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Catalysts of Change: An Open Dialogue with the Legendary Leaders of Asia

Fidel Ramos, Former Philippines President to Discuss Asian Development Experience with Young Leaders

Date: Friday February 1, 2007
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Manila time)

The session will be webcast live at <http://vcg01.worldbank.org/TDLC/>

Fidel Ramos, former Philippines President will speak to young professionals working throughout the Asia Pacific region for the second session of "Catalysts of Change: An Open Dialogue with the Legendary Leaders of Asia".

Organized by the World Bank East Asia and Pacific Region, the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Asia Pacific and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), "Catalysts of Change" is a unique program which offers emerging young leaders in Asia an opportunity to learn from their seniors - a generation of leaders who laid the foundation for the region's extraordinary growth. Sessions will be held throughout 2008 featuring inspiring leaders renowned for their contribution.

Mr. Ramos, who steered his country into a period of rapid economic growth during a time of political transition, will engage in an in-depth discussion with over 300 young professionals who work in both the public and private sectors. Participants from 12 Asia Pacific countries (Indonesia, Cambodia, Japan, Lao, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Fiji, PNG, Vietnam, Australia, Thailand, Philippines) will connect via GDLN videoconference to Mr. Ramos in Manila. Interviews will be conducted by World Bank East Asia and Pacific Communications Manager, Peter Stephens.

The program will be documented for future reference. Video recordings of all sessions will be made available via the GDLN Asia Pacific website hosted by the Tokyo Development Learning Center (<http://www.jointokyo.org>)

See the video and feature story on Session 1 held December 20/21, 2007 featuring ASEAN Secretary General Ong Keng Yong and World Bank Vice President for East Asia Pacific James Adams at http://www.jointokyo.org/en/featured_stories/story/catalysts/.