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Hong Kong to Host Asian Financial Forum in January **“Asia: Shaping the Next Global Landscape” Theme of Global Summit**

29 November 2012 – Some 2,000 business leaders and senior government officials from around the world are expected to take part in the sixth Asian Financial Forum (AFF), 14-15 January 2013, in Hong Kong.

The two-day business summit will offer senior executives and government leaders the latest market intelligence and insight, together with exceptional networking opportunities. Under the theme “Asia: Shaping the Next Global Landscape,” AFF 2013 will address the role of Asia in global economic development and investment opportunities for business around the world.

High-Profile Speakers

Lawrence H Summers, the Charles W Eliot University Professor of Harvard University, is among the high-profile speakers participating at AFF 2013. Professor Summers was Director of the National Economic Council under the administration of United States President Barack Obama, and Secretary of the Treasury under US President Bill Clinton. Other prominent speakers will include:

- **Bahk Jeawan**, Minister of Strategy and Finance, Korea*
- **Dai Xianglong**, Chairman, National Council for Social Security Fund*
- **Saeb Eigner**, Chairman, Dubai Financial Services Authority
- **Charles L Evans**, President and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- **Fan Shenggen**, Director-General, International Food Policy Research Institute
- **Douglas Hsu**, Chairman, Far Eastern Group
- **Liang Xinjun**, Vice Chairman and CEO, Fosun International Ltd
- **Paul Manduca**, Chairman, the Nomination Committee, Prudential plc
- **Greg Medcraft**, Chairman, Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- **Frank Gaoning Ning**, Chairman, COFCO Corporation
- **Pan Shiyi**, Chairman, SOHO China
- **Datuk Ranjit Ajit Singh**, Chairman, Securities Commission Malaysia
- **Wayne Swan**, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, Commonwealth of Australia
- **Zhu Min**, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

**Attendance subject to approval from the relevant authorities*

Deal Makers

AFF 2013 highlights include a Deal Flow matchmaking session. Riding on the trend of China's outbound investment, the session will feature dedicated meetings between high net-worth Chinese investors seeking investment opportunities abroad and overseas project owners looking for Asian capital.

Workshop Themes

A series of concurrent workshops will also take place, covering a wide variety of topical themes, including food and agricultural opportunities, private wealth management and Asia's role in the world capital market.

Networking

Two luncheons and a cocktail reception are among the networking events on offer at AFF 2013. Mr Summers and Mr Zhu will be the keynote speakers at the two luncheons. The Forum's Networking Lounge will serve as a resources and hospitality centre, as well as general gathering place for participants and the global media. In addition, AFF participants can take part in a day-long excursion to Shenzhen, 16 January. The programme will include visits to major financial institutions and enterprises.

The Asian Financial Forum is organised by the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

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