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## SME World Forum - Welcome Speech

Your Excellencies, distinguished guests, Ladies, Gentlemen, I welcome you to the inaugural SME World Forum.

It is a great pleasure and honor for me to announce the opening of the 2019 SME World Forum in Macao, this beautiful, historical and vibrant city.

May I take this opportunity to thank the dignitary Officiating Guests of this ceremony, the distinguished speakers, the honorable consul generals from different countries, my admirable guests from abroad, and my dear local supporters for taking the trouble to come to this Forum and make it a success. With the numerous number of nationalities present here this morning, I can proudly say that this Forum truly reflects the United Nations Spirit. As a matter of fact, we, the organizers of this forum, together with our partners, ICSB, AICSB, and the U. S. Small Business Administration are following the United Nations spirit and are putting its special resolution of 2015 into practice and consequently, are working hard to preach the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals of 2030 Agenda to the developing countries in Asia and the others throughout the world. Through educating the middle school and university students with the HELP education model (i.e. the acronyms of History, Ethics, Literature, and Philosophy) and by teaching the businessmen with the theories and practices of Entrepreneurial Ecosystem, we should be able to foster the necessary soft skills to the Small & Medium Entrepreneurs and help them become the principal pillar of an economy. That is why the main theme of this Forum is “SME & Entrepreneurship — Leading the World Forward”.

With this noble principle in mind, we have, therefore, completed yesterday a one day training course, namely “Macao say Yes” to the undergraduate young people in Macao, Hong Kong, and the other Greater Bay Area cities. The objective of this training course is to incubate them to become startups in the innovative and creative services. The tutors of this training course are all seasoned professors coming from the George Washington University of United States. If the responses are positive, we plan to repeat it on a yearly basis and turn it into a one week course. With your blessing, I hope this will come true.

Ladies & Gentlemen, as today’s programme is very tight, hence, I shall not take up more of your precious time and should end up here. Once again, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to you for your presence and support.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Ambassador Oh Joon, Ambassador Martin Garcia Moritan, Dr Chantal Line, President Ahmed President Elect Winslow, Executive Director Ayman, and all the organizing committee team members.

And I would like to thank my wife and my family for their support and all the wives and families of everybody else.

Macao and I hope you enjoy your stay.

Thank you for listening.