.

In a passionate video address to the Dialogue, Nobel Peace Prize-winner **Muhammad Yunus** avowed that human beings are 'packed with unlimited capacities' that just have to be unleashed. He said that many policies and institutions needed changing but poverty could nonetheless be eliminated in the first half of the 21st century.

Professor Kishore Mahbubani is recognised as one of the most provocative political theorists of the 21st century. In his keynote speech at the Dialogue he asserted that the 'traditional' leadership of the West was failing to address the crises of today, which no longer occur in isolation in this increasingly interconnected world. Professor Mahbubani articulated his alternate vision for structural reform in what he termed the 'new Asian hemisphere'.



*Why have growth and financial prosperity when our cities and coastlines are flooded?
Why have growth and financial prosperity when it cannot be enjoyed by all citizens?
Why have growth and financial prosperity if our lives are sodden due to the ravages of pollution and global warming?*

Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati
Indonesian Finance Minister

It is time for East Asia to contribute to a new design of the global community – that is the challenge for all of you.

H.E. Dr Surin Pitsuwan
Secretary General of ASEAN



We all have the responsibility as global citizens to care for each other and our planet.

The Hon. Abhisit Vejjajiva
Prime Minister of Thailand



6.8 billion people are not on different boats as in the past. Now they're all on the same boat, but without a captain.

Professor Kishore Mahbubani
Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.



You, Generation 21, this is your responsibility. You are the people with ideas, you are the changers.

Muhammad Yunus
Nobel Peace Prize-winning economist

SESSION 2: KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Our schools continue to teach global competitiveness, which tries to help our children compete with people in other countries, or belonging to other groups. But unless we teach them how to get along with each other, human beings face the possibility of self-elimination.

Prof. Yong Zhao

Michigan State University





We need to remember that the economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment.

Dorjee Sun

Founder, Carbon Conservation, Australia



Soft power will lead to a low carbon economy.

Ruth Yeoh

Director of Investments, YTL Berhad, Malaysia

Prior to moving into breakout groups, video messages from innovative leaders on a range of subjects inspired participants to new thinking on old ideas. **Vinod Khosla**, the Indian American venture capitalist and former CEO and Chairman of Sun Microsystems, spoke of potential community-led solutions to climate change. **Professor Yong Zhao** said instilling school children with the notion of global citizenship and responsibility required a new approach, a stepping back from the win-lose competition model of success. **Stephen Roach**, of Morgan Stanley, highlighted the great momentum of economies in the Asia Pacific region and their prospects as market drivers in a new era of global finance.



The most important thing is communities having control over their own lives. Lack of community control does not work.

Alistair Webster

*Associate to Justice North,
Federal Court of Australia*

CLIMATE CHANGE

The major challenge identified by Generation 21 was communicating the complex problem of climate change, and devising effective grassroots solutions. Numerous participants, already leading awareness-raising and sustainable change in this area in a variety of different capacities, concluded that education and incentive-driven programs were key to making lasting achievements. Many highlighted the positive developments of the private sector in East Asia as a model for others to follow. On a very practical level, the notion of an online resource was suggested, where a variety of stakeholders could contribute first-hand accounts of the effect of climate change in text or multimedia formats.



Asia has the potential to lead on renewable energy – we can lead on climate change tactics.

George Cheung

*Managing Partner,
Reisner Inc., China*

EDUCATION

Universal access to good quality education was identified as among the most pressing of challenges for the Asia Pacific in the coming century. Stark variations exist across the region and within individual countries. Recruiting and retaining quality teachers, recognising outstanding achievement in education and attracting the best brains to the profession, were identified as high priority. To facilitate sharing of best practices in teaching, an open source online platform was suggested, which would be accessible to educationists, policy makers and academics across the region.



There should be a witness protection program for people who have gone into entrepreneurship and failed.

Omar Mustapha

*Managing Partner,
Ethos & Company, Malaysia*

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS

There was a consensus among participants that much of Asia can be biased against entrepreneurs. Business was not necessarily viewed as a noble profession and, instead, parents encouraged their children to pursue other paths. Some said role models in business needed to be widely celebrated. A point of contention was whether government should take a more proactive role in helping business, or whether it should be confined to designing a more enabling environment. A common sentiment expressed by Southeast Asian participants was that government should be a key investor in infrastructure, and research and development. The East Asians, for the most part, took a contrary view.




In an immature market like Southeast Asia, we need government driving access to capital.

Jaime Enrique Gonzales

CEO, IPVG Corporation, Philippines

ASIAN ECONOMIC GROWTH

Participants concluded they desired a more equitable economic growth across the region – a growth that could be measured by more than just Gross Domestic Product. To achieve this, most believed there needed to be both tax reform and investment in infrastructure. Many participants sought a revised conception of the notion of economy, acknowledging the environmental impacts of current growth, and called for greater appreciation of Asian concepts that might serve as models of economic development. There was recognition that for most countries in the region, the next century will be powerfully influenced by the mega-economies of China and India.



*I believe great minds are produced
by strong mothers... Girls need to be
convinced to be brave and pursue
education.*

Dian Sastro

actress and film producer, Indonesia



In Timor, we are trying to involve locals in the economy, have them manage their own resources, make decisions about their economy... [but] government intervention in infrastructure is of high priority.

Dionisio Babo Soares
Secretary General, National Congress for the Reconstruction of Timor Leste.



To ensure the solutions, we need integration of economies, free trade zones, regulation of the legal system – we don't need a sole legal system, but we need a common standard across the region.

Nami Matsuko
*Executive Director,
Nomura Securities, Japan*



The problem is that we are still trying to aggregate [with structures like ASEAN]. We need to think about building development through communities. Communities can't work with aggregators.

Satyan Mishra

Managing Director, Drishtee, India



IP protection, contracts – these are western concepts; we haven't touched on Asian notions of economic growth. Hundreds of years ago in Zhejiang province people pooled money into what they thought was a good idea. When this was successful the whole community would benefit.

Jason Yat Sen Li

*Managing Director,
Yatsen Associates, Australia*



Losing a forest is poverty, and losing a way of life is also a kind of poverty.

Butet Manurang

Director, SOKOLA, Indonesia



We need a Western-style management system complemented by Asian values.

Joseph Tan

*Asian Chief Economist,
Credit Suisse, Singapore*



ARTS, MEDIA AND CULTURE

Generation 21 agreed that in an increasingly interconnected and 'globalised' world, the arts, media and culture of the Asia Pacific must fight harder for individual survival. Today, meaning is derived whenever the Top 10 results on an Internet search engine are generated. In response to this 'Googlisation' of culture, cultural products must be developed thoughtfully; cultural heritage was deemed to be a society's most valuable asset. Innovation in the creative space was also seen as essential, and a greater prominence of the arts in primary and secondary schooling was vital in encouraging a high quality of expression.

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Asked to give one word that described their vision for the Asia Pacific in the 21st Century, participants not surprisingly found 44 different ones, from “diversity” and “identity” to “hope”, “empowerment” and “love”. US President, Barack Obama, provided a letter warmly encouraging Generation 21 Dialogue participants to “re-imagine and remake this world”, while the leaders from host countries, Indonesia and Australia, spoke of their visions for future cooperation and partnership.

Prime Minister of Australia **The Hon. Kevin Rudd** addressed the Dialogue with a video message emphasising the need for increased regional organisation. Vice President of Indonesia, **Boediono**,

said that globalisation had “changed the rules of the game” and diluted State-centric power. He envisaged the G20 would become the key body for managing global issues, thus engaging many countries not used to leadership roles.

In one of the most popular of the Dialogue addresses, Datuk **Tony Fernandes** (pictured above), Founder and CEO, AirAsia, typified the possibilities of successful Asian entrepreneurship with a presentation on AirAsia’s pioneering business strategy and ethic. Fernandes heartily endorsed risk-taking, and emphasised the need to stay closely connected with employees.



The 21st century will see the centre of geo-strategic and geo-economic gravity progressively shift to this, our region. And with this shift comes great responsibility: A responsibility to ensure that this century of Asia and the Pacific, remains truly Pacific, as previous centuries of Europe and the Atlantic, have not.

The Hon. Kevin Rudd,
Prime Minister of Australia



The only way to elevate and solve the problems of terrorism, the global financial crisis, poverty and marginalisation is to enhance cooperation.

Vice President Boediono



PARTICIPANTS

ANCHORS



Veronica Pedrosa

Presenter, Al Jazeera English

Veronica has anchored for CNN International, BBC Television and BBC World Service Radio. She was named 'Best News Anchor' at the 2004 Asian Television Awards.



Kipsan Beck

Presenter, Morning Talk (Thailand)

Kipsan is also Chief Marketing Officer of Pace Development, a leading high end property development company.

CHAIRMEN



Dr Dino Patti Djalal

Co-founder, Modernisator

Dino is currently the Chief Spokesman of the Indonesian President



Mr Sid Myer

Chairman, Asialink

Sid is also CEO of Yulgibar Group of Companies, a diversified investment group. He is responsible for the development and management of local and international investment portfolios.

CONVENERS



Jenny McGregor

CEO, Asialink

Under Jenny's leadership, Asialink has become Australia's largest non-government centre for the promotion of Australia-Asia relations.



Benjamin Soemartopo

Managing Partner, McKinsey & Company, Jakarta

Ben is the first Indonesian partner elected at McKinsey and has worked on a range of initiatives including the development of Indonesia's climate change strategy and improving domestic corporate and social responsibility.

AUSTRALIA



Joshua Frydenberg

Director of Global Banking, Deutsche Bank – Melbourne

Joshua recently won pre-selection for a lower house seat in Federal parliament and was formerly a Senior Adviser to the Australian Prime Minister, John Howard.



Jason Yat Sen Li

Managing Director, Yatsen Associates

Jason's strategy and investment advisory firm specialises in investment between Australia and China. He has previously started his own political Party.



Ali Moore

Presenter & Journalist,

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Ali has more than 20 years experience reporting in Australia, Europe and Asia, including a role as a Beijing-based China correspondent.



Nicholas Reece

Secretary and Campaign Director, Australian Labor Party (Victoria)

Nick has a background in law, finance and journalism. He is also Director of national street paper and social enterprise, *The Big Issue*.

**Pallavi Sharda***Performing Artist*

Pallavi has trained in the Indian art of Bharatha Natyam for more than 15 years. In 2009 she starred in an independent cross cultural film shot in New York titled *It's All Been Arranged*.

**Dorjee Sun***Founder, Carbon Conservation*

Dorjee's company incentivizes the preservation of tropical rainforests by helping forest owners and local communities generate alternative revenues through the carbon finance market. Time Magazine recognised Sun as a 'Hero of the Environment 2009'

**Alistair Webster***Associate to Justice North, Federal Court of Australia*

In 2008 Alistair worked with the Yothu Yindi Foundation, overseeing the development of a program tackling issues of substance abuse and suicide in remote Indigenous communities. He was awarded the Young Victorian's Anti-Poverty award in 2006.

CAMBODIA**Sokan Sok***Deputy Chief of the Cabinet, Office of the Council of Ministers*

Sokan joined the Office as the Personal Assistant to the Deputy Prime Minister in 2007. He was educated at the University of Melbourne and now formulates national policy for the economic development of Cambodia.

**Soken Sok***Deputy Director, Council for the Development of Cambodia*

Soken liaises directly with both local and foreign investors in Cambodia. The council formulates sustainable development strategies to raise gross domestic product and combat domestic poverty.

CHINA (PRC)**George Cheung***Managing Partner, Reisner Inc.*

George has successfully delivered business development assignments to numerous US oil, gas and technology firms in the Chinese and Asian Market. He has been recognized by the Advance Global Australian Organization as a member of "Asia 50".

**Jason Dong***Partner, Sureland Capital Group*

Jason's Chinese private equity fund has diversified assets totaling US \$450 million. He is also involved in fundraising for mental health causes in China.

**Julia Gong***Manager, Academic and Business Programs, Confucius Institute Melbourne*

Julia has 18 years of Chinese language teaching experience and has written and hosted more than 500 teaching programs on TV and radio.

**O Koo***Managing Director, Joint US-China Collaboration on Clean Energy (JUCCE)*

O manages Carbon Markets for this pioneering bilateral environmental initiative. He previously held a variety of leadership roles at General Electric.

**Ankai Xu***Economist and women's activist*

Ankai is founder of the Phoenix Project, a student-initiated program to raise gender awareness and sponsor female students in rural China. She was selected as a finalist in the World Bank Annual Conference on Development Economics in Tokyo, 2006.

INDIA



Selwyn D'Souza

Director, Northridge Group

Selwyn has 15 years experience in the management consulting and investment advisory industries. He is also Adjunct Faculty at the Melbourne Business School.



Vimlendu Jha

Founder, Swechha

Swechha is a non-profit organization working on issues of environment and youth in India. Vimlendu is currently the sole Indian and one of six participants in CNN International's "Be the Change" programme.



Satyan Mishra

Managing Director, Drishtee

Drishtee is a non-profit organisation charting an alternate distribution network for products and services in rural India. Nearly two million families are directly or indirectly serviced through this network.



Vipin Thekkekalathil

Director, Ashoka's Youth Venture

Youth Venture is a global movement that inspires, invests, and supports young people to lead social change. In 2005, Vipin and his team were awarded at the Change Looms Awards, a national award given to young social entrepreneurs.

INDONESIA



Omar Sjawaldy Anwar

Deputy President Director, Pertamina

Omar has extensive experience in banking, investment and project finance. He was previously the President Director of Rio Tinto Indonesia.



M. Chatib 'Dede' Basri

Research Associate, Institute for Economic and Social Research, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia

Dede is at the forefront of Indonesian policy development as an adviser to the Minister of Finance since 2006. He is also a member of the panel of Pacific Economic Outlook Forecasters.



Dr Anies Baswedan

President, Paramadina University, Jakarta

Anies is also Research Director at The Indonesian Institute Center for Public Policy Analysis in Jakarta.



Butet Manurung

Director, SOKOLA

Butet's SOKOLA is a non-profit organization providing alternative education for Indigenous and marginalized communities in remote parts of Indonesia. Butet was awarded as a "Hero of Asia" by TIME magazine in 2004.



Agnes Monica

Singer & Actress

Agnes' first teen album "And the Story Goes" (2003) made her popular as a teenage singer. She has conducted fundraising activities for victims of the 2004 Tsunami in Aceh and earthquake victims on Java.



Muhamadian Rostian

Director of Compliance and Legal, PT ANZ Panin Bank, Jakarta

Muhamadian has more than 17 years of experience in the finance and banking sector. He has also held positions for Deutsche Bank AG and American Express.

**Dian Sastro***Actress & Film Producer*

Dian has starred in *Soulmate* (2005), *Purple Violet* (2005), and the acclaimed *What's up with love* (2002). She has won a host of awards for these performances including 2005 MTV Indonesia Most Popular Actress.

**Sandiaga Uno***Founding Partner, Saratoga Capital*

Sandiaga focuses its investments in natural resources and infrastructure opportunities in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. Sandiaga was Enterprise Asia's 2008 Indonesian Entrepreneur of the Year.

**Gita Wirjawan***Co-chairman, Ancora Group*

Gita has held key appointments over the last decade with blue chip financial outfits including Citibank, Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan before establishing in 2008 the Jakarta-based private equity fund focusing on the mining and energy sectors.

JAPAN**Nami Matsuko***Executive Director, Nomura Securities*

Starting as a researcher in 1991, Nami currently provides corporate advisory services as an investment banker for Japanese listed companies on cross border merger and acquisition structuring.

**James Hiroshi Nakegawa***CEO & Chief Care Architect, Mobile Healthcare*

James is the inventor of his company's flagship product, 'Lifewatcher', which allows patients to take their everyday health issues literally into their own hands. In 2009 The World Economic Forum honoured him as a Technology Pioneer Award Winner.

KOREA**Jungwook Hong***Representative, National Assembly of the Republic of Korea*

Jungwook serves on the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Unification Committee and the Special Committee on South-North Korean Relations. He is also the majority shareholder of Herald Media and Donga TV.

**Professor Heejin Lee***Professor of Global IT Management, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University*

Heejin has published extensively in international journals including Telecommunications Policy, The Information Society and Time & Society.

LAOS**Viengsamay Srithirath***Communications Officer, World Bank (Laos)*

Viengsamay supports the various programs of the Bank as a liaison between international offices, combined with her work in local client relations, mass media and youth engagement.

MALAYSIA**Omar Mustapha***Managing Partner, Ethos & Company*

Ethos is a boutique management consulting firm based in Malaysia and founded in 2002. Omar was previously Special Assistant for Economic Affairs to the Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister.

**Jacqueline Ann Surin***Editor & Co-founder, The Nut Graph*

Jacqueline is founder and editor of numerous blogs and websites reporting politics and society in Malaysia. She received the Excellence in Opinion Writing Award in 2007 from the Society of Publishers in Asia.

**Ruth Yeoh**

Director of Investments, YTL Company Berhad
Ruth heads YTL's in-house carbon credit and CDM consultancy. She is a member of the Institute of Corporate Responsibility Malaysia (ICRM) and is an investment committee member of both the Asian Renewable Energy and Environment Fund (AREEF).

**Khairy Jamaluddin Zabidi**

Representative, Parliament of Malaysia
Khairy is also Chairman of Barisan Nasional Youth, and Leader of the UMNO Malaysian Youth organisation. He has worked as a broadcast and print journalist, a policy aide and investment banker.

MYANMAR**Zar Chyi Linn**

Executive Committee Member, Myanmar Union Solidarity and Development Association (USDA)
The USDA is the largest governing body in Myanmar and its primary instrument of economic development. Zar is also a member of the country's Women's Affairs Federation.

**Dr Wah Wah Maung**

Senior Research Fellow, Research Group of National Interest
Wah's primary responsibilities are in the conduct of foreign economic relations. Before joining the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development she was a lecturer for 15 years in the Applied Economics Department at Yangon Institute of Economics.

NEW ZEALAND**Jehan Casinader**

Journalist
Jehan has spent four years freelancing for leading newspapers and magazines in New Zealand, Australia and Europe. His stories cover a range of subjects, including social issues, youth affairs, creativity, enterprise, education and the arts.

**Areti Metuamate**

Asia-New Zealand Foundation
As well as working as an adviser to the New Zealand government, Areti is Vice-President of the Ship for World Youth Association NZ and the National Secretary of the Catholic Maori Council.

PHILIPPINES**Jaime Enrique Gonzales**

CEO, IPVG Corporation
IPVG is a publicly listed company developing information technology, business process outsourcing and communications. Jaime is considered one of the foremost experts on the Internet and online games space in the Philippines.

**Zainudin Malang**

Executive Director, Bangsamoro Center for Law and Policy
Zainudin is an expert analyst on the Mindanao conflict and peace process and has worked as an adviser to various domestic as well as foreign aid agencies operating in Mindanao.

**Manuel L Ouezon III**

Columnist and Editorial Writer, Philippine Daily Enquirer
In addition to Manuel's writing commitments he currently hosts the weekly TV programs *The Explainer* and *The Explainer Dialogues* on the Philippine ANC cable news channel. He was named "Opinion Writer of the Year" in 1994 and 2005 by the Rotary Club of Manila's Journalism Awards, the country's oldest journalism awards.

SINGAPORE



Sylvia Lim

Non-constituency member of Parliament, Workers Party of Singapore

Sylvia is Chairperson of the Singapore Workers' Party, the country's main opposition political party. In 2006 she fought her maiden electoral battle in the General Elections where she led a team of candidates to secure 43.9% of the votes against five incumbent Members of Parliament.



Joseph Tan

Asian Chief Economist, Credit Suisse

Credit Suisse is active in over 50 countries and has approximately 49,000 employees. Joseph is also Treasurer of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs; the country's oldest think-tank.

THAILAND



Jade Donavanik

President and Chief Counsellor, Monothai Jade and Associates Law Office

Jade is also Dean of law at Siam University and an expert in intellectual property rights. He is the President of the Thai Environmental Corporation Foundation.



Nick Pisalyaput

Investor & Entrepreneur

Nick currently holds directorships at a number of ventures that he founded or co-founded across a wide range of industries, including real-estate, property management, restaurant, catering, and alternative energy fields.



Theerada Suphaphong

Academic

Theerada is a member of the Committee on Political Development, Mass Media, and People Participation of the Thai House of Representatives. She was previously Manager of the Art and Culture Foundation of Bangkok, where she supported the establishment of the Bangkok Art and Cultural Centre.

TIMOR LESTE



Dr Dionisio Babo Soares

Secretary General, National Congress for the Reconstruction of Timor Leste

Dionisio has held various posts in government, universities and NGOs. As a former academic, he has co-edited two books on Timor-Leste and has written extensively on justice and development.

VIETNAM



Nam Le

Managing Director, Fixed Income Division, Nomura Securities Singapore & Vietnam

Prior to this position Nam held the position of Head of Investment Banking at Nomura Vietnam. He is also a member of the New York Bar.



Dr Khuat Oanh

Head, Social Health Development, Institute for Social Development Studies in Vietnam

Khuat conducts research, advocacy and community development to improve equity in access to health care and receptiveness to critical health issues such as HIV/AIDS among vulnerable and marginalized populations.

THOUGHT LEADERS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

The Hon. Abhisit Vejjajva *

Prime Minister of Thailand

PM Abhisit is one of the most youthful leaders in the region. He has been the leader of the Thai Democrat Party since February 2005.

Cameron Hume

United States Ambassador to Indonesia

His earlier assignments include Italy, Tunisia, Syria, Lebanon, the United Nations, and the Holy See. More recently he has served as Ambassador to Algeria and to South Africa and as Chargé d'Affaires to Sudan.

H.E. Dr Surin Pitsuwan

Secretary General, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Dr Pitsuwan has a breadth of experience of in politics and academia. ASEAN's aims include the acceleration of economic growth, social progress, cultural development among its members, the protection of the peace and stability of the region, and to provide opportunities for member countries to discuss differences peacefully.

Muhammad Yunus *

Nobel Prizewinning economist

Yunus is a Bangladeshi banker and economist. He was previously a professor of economics where he developed the concept of microcredit. In 2006, Yunus and his Grameen bank were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Prof. Kishore Mahbubani

Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

In January 2001 and May 2002 he served as President of the United Nations Security Council. His most recent book is titled *The New Asian Hemisphere: The Irresistible Shift of Global Power to the East*.

Vinod Khosla *

Co-founder, Sun Microsystems

Khosla is an Indian-American venture capitalist with an estimated net worth of \$1.5 billion. He was a major founder of the *Yes on 87* campaigns to pass California's Clean Energy Initiative.

Prof. Yong Zhao *

University Distinguished Professor, College of Education, Michigan State University

Zhao has consulted with government and educational agencies on six continents. His current work focuses on designing 21st Century Schools in the context of globalization and the digital revolution.

Dr Stephen Roach *

Senior Executive, Morgan Stanley

After holding the position Chief Economist of Morgan Stanley for 16 years, Roach was promoted and named Chairman of Morgan Stanley's Asia operations in April 2007. His views have been widely disseminated in print and on television, making him widely known among market professionals and the investing public.

The Hon. Kevin Rudd *

Prime Minister of Australia

PM Rudd is a former diplomat and fluent mandarin speaker. He enjoys high popularity in Australia and is now promoting the creation of a new Asia Pacific Community.

Datuk Tony Fernandes

Founder & CEO, AirAsia

Fernandes rose to prominence by turning AirAsia, a failing government-linked commercial airline, into a highly successful budget airline. He now has an estimated net worth of \$230 million.

Vice President Boediono

Republic of Indonesia

Vice President of Indonesia since October 2009, Boediono is an experienced economist and has been dubbed as "Indonesia's financial rudder." In 2002, under his leadership as Minister of Finance, the Indonesian economy grew by four per cent.

** Denotes video messages*

APPENDIX

During the course of the Dialogue, a number of polls were conducted.

right: Letter from United States President, Barack Obama

Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the 21st century?

Optimistic: 89%
Pessimistic: 11%

Can we achieve zero poverty in the 21st century?

Yes :43%
No: 57%

Do you think you will be directly impacted by armed conflict in the 21st century?

Yes: 52%
No: 48%

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 2009

I send my warmest greetings to all those attending the first Generation 21: Asia Pacific New Leaders Dialogue in Jakarta, Indonesia. It is encouraging that so many smart and promising young leaders will discuss issues that affect both Asia and the United States.

As you discover new and creative ways for business, government, and civil society to come together and meet the challenges of the 21st century, I assure you that Americans are ready to work with you. We want to be a good partner; we want to listen, and we want to help.

Like you, young Americans stand ready to shape our common future, addressing issues from poverty reduction and environmental protection to human rights and democracy. Together, we can advance our mutual interests in security and prosperity in Asia, America, and around the world.

As I often say to young people, you can re-imagine and remake this world in ways current generations can only dream about. There is great power in your energy, optimism, and determination. In so many important ways, the future depends on you.

I wish you all the best for a productive and enjoyable meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style.

CREDITS & SPONSORS

Modernisator is an independent, non-political and not-for-profit organisation that focuses on bringing the young generation of Indonesia to work together on progressing Indonesia's national and international developments.

The organisation does this by building a strong network of young Indonesians throughout the country who are like-minded, open-minded, modern, innovative and active, to address the challenges impacting Indonesia in the 21st century. Modernisator runs programmes that encourage dialogue and knowledge-exchange.

Modernisator was established in 2008 by Dino Patti Djalal, Lin Che Wei, Emirsyah Satar, Sandiaga Uno, Bernhard Subiako, Chrisma Albandjar, Dini Purwono, Zaenal Budiyo dan Marko Kusumawijaya. For further information, visit Modernisator's website at: www.modernisator.org

Asialink is Australia's leading centre for the promotion of public understanding of the countries of Asia and of Australia's role in the region.

Asialink's mission is to work with business, government, philanthropic and cultural partners to initiate and strengthen Australia-Asia engagement. Through high level forums and

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