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## **AFF 2011 Concludes with New Participation Record More than 30 Countries Took Part in Two-Day Summit**

**18 January 2011** – More than 1,700 participants from over 30 countries and regions took part in the fourth Asian Financial Forum (AFF), which ended today at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). The total marks a new AFF attendance record.

### **Top International Speakers**

Forum highlights included more than 70 speakers, among them the mainland's Cheng Siwei, Former Vice Chairman, Standing Committee, National People's Congress, and Chairman, International Finance Forum (Beijing); Shang Fulin, Chairman, China Securities Regulatory Commission; and Wu Dingfu, Chairman, China Insurance Regulatory Commission. Other prominent mainland speakers who took part in the two-day forum included Chen Yuan, Chairman, Board of Directors, China Development Bank, and Xiao Gang, Chairman, Bank of China Ltd.

Major overseas speakers included William Hague, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the United Kingdom; Cesar V Purisima, Secretary of Finance, The Philippines; Rintaro Tamaki, Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs, Japan; Bill Shorten, Assistant Treasurer and Minister, Financial Services and Superannuation, Australia; John Peace, Chairman, Standard Chartered PLC; Anthony Bolton, President, FIL Investment Management (HK) Ltd; and Oleg Mukhamedshin, Deputy CEO and member, Executive Committee UC RUSAL.

### **China Spotlight**

Asia, particularly the Chinese mainland, was the central focus of this year's AFF. Panel discussions ranged from global investment opportunities and challenges to Asia in a global environment of low interest rates and excess liquidity, to China opportunities and mainland enterprises in the global scene.

AFF 2011 presented nine thematic workshops. Highlights included a workshop on "Hong Kong as China's Global Financial Centre – the RMB Dimension," organised by the Hong Kong Government's Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the HKTDC. The AFF Deal Flow session today featured more than 400 pre-arranged business-matching meetings between companies and potential investors.

### **Keynote Luncheons**

Forum highlights also included two luncheon addresses: on 17 January, Chongqing Mayor Huang Qifan spoke about the emergence of his city on the world stage. Today, Columbia

University Professor Robert Mundell, Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics, talked about realigning currencies in a non-aligned world.

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