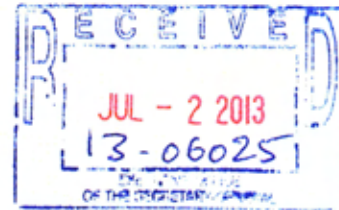


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Dear

Mr. Secretary-General,

On behalf of the Hong Kong-United States Business Council, thank you for taking the time to speak at the Council's 24th Plenary session luncheon in New York on 12 June. Your presence and the insights you offered greatly contributed to the success of the Plenary.

Your message that the global challenges of poverty, climate change and empowerment of women could not be properly addressed without the full support of government and business leaders is one that resonates well with all participants of the Business Council; and which we will also help preach as we move forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce what we believe could offer a good platform to spread this important message. Established in 2007, the Asian Financial Forum (AFF), jointly organised by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, is Asia's major annual financial summit. The AFF brings together influential members of the global financial and business community to discuss developments and trends in Asia. The most recent AFF, held in January this year, attracted nearly 2,400 financial and business executives from 39 countries and regions. Some 100 distinguished speakers took part, including Lawrence Summers, former US Treasury Secretary and now a Harvard University professor; Dr Zhu Min, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund; Vittorio Grilli, Italy's Minister of Economy and Finance; and Bahk Jaewan, Korea's Minister of Strategy and Finance.

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AFF 2014 will take place in Hong Kong on 13-14 January with the theme "Asia: Powering World Growth". It would be our great honour if you would address the Forum. An official invitation from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be sent to you shortly.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hong Kong in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



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