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Public-Private Partnerships to End Human Trafficking and Forced Labor: New Business Solutions to a Global Challenge



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Closing Speech

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We gathered here with a common goal of increasing business participation in the fight against human trafficking and furthering the cause of the Athens Ethical Principles in the Asian region.

Today, we part with a common vision of working hand-in-hand with both public and private organizations in fighting this social ill. It is the fervent wish of this summit that as we all leave, we will have a more positive outlook on how we can work together in improving our business processes and achieving a common interest of making businesses an active participant of fighting human trafficking and forced labor.

This gathering is a symbol of corporate social responsibility and I hope we become a testimony of what ethical business management means for the twenty-first century—management that is responsive to the needs of the society and the community. With almost one third of the thirty-two billion US dollar profits from forced labor emanating from the Asian region, we really have a responsibility in fighting this social scourge.

In lieu of the success of this summit, let us give ourselves a round of applause for all our contributions to this noble effort of ending human trafficking. Our presence here today is a big accomplishment for each organization that we represent. Let us all be proud of the legacy that we will leave as we march towards the accomplishments of our commitment. As we embrace our commitment, we hope that more and more business leaders will come to realize the need to act on this social and economic problem.

As we leave this hall, let us give recognition to our sponsors who made this conference a reality. We would like to thank CSR Asia, Manpower Inc., Microsoft Inc., the End Human Trafficking Now campaign, the United Nations Office for Prevention of Drugs and Crime, Eileen Fisher, and Vital Voices. All of this would not have been possible without your enduring support for this cause.

Thank you very much for spending time in this collaborative effort and let us strive and work harder in ending human trafficking.

Have a great day.

Thank you.