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The 23rd APEC ECONOMIC LEADERS' MEETING

November 18th to 19th 2015

Philippine International Convention Center

APEC Economic Leaders' Retreat on Thursday, November 19th, 2015

09:30-10:00	Welcome and APEC Leaders' Family Photo [30 minutes]
<i>The Chair, H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, welcomes APEC Leaders as they come in. APEC Leaders have their Family Photo.</i>	
10:00-10:15	Pre-Retreat Break [15 minutes]
10:15-12:30	Retreat I "Inclusive Growth through Integrated Economies" [2 hours and 15 minutes, with a 15-minute coffee break after the discussion of the first sub-cluster]

1. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomes APEC Leaders and provides a brief overview of the Retreat proceedings to set the tone and context of the Retreat.

2. Discussion

The Chair invites each APEC Leader to give their comments and policy recommendations on the sub-themes below. At the end of the Retreat, as there are other factors outside trade that influence an economy's growth, the discussions in both sessions should be able to identify and define the basic foundations for sustained and quality growth for the next twenty years, and consider what needs to be done in the areas of social inclusion, institution building, and environmental responsibility to promote a holistic quality growth.

The speakers will be called according to the topic they want to discuss.

Cluster 1: Macroeconomic Challenges and APEC Responses

- *State of the Regional and Global Economy*
- *APEC Strategy for Strengthening Quality Growth*
- *Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform*

[coffee break for 15 minutes]

Cluster 2: Regional Trade and Connectivity

- *The Multilateral Trading System, Regional Economic Integration, and the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP)*
- *Fostering MSMEs' Participation in Regional and Global Markets*
- *Physical, Institutional, and People-to-People Connectivity and the APEC Services Cooperation Framework*
- *Cebu Action Plan on a Financial Roadmap*

The Chair summarizes the main points and adjourns for lunch.

12:30-13:45	Leaders' Luncheon hosted by the AELM Chair [1 hour and 15 minutes]
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The Chair hosts a social luncheon for the 20 APEC Leaders. There will be no formal discussions.

13:45-14:00	Post-Luncheon Break [15 minutes]
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14:00-16:30	Retreat II “Inclusive Growth through Sustainable and Resilient Communities” [2 hours and 30 minutes, with a 15-minute coffee break after the discussion of the first sub-cluster]
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3. Discussion

The Chair opens the session and invites each APEC Leader to give their comments and policy recommendations on the sub-themes below. The speakers will be called according to the topic they want to discuss.

Cluster 1: Human Resources Development

- *Investing in Human Capital and Innovation (education, health, science and technology)*
- *Demographic Issues: ageing, role of women in the economy, and migration*
- *Empowering Rural Communities*

[coffee break for 15 minutes]

Cluster 2: Environmental Impact

- *Food Security*
- *Urbanization*
- *Energy Resilience*
- *APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework*

The Chair summarizes the main points and closes the session.

16:30-17:00	Adjournment [30 minutes]
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4. Adoption of the 23rd APEC 2015 Leaders’ Declaration

The Chair invites Leaders to formally adopt the APEC 2015 Leaders’ Declaration and its Annexes.

5. Conclusion and Farewell

The Chair invites H.E. Ollanta Humala Tasso of Peru to issue a verbal invitation for APEC 2016 in Peru.

The Chair formally closes the 23rd APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting.

17:00-17:30	Pre-Press Conference Break [30 minutes]
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17:30-18:00	The Chair’s Press Conference at the World Trade Center [30 minutes]
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The Press Conference is for the Chair only.