

## Media Release

### Credit Suisse unveils speakers for 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Investment Conference

Hong Kong, March 18, 2008 **Credit Suisse today unveiled a strong line-up of speakers to celebrate a decade of the Asian Investment Conference (AIC). Key policy and decision makers from China, the Philippines and Vietnam will speak at the region's premier private sector investment event, joining an expected 1,500 investors and almost 300 of the leading companies in the Asia Pacific region.**

Keynote speakers confirmed to address the conference include Jesse Wang Jianxi, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, China Investment Corporation; Her Excellency the President of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo; and Steve Hanke, Professor of Applied Economics of John Hopkins University, who attended the very first Credit Suisse AIC in 1998. The 2008 Credit Suisse AIC will run from March 31 to April 3 at the Island Shangri-La Hotel and the Conrad International Hotel in Hong Kong.

"This is our 11th year of hosting the Asian Investment Conference. To reflect this special milestone, we have put together an excellent line up of keynote speakers, all of whom are experts in their field. Together, they represent the majority of industries and markets that are the focus of the investing community today," said Mr. Kai Nargolwala, Chief Executive Officer of Credit Suisse, Asia Pacific.

In chronological order: Day One of the conference, Monday March 31, will feature two keynote sessions. It will begin with a debate on the future of the US dollar featuring three currency experts: **Mr. Tim Adams**, Managing Director, the Lindsey Group, and former US Undersecretary of Treasury for International Affairs; **Dr. Steve Hanke**, Professor of Applied Economics, Johns Hopkins University, and Senior Fellow, The Cato Institute; and **Dr. Yu Yongding** (余永定博士), Director-General of the Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

The currency experts will then be followed by the second keynote of the day, delivered by Her Excellency the President of the Philippines, **Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo**, who will speak on the emerging opportunities for investors and the measures being taken by the Philippines to attract more inward investment.

Day Two, Tuesday April 1, is the "Green Wave" day of the conference, when Credit Suisse will focus on Asia's green challenges, and the companies that stand to profit most from the shift in thinking about the environment and the growing concerns related to global warming. The keynote of the day is **Mr. Robert Swan**, an explorer with 25 years of experience, who will talk about the impact of global warming on the Polar regions. Mr. Swan will be speaking in Hong Kong less than a week after arriving from the South Pole, having just completed a ground-breaking experiment, named e-base, examining the viability of using renewable energy at the South Pole.

On Day Three, Wednesday April 2, investor attention is expected to turn to Sovereign Wealth Funds – the latest force in financial markets. **Mr. Jesse Wang Jianxi**, (汪建熙先生), Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer of the China Investment Corporation (CIC), will deliver a luncheon keynote to address CIC's own mission and plans.

As usual, the AIC will feature a range of its popular panel sessions, this year focusing on the outlook for China property, the resurgent Philippines economy, Vietnam's much-anticipated privatization pipeline, as well as a host of panels examining "green" industries, such as water, solar and biofuels.

For more information, please see our conference website at:

<http://www.credit-suisse.com/conferences/aic/2008/en/>

All keynote speeches will be open to the media and all media are requested to reference the Credit Suisse Asian Investment Conference when quoting any speaker at the conference. A media invitation to register for the keynote sessions will be issued separately. Kindly note that company presentations and panels are not open to the press.

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