

Closing Remarks by
THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AND GOVERNOR FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
JOHN EHSA

Fellow Governors, Distinguished Guests, ladies and gentlemen,

The Chairman has requested me to deliver these closing remarks on his behalf.

Quote: “For the past three days, the member countries of the Asian Development Bank have had an opportunity to exchange views of the future directions of the Bank and to hear the voices of the people in the street.

We all share the common objective of promoting sustainable growth and development, contributing to the overarching goal of reducing poverty and improving the well-being of the people in the region. This can be accomplished through increased productivity, enhanced education programs, good governance, and sound environmental and natural resource management.

In the opening session, President Chino and I both stressed the importance of focusing on children. It is appropriate that the **theme of this year’s Annual Report** is *develop a child*. I am fully confident that under the leadership of President Chino, the Bank can become an even more effective and accountable institution toward achieving this important goal.” Unquote.

May I now add that it was also an honor for the Governor for Cambodia and myself to be the Vice Chairmen of the meeting in assisting the Governor of the United States in chairing the Meeting. I wish to thank the Governors and those behind the scene, especially the Hawaiian organizing committee and staff of ADB for their excellent arrangements that have contributed to the success of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting. I also congratulate President Chino for his excellent leadership and wish him continued success.

Fellow Governors, ladies and gentlemen, I hereby declare this Meeting closed.