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## Participant Biographies

### BRUNEI

#### **Prince Abdul Qawi, CEO and Executive Deputy Chairman of QAF Brunei Sdn. Bhd, Bandar Seri Begawan**

*Full name: Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi bin ibni DYT M Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Wawar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah*

Prince Abdul Qawi is the eldest son of His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Foreign Minister. As the CEO and executive deputy chairman of QAF Brunei Sdn. Bhd, he is actively involved in business and viewed as a role model for other young entrepreneurs in Brunei. QAF's business portfolio is diverse with investments including publishing, computer technology, communications, air conditioning products, automobiles, food industries, shipping and the production of gases for industrial use. He is also patron of the Young Entrepreneur Association Brunei, a non-profit organization primarily targeted to represent entrepreneurs under the age of 40 who are founders, co-founders, owners, partners, major shareholders or hold a management position in a corporation or firm in Brunei. Prince Qawi is a well respected member of not only the royal family but also of the business community in Brunei.

### CHINA

#### **Jiang Hankang, Secretary to the Chairman, Financial and Economic Committee, Shanghai Municipal People's Congress, Shanghai**

Mr. Jiang Hankang is an active and dynamic member of the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress' Financial and Economic Committee. The Financial and Economic Committee is the largest Committee in the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress and has an influential voice in the budget process. Mr. Jiang has been with the Committee since graduating with his undergraduate law degree in 1999 and was selected by the Committee to return to graduate school to pursue a Masters in Public Administration (MPA), graduating from a top program in Shanghai in 2003. In his position on the Committee, Mr. Jiang has worked directly on international projects such as the "switch Asia" program with the E.U. Commission and on a recent project to draft new e-commerce legislation for Shanghai based on U.S. law. A recent project involved conducting a large and comprehensive survey of local businesses to examine how the Shanghai Government should respond to the current economic issues facing businesses in Shanghai.

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## **INDIA**

### **Anand Pakkurti, Director, Enpro Hi-tech Distributors Pvt. Ltd., Chennai**

Mr. Anand Pakkurti is founder and director of Enpro Hi-tech, his first business venture in distribution of industrial automation hardware. He also co-founded and is director in Hornbill Systems, an engineering & industrial automation systems integration company. He is chapter-chairperson of Young Indians (YI), a forum that focuses on issues of national importance and motivates a generational change in the economic and social agenda of India. YI focuses on social development, health, environment and education in civil society. Mr. Pakkurti helps create programs in these areas. He is on the working committee of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India's largest business association that advises the Government of India on economic policy. He is a member of the Entrepreneurs Organization (EO) - a dynamic, global network of more than 7,300 business owners in 42 countries. Founded in 1987 by a group of young entrepreneurs, EO is the catalyst that enables entrepreneurs to learn and grow from each other, leading to greater business success and an enriched personal life. He has held various leadership positions in EO and is currently the chapter launch director for Asia Pacific. Mr. Pakkurti is a cofounder and serves as trustee for the Group for Nature Preservation and Education (GNAPE). GNAPE was founded in 2003 with the primary objective of documenting and disseminating valuable information on bio-diversity in India and strengthening efforts for conservation to safeguard India's natural heritage. He is an active nature photographer engaged in documenting India's natural history.

## **INDONESIA**

### **Mohamad Guntur Romli, Program Coordinator for Discussion and Lecture, Salihara Community, Jakarta**

Mr. Mohamad Guntur Romli is a young opinion leader in Indonesia as a well-known NGO activist, freelance journalist, and arts and cultural figure. As the curator of Utan Kayu and Salihara Communities, two of Indonesia's most well-known arts and cultural organizations, Mr. Romli creates discussion programs to raise awareness on social issues and promote the freedom of speech among artists. Through this open forum, Utan Kayu has become widely known as the place where Indonesia's writers, journalists, artists, cultural icons, and social observers gather to promote positive change and exchange ideas on a range of important issues. In addition, he is program manager and editor at *Women's Journal* and he writes prolifically as a freelance columnist and political analyst for prominent Indonesian media outlets such as *Kompas Daily Newspaper*, *Koran Tempo*, *Jawa Pos*, *Republika*, SCTV, Metro TV, and numerous others. Mr. Romli also hosts a weekly radio talk show with Indonesia's former president "Gus Dur" Wahid. Through these mediums he promotes women's empowerment, religious tolerance and pluralism to a very large audience of Indonesians throughout the archipelago. He also regularly writes on Islamic and Middle East issues. He is highly respected by his peers and seniors as one of Indonesia's leading young activists promoting democracy and Islam through arts and culture.

## **KOREA**

### **In-young Kim, Director of International Affairs Bureau, Grand National Party, Seoul**

Ms. In-young Kim plays a leading role in policy formation for the ruling party in Korea. During the current economic turmoil, the ruling Grand National Party (GNP) has had a significant voice

in helping shape Korea's response to the current crisis through close cooperation with the Republic of Korea Government and more directly with stimulus bill formulation. Working closely with the leadership of her party and President Lee, Ms. Kim plays a vital policy formulation role both in diplomacy as well as domestic issues. As a member of the GNP's international affairs team, she is responsible for formulating her party's policy toward and managing Korea's relationship with the U.S. and other countries in the region. It was in this capacity that she traveled to the United States for the Republican National Convention in 2008. Prior to her current position, she spent four years as director of the Policy Bureau of the GNP, where she monitored political affairs and developed party policies. She also served as assistant director of the Women's Affairs Bureau of the GNP. As a Korean who lived through the IMF Asian financial crisis of 1997-1998, she brings valuable insights and ideas from Korea's past experience, successfully overcoming economic difficulties.

## **MONGOLIA**

### **Otgonbat Sedbazar, Advisor to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Ulaanbaatar**

Mr. Otgonbat Sedbazar advises the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy on Mongolia's natural mineral deposits, the country's power infrastructure, and the development of Mongolia-made energy products for commercial distribution the North East Asia region. Mr. Sedbazar regularly reports to and advises the Prime Minister, the President, and other members of the Cabinet. Prior to assuming his current position in 2008, he served as advisor to the Minister of Industry and Trade as well as the vice chairman of the Foreign Investment and Foreign Trade Agency (FIFTA). He joined FIFTA in 2001 after 10 years in the private sector managing businesses in tourism, real estate development and trading in agricultural products. Mr. Sedbazar often speaks at seminars and conferences about the foreign investment and business climate of Mongolia, and he's published numerous interviews and reports in the leading international business media. He is the co-founder of the Mongolian Young Professionals "Network" Club, and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mongolian-Japanese Chamber of Commerce. He served as an elected presidium member of the City Council of Ulaanbaatar from 2004-2008.

## **PAKISTAN**

### **Farzana Noshab, Economic Policy Officer, Asian Development Bank, Islamabad**

As economic policy officer at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Pakistan, Ms. Farzana Noshab contributes to the ADB's economic analysis on Pakistan's economic policy developments. She also has managed the ADB's technical assistance projects for the Government of Pakistan, which involves extensive interaction with various stakeholders including high-level policy makers, donors and civil society groups. As the largest multilateral donor and development partner of the Government of Pakistan, the ADB plays a leading role in providing policy advice on a range of socio-economic areas. Ms. Noshab's economic analysis helps shape the ADB's country policy influencing the development outcomes in the country. Ms. Noshab contributed to the ADB's new 5-year country strategy for Pakistan and is working with the government as the ADB's coordinator for the creation of the Business Development Plan for Pakistan along the National Trade Corridor—a project linking Pakistan to other countries to the north and south as a regional trading hub. Ms. Noshab also has been active in educating the public about Pakistan's economic issues. She led an initiative to improve the capacity of provincial and national journalists to report on economic issues and has been extensively involved at civil society levels in creating awareness about the impact of the World Trade Organization on various stakeholders

in Pakistan. She frequently contributes articles and commentary to national newspapers on economic and trade issues. She won a Chevening scholarship for a master's degree in development economics from the University of Manchester from 2003-2004.

## **SINGAPORE**

### **Siew Kum Hong, Senior Legal Consultant for Yahoo!, General Counsel for Yahoo! Southeast Asia and Nominated Member of Parliament**

Mr. Siew Kum Hong was appointed as a Nominated Member of Parliament (NMP) in Singapore's legislature in January 2007 and just completed his two-and-a-half year term. A NMP is a non-partisan appointee, unaffiliated with any political party in order to contribute perspectives on legislative activities from outside the party structure. In this role, Mr. Siew was one of the most outspoken members of Singapore's Parliament who brought new ideas and opinions into the parliamentary process, challenging the status quo. In his professional career, Mr. Siew has served as senior legal consultant for Yahoo! supporting the Asia Pacific mobile business since 2007 and as general counsel for Yahoo! Southeast Asia since 2009. From 2005-2006, Mr. Siew founded and directed the Keystone Law Corporation, specializing in technology/Internet, intellectual property, media/entertainment, and telecommunications. Prior to serving in Parliament, Mr. Siew regularly contributed news commentaries to the Singapore daily newspaper *Today*, primarily writing on domestic political and socio-economic issues, and occasionally legal issues. In October 2007, he became a founding member of the Singaporean Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism (MARUAH), a civil society organization working to inform and facilitate—from a Singaporean perspective—the establishment of an ASEAN human rights body as provided for in the ASEAN Charter. He recently co-authored the e-commerce volume of the Halsbury's Laws of Singapore Series.

## **THAILAND**

### **Chana Pongcharoenkul, Council Member, Chiang Mai Provincial Administration Organization, and Managing Director, Chananon Co. Ltd. and Nacha International Co. Ltd., Chiang Mai**

Mr. Chana Pongcharoenkul is an elected council member of Chiang Mai's Provincial Administration Organization and is the managing director of two local companies. Defeating an incumbent in his 2008 election to the council, Mr. Pongcharoenkul represents a constituency of 1.6 million people. Chiang Mai, though Thailand's second largest city, is a far cry from the financial center of Bangkok and its local economy, heavily dependent upon tourism, has been hard hit by the current economic crisis. In the face of these challenges, Mr. Pongcharoenkul approved a provincial budget proposal for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year that focused on infrastructure construction, tourism promotion, and job creation. In addition, he facilitated implementation of a community development project aimed at poverty alleviation through sustainable community initiatives. He also provided business consultancy to enterprises on investment, planning, and marketing in the current economic conditions. He is managing director of Chananon Co. Ltd. and Nacha International Co., Ltd., and is general manager of Lanna Nakorn Real Estate Co. Ltd. Mr. Pongcharoenkul has developed a wide network including local administrators and NGOs to improve access to key services by crisis-affected communities including Chiang Mai's hard-hit tourism industry.

## **UNITED STATES**

### **Y. Laketa Cole, President Pro-Tem, Cincinnati City Council, Cincinnati**

Councilwoman Y. Laketa Cole was appointed to the Cincinnati City Council in 2003, making her the first African-American woman ever appointed. She won her first full election later that year and was chosen as president pro-tem by her peers. Councilwoman Cole represents over 350,000 citizens and is the chair of the Finance Committee, where she oversees a \$1.1 billion budget. She is also the vice chair of the Neighborhood, Recreation, Parks, and Public Services Committee, a member of the Rules and Government Operations Committee, and a member of the Arts, Culture, Tourism, and Marketing Committee. Councilwoman Cole represents the city as a key spokesperson to the media (TV, radio, print), industry associations, community meetings, seminars and legislative decision makers. She develops all media outreach materials and press kits, and she recruits, hires and trains all staff, interns and volunteers. Councilwoman Cole was an associate professor at Cincinnati State University from 2004-2006, and was director of communications and public relations for Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation from 2001-2003, where she also served as interim director of economic and workforce development. She was a delegate for an American Council of Young Political Leaders study tour to South Africa in 2006.

### **Manuel Flores, Alderman, Chicago City Council, Chicago**

Alderman Manuel Flores was first elected to the Chicago City Council in 2003 and is currently serving his second term. He has distinguished himself in the Council as a member who cares about public policy by introducing and helping to pass legislation on issues of consumer protection, banking, and healthcare. Alderman Flores sits on seven committees including Economic, Capital and Technology Development; Energy, Environmental Protection and Public Utilities; Parks and Recreation; Transportation and Public Way; and Rules and Ethics. He has been especially active in advancing policy initiatives that promote green/clean technology economic development practices in the private and public sectors. Alderman Flores was selected as a Fellow of the Next Generation Project in 2008 which dealt with the challenges and opportunities that the United States will face in current national security policy. He also was selected to travel with an American Council of Young Political Leaders Delegation to China in 2006. He spent three years in the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney before being elected to the city council.

## **VIETNAM**

### **Thiem Hai Bui, Secretary to the President of the Institute for Legislative Studies, National Assembly Standing Committee of Vietnam, Hanoi**

Mr. Thiem Hai Bui is secretary to the president of the Institute for Legislative Studies of the National Assembly Standing Committee of Vietnam and coordinator of the Institute's International Cooperation Programs and Projects. He assists the president in daily management of the Institute and implementation of the Institute's tasks and functions which are primarily organizing experts and researchers in research projects to provide advice and recommendations to the National Assembly. In addition, Mr. Bui provides recommendations to the president, participates in research projects to prepare proposals to be submitted to the National Assembly, and contributes ideas and comments on various draft national programs, strategies, policies, guidelines, and project proposals by Ministries and Central agencies. From 2003-2008, Mr. Bui

was an officer of the Central Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam, which serves as a think tank to Vietnam's top leadership in foreign affairs, and manages the channels of Party-to-Party and people-to-people relations. He was twice awarded the title of "Outstanding Emulator of the Organization" for his contribution to the work at the Commission. He also was recognized with a Chevening scholarship in 2004 for his master's in international studies and diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. He was elected to deputy secretary of the Youth Union of the Commission in 2006. In this role, he led the young officers of the Commission by setting out objectives and tasks and organizing the implementation of youth activities. He made substantial contributions to the youth movement at various levels beyond the Commission, helping influence the views of young people through regular interviews with popular daily newspapers and television programs.