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In 1997, Asia was stricken by a financial crisis which resulted in ill effects including a reduction in the values of currencies and the decline in per capita income in many countries. Further, this unstable condition permitted negative impacts on employment, loss of livelihood for many people, and soaring prices—thus, further elevating the perpetual problem of poverty.

Today, another economic recession poses a threat not only to Asia but to the rest of the world. Although it began in developed countries, the economic recession has widened to affect developing countries as well. Many countries have already suffered from the effects of such global distress: economies are hurt, businesses face bankruptcy, jobs are at stake, currency values are declining, prices continue to soar, as well as other effects which have probably been felt in past financial instabilities.

Aside from the fact that it is global, the severity of the phenomenon remains unclear and it is still uncertain how long it will seize the world economy and cause negative impacts. No one is sure if this unsound trend will continue to perpetuate into the next few years or if it will end within the year. But what remains certain, however, is that many countries were faced with huge economic challenges even before the current economic debacle broke out and may continue to face further challenges after this emergency. To address these economic challenges, governments, in their capacity as leaders of the state, have a very important role in putting in place available strategies that can solve these economic challenges or at least alleviate their effects.

While the role of governments is soundly recognized in dealing with challenging economic times, it is also essential to give equal importance to the role of human resources in both the public and private sectors in running bureaucracies and trying to keep the economy afloat, respectively, as well as the knowledge and techniques that the private sector can offer by strengthening human resources. Thus, the forum *“Public Governance in Challenging Economic Times: Human Resources at the Battlefield”* is an effort to examine the role of government in further developing human resources as a means to combat economic challenges, as well as the role of the human resources themselves in realizing this endeavor. It aims to present new and innovative strategies and approaches to human resource development through the inter-sharing of information between and among stakeholders including the government, private sector, civil society, academe, and labor and trade councils, among others.

Theme A: Reforming Institutions and Enhancing Human Resource Development in a Period of Economic Downturn: Rethinking the Role of Government as a Catalyst for Reform

Reorganization, reinventing government, and public sector reform have been among the focus of various forums in the past and this issue may be perceived as redundant. However, efforts towards reforms do not become obsolete as new innovations are introduced from time to time. Today, because the world is faced with an economic downturn, it is

indeed important to discuss reforms not only in the government but also in the private sector, particularly financial institutions. Reforming institutions is important and it comes with significant actions to develop human resources. Restructuring institutions alone without strengthening human resources may only lead to stagnation. On the contrary, reform accompanied by human resource development will more likely enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

Efforts to reform public and private institutions seriously involve government as a catalyst for change. Therefore, it is believed that rethinking the role of government in institutional reforms and human resource development given a critical period is indeed very important. This panel will not only look at the role of government, but also aim to present available innovative approaches to institutional reforms and human resource development that may enhance the effects of these efforts in addressing economic challenges.

Sub-themes:

*Public Sector Reform in a Time of Economic Downturn
What Can and Should Governments Do to Make Financial
Institutions Work Better: Experiences and Lessons
Addressing Economic Recessions Through Human Resource
Development*

Theme B: Strategic Human Resource Development in an Era of Green Growth: Sustainable Human Resources for Environmentally Sustainable Economic Growth

Recently, the idea of “green growth” has spawned and it means that economic growth without putting the environment in danger is possible. In 2005, through the 5th Ministerial Conference held in Seoul, Korea, the members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) adopted “Green Growth” as an integrated regional strategy to achieve “environmentally sustainable economic growth.”

With the various economic dysfunctions the world has been facing, “green growth” may be a viable strategy towards economic growth, sustainable development, and, consequently, poverty alleviation. Investments in the green industry, for example, may result in the creation of new jobs in order to address the unemployment problems of many countries.

As the concept of “green growth” is relatively new, it is important to invent new strategies and innovations for human resource development in order to satisfy the needs and requirements of “environmentally sustainable economic growth.” For this purpose, this panel is created to allow dialogues between and among many stakeholders including the government, players in the green industry, civil society, and academe, highlighting their respective roles, techniques, visions, policies, and other issues and concerns in so far as setting new directions for strategic human resource development in an era of “green growth” is concerned.

Sub-themes:

*Addressing the Economic Challenge: Creating Opportunities
through “Green Growth”
Strategic Human Resource Development in an Era of
“Green Growth”
Climate Change and Global Warming: Partnerships for Effective
“Green Growth” Strategies*

Theme C: Migration and Development: Utilizing Global Labor Forces in Combating Economic Recessions

It is widely accepted that global labor forces (i.e. migrant workers) contribute to the development of their respective countries and national economies, primarily through their remittances and savings. Remittances reduce poverty as recipient households and families enjoy more income and are able to provide their basic needs. When remittances and savings are put into investments and businesses, they also allow for the creation of jobs in the locality. From a macroeconomic perspective, remittances increase the average per capita income and gross domestic product of a country.

Global labor forces play an important role in keeping the economy afloat, and this role is even more important in challenging economic times. It is therefore the intention of this panel to provide an avenue for different stakeholders to discuss and explore the possibilities of utilizing, but not exploiting, global labor resources in dealing with these challenges. This panel shall explore strategies and approaches to maximize the benefits and gains from global labor forces in order to easily cope with the domino effects of economic downturns.

Sub-themes:

*Migration and the Global Labor Forces: Teaching Migrant Workers
to Sustain Development
Remittances for Economic Development: Issues, Lessons,
and Win-Win Solutions
Reciprocity of Economic Benefits: Policy Options for Labor-Sending
and Labor-Receiving Countries*

Registration

The official EROPA 22nd General Assembly and Conference website will open on 01 June 2009, and pre-registration (online) will begin on 15 June 2009. The official website address is <http://eropa2009.coti.go.kr>.

The registration fees will be as follows:

EROPA Member	USD 200
Non-EROPA Member	USD 250
For each accompanying person	USD 150

Registration should be paid in USD cash and will take place at the following venues on the following dates:

Advance Registration

Central Officials Training Institute
19 October 2009, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Regular Registration

Lotte Hotel, Sogongdong, Seoul
20 October 2009, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Venues

The 55th Executive Council meeting (for council members only) will be held in COTI on 19 October 2009, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

The opening ceremony will be held in Lotte Hotel, Sogongdong Seoul on 20 October 2009. The conference will be held in COTI from 21-23 October 2009.

Visa Requirements

Individual visas can be obtained from the Korean Embassies and Consulates in respective countries. The organizing committee (COTI) will extend an invitation to each participant upon completion of pre-registration.

Accommodation

The organizers will provide free accommodation (for foreign participants) with breakfast at the COTI Dormitory. If hotel accommodations are preferred, the organizer has negotiated with the Sofitel Ambassador Seoul to provide participants with a discounted rate of 136,000 KW (Korean Won) for single room use, and 156,000 KW for twin-bed room use, per night. The rates include a buffet breakfast, 10% service charge, and tax.

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Airport Transfer

The organizers will arrange the transport of participants from the airport to the hotel and COTI Dormitory. Only participants who indicate their flight details in advance are eligible for the free airport transfer.

Weather

The temperature in Seoul in October is usually 18-19 degrees Celsius.

Currency

USD 1.00 is equivalent to 1,250 Korean Won as of May 2009.

Transportation

There are multiple modes of transportation, including buses, taxis, and subway. The transport facility for moving from hotel to conference venue and vice versa and for the city tour will be available free of charge.

Business Hours

Banks are open from Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Stores are open from Monday to Saturday, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER PRESENTERS

1. The focus of the paper should be on best practices and innovations concerning the themes and subthemes.
2. The length of the text of the paper should not exceed 20 pages (A4 size bond, double-spaced).
3. All papers should be accompanied by a one-page abstract.
4. Each presenter is allocated 20 minutes for presentation. Questions from participants will be entertained during the open forum provided after each session.
5. The references should be complete: name of author/s, publication year, title of the article/book/journal, place of publication, and publisher.
6. Figures, graphs and tables should be included if necessary.
7. Authors should submit their brief biographical sketch together with the abstract.
8. Deadlines for the submission of abstracts, papers, and PowerPoint presentations:
ABSTRACT – on or before 31 August 2009
FINAL PAPER – on or before 30 September 2009
POWERPOINT – on or before 09 October 2009

Submissions should be made via email to the EROPA Secretariat.

9. The papers should follow the following structure in exact sequence: title of the paper, name of the author(s), abstract, main text, references, and/or appendices, if necessary.
10. On the cover, the author should indicate the following information: Country, Title of Paper, Subtheme, Name and Designation of the Presenter (e.g. Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., Prof., Prof. Dr., etc.), Institution or Agency, and Contact Information (i.e. mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail, and website).

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