



Invitation to the

3rd China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, 4th ASEAN+3 High-Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction, and Asia-wide Regional Conference, Seminar and High-level Meeting on "The Impact of the Global Economic Slowdown on Poverty and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific",

28-30 September 2009, Hanoi, Viet Nam

Dear Colleague:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Government of Vietnam, the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development of the People's Republic of China, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the Asian Development Bank are jointly inviting your country to participate in a high-level conference. The conference agenda is attached.

The conference also serves as the *3rd China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction* and the *4th ASEAN+3 High-Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction*. It is supported by the ADB Institute (ADBI), the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC), the German Development Cooperation (BMZ/GTZ/KfW), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Bank. High-level participants are expected to include the senior management from partner governments, senior officials from partner organizations, and ADB President Kuroda, among others.

We would be pleased if your organization could participate in this high-level conference. A summary of the conference program is also attached. For further information on the administrative arrangements, please contact the conference secretariat.

With kind regards:

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