

Thailand to Host the 7th CSR Asia Summit 2013 Focusing on Responsible and Inclusive Business in Asia

BANGKOK, June 18 2013 -- The annual flagship event of the leading corporate social responsibility network in the region, [CSR Asia](#), will be held at the Centara Grand at Central Plaza Ladprao in Bangkok, Thailand on 17th-18th September 2013. Themed "Responsible growth, Inclusive development", the two-day Summit will address a challenging question for businesses in Asia: *How is it possible to grow responsibly, ensure economic development is more inclusive, and make essential products and services accessible for all?*

With more than 500 attendees expected from around Asia, the CSR Asia Summit creates a network of people and an opportunity to learn about key challenges and best practices for integrating corporate social responsibility (CSR) into core business. It brings together CSR leaders from around the globe in a relaxed yet professional environment. "The CSR Asia Summit 2013 will be an inspiring event to help business take a strategic approach to CSR and contribute to addressing the sustainability challenges we still face," Dr. Richard Welford, Chairman of CSR Asia, said. "We have lined up cutting-edge content, including a new thematic track *Visioning the Future* wherein participants will use interactive approaches to look ahead and tackle long-term trends that will affect business competitiveness as sustainability issues become ever-more critical".

The Summit was last hosted in Bangkok in 2008, and has since been in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, and Beijing. This year's Summit has a number of thematic tracks focusing on current and emerging sustainability issues. Workshop sessions will deal with a number of topics including:

- Responsible and inclusive investment in least developed countries -- the case of Myanmar
- Growth in a world of accelerated climate change: what is your strategy?
- Inclusive community consultation
- Issues-based CSR reporting
- Women entrepreneurs: agents of change?
- The role of business in promoting and protecting the rights of children
- Dilemmas of business ethics

More than 30 prominent speakers are already confirmed and will share their sustainability insights and experiences: Coca-Cola, Standard Chartered Bank, New Britain Palm Oil Limited, Sampo Japan Insurance, Oxfam, Forest Peoples Programme, Shell, CLP Holdings, Sampran Riverside, VSO, Rio Tinto, The Asia Foundation, Novartis, Aviva Asia, Friends International, Telenor, UNICEF, Levis, Transparency International, IUCN, R.E.A. Holdings, Unilever, Swire Pacific, GBCHealth, Becton Dickinson, Pfizer and many more.

Attendees of the CSR Asia Summit 2013 will be able to engage with companies that have developed effective business strategies, learn how to develop solutions to the challenge of inclusive growth, and catalyse innovative partnerships through a mix of workshops, moderated discussions, networking and exhibitions. There is a series of six pre-Summit training short-courses that participants can join to improve their skills and knowledge on CSR techniques and issues.

Registration for the CSR Asia Summit 2013 is now open and space is limited, so to ensure your participation and early bird rates, register today. For information about the event, including exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities, please visit: www.csr-asia.com/summit2013

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