



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Professor Schwab,

I write to congratulate you on the successful conclusion of the 2008 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting.

Indeed, this year's theme, "The Power of Collaborative Innovation" was compelling in its simplicity and yet the message was clear and unequivocal. The key to addressing many of the issues facing the world today is to enhance collaboration among actors at every level and to raise innovation, in such critical global challenges as climate change.

My first visit to Davos as Secretary-General was productive and fruitful and I found that the Forum's format afforded me plenty of opportunities to meet with various leaders of the business community, as well as, Heads of State to discuss broad issues of mutual interest. I was encouraged by the Forum's strong promotion of engaging political, business and civil society leaders in policy dialogue for greater global prosperity.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for the delightful dinner which you so kindly hosted and for the gracious reception you and the organizers of the Forum extended to me and my delegation.

Once again, please accept my sincere thanks for remaining actively engaged in this process as we look forward to another productive session next spring.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ki-moon Ban", is written over a printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki-moon" and the last name "Ban" clearly distinguishable.
Ban Ki-moon

Professor Klaus Schwab
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