

**CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE (CGI) ASIA MEET
HONG KONG 2nd & 3rd DECEMBER 2008**



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Dear Dr. Arunachalam:

I am pleased to invite you to a meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) in Asia. The event, which will take place in Hong Kong on 2-3 December 2008, is designed to foster the philanthropic culture in this dynamic and growing region of the world.

CGI is about results, turning pioneering ideas into viable solutions to urgent global challenges. A non-partisan initiative of my Foundation, CGI brings together a wide range of international leaders from government, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, the media, and academia to make "Commitments to Action" that truly impact lives across the globe. At CGI's 2007 Annual Meeting in New York, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, Rupert Murdoch, John Chambers, Nandan Nilekani, Muhammad Yunus, and many current and former heads of state successfully helped CGI members generate commitments that will benefit millions of people.

CGI Asia offers us an unparalleled opportunity to make a difference in this exciting region. I look forward to your help in creating positive, sustainable social change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Clinton".

Dr. Jaya Arunachalam joined former US President Hon'ble Mr. Bill Clinton and many of the world's most influential leaders for a two day meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Asia meet in Hong Kong on 2nd & 3rd December 2008 to share the exemplary work of Working Women's Forum (India).



While honouring Dr. Jaya Arunachalam the following were quoted...

“Let me tell you a little bit about this...this is the Working Women's Forum (India). The commitment was to provide access to finance, education and training to excluded women and children living in slums, rural villages of Southern India and to identify potential NGOs who could replicate this program in Northern India ... [DURING THIS TIME] the WWF is committed to extend the reach of its program to 250,000 slum dwelling rural women and 3,000 children in Southern and Northern States of India.”

Preceding this Asian meet was a one day workshop hosted by Google Hong Kong Limited, inviting all non-profit organizations to acquaint themselves with the use of Google technology for several usages including fund raising. The training was more through an interactive session.

During the opening of the CGI meeting, the former US President Mr. Clinton clearly spelt out his objective that “I am looking forward to engage Asia leaders from government, business and the non-profit sector to take action on critical global challenges” amidst Asian Heads of states, Chief Executives, Directors, Non-governmental Organization (NGOs), Philanthropist and Scholars.

A special feature of CGI meeting is that it encourages for a “commitment to action” from each participant. The focus of the Asia meet was concentrated on 3 key areas i.e. on *Education, Public Health* and *Energy and Climate Change*. Accordingly Hon’ble Clinton and his team brought the leaders and experts to Hong Kong meeting and the above challenges were discussed in the panel and interactive workshops to find solutions through collective vision.

The outcome of the working sessions are as follows:

Education: Governments and civil society have made enormous efforts to give marginalized youth new opportunities for learning. In this context, the working sessions focused on the core challenge of education through alternate learning opportunities, creating a brighter future for the next generation.

Energy & Climate Change: This working session addressed the greening of cities and buildings, the value of natural resources, and the development of green technology and renewable energy.

Public Health: CGI Asia’s working session addressed the specific public health challenges of nutrition, chronic and infectious diseases, and environmental health, as well as ways in which the continent can, by broadening access to the effective health interventions that exist today, successfully sustain the economic growth it needs to create jobs.

The CGI’s Asia meet in Hong Kong promoted actionable outcome through interactive working sessions that made world leaders to work together on specific challenges that are Asia specific. The completion of such regional commitments will contribute to the success of CGI at the global stages.