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## **Seventh Asian Financial Forum Set for January** **“Asia: Powering World Growth” Theme of Two-Day Summit**

**2 December 2013** – More than 2,000 business leaders and senior government officials from around the world are expected to take part in the seventh Asian Financial Forum (AFF), 13-14 January 2014, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The financial summit will offer senior executives and government leaders the latest market intelligence and insight, together with outstanding networking opportunities. Under the theme, “Asia: Powering World Growth,” AFF 2014 will present a variety of plenary sessions, policy dialogues and panel discussions. With the global economy continuing to shift to the East, prospects on the Chinese mainland and throughout the Asian region will dominate the two-day forum.

### **High-Profile Speakers**

**Timothy Geithner**, Former Secretary of the Treasury under United States President Barack Obama from 2009 until January of this year, is among the prominent speakers confirmed for AFF 2014. Mr Geithner will be the keynote speaker at the 14 January luncheon. Other major speakers will include:

- **Paul M Achleitner**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Deutsche Bank AG
- **Ali Babacan**, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs, Turkey
- **Jeroen Dijsselbloem**, Minister of Finance, Netherlands, and President of Eurogroup
- **Ding Xuedong**, Chairman and CEO, China Investment Corporation
- **Jih-Chu Lee**, Chairperson, Bank of Taiwan
- **Robin Li Yanhong**, Chairman, CEO and co-founder, Baidu Inc
- **Carlo Mazzi**, Deputy Chairman, PRADA S.p.A.
- **Takehiko Nakao**, President, Asian Development Bank

### **Workshop Themes**

A series of concurrent workshops will also be held. These will examine opportunities ranging from the liberalisation of the mainland’s financial market to renminbi internationalisation, captive insurance, Islamic finance, ASEAN, opportunities in natural resources and energy and Chinese outbound investment.

Delegations of senior executives from Australia, Canada, mainland China, Germany, India, Indonesia, Thailand, the United States and the United Kingdom are among those taking part in the Forum.

## Doing Deals at AFF

The AFF Deal Flow Matchmaking Session will return, offering one-to-one meetings between investors and overseas businesses looking for investment. They will include dedicated matching meetings between Chinese investors and project owners looking for mainland capital.

## Networking Bonanza

The Forum's Networking Lounge will serve as a resources and hospitality centre. This year, the Global Investment Opportunities zone, located inside the lounge, will showcase investment opportunities in a variety of countries, including Australia, Canada, Russia and Spain.

Following the Forum, AFF participants can visit Qianhai, across the boundary from Hong Kong. Qianhai is being developed into a special economic zone and testing ground for financial liberalisation. Participants are also welcome to join other events taking place during International Financial Week, which begins 13<sup>th</sup> January. Highlights include the Asia Private Equity Forum and the annual International Conference on the Chinese Economy, as well as visits to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Launched in 2007, the AFF is Asia's premier annual financial and business event. AFF 2013 drew more than 2,000 business and government leaders from 39 countries and regions, and over 90 distinguished speakers. The Forum is organised by the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

**Website:** [www.asianfinancialforum.com](http://www.asianfinancialforum.com)

**Video:** Alan Bollard, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat: [goo.gl/jxUDJa](http://goo.gl/jxUDJa)

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