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Very warm greetings from the Asia Media Forum (AMF).

We are happy to invite you to the **Asia Media Conclave 2009** scheduled to be held in **Bangkok from March 25 -27, 2009**. The theme for the Asia Media Conclave is "**Media in the Time of Crisis**".

We expect to have journalists, subject experts, civil society activists, and policy makers from Asia to participate in this second Conclave of the Asia Media Forum (www.theasiamediaforum.org). Asia Media Forum is a unique network and platform of media practitioners across Asia.

The conclave will discuss the implications of and proposals to address the ongoing crises in the arenas of Economy, Environment, Food and Governance. In Asia we are at the receiving end of a much deeper recession, increasing instances of terrorism, deficit of democracy and potential risk of conflict and natural calamities. All these will have impact on the Media - in terms of implications as well as responsibilities. The Asia Media Conclave will not only discuss these implications but also explore proposals to address multiple forms of such crises.

An interface between media and civil society and academia can play a vital role in shaping public discourse on development, democratisation and human rights.

The Asia Media Conclave will be a unique opportunity for journalists to interact with fellow journalists and editors from different parts of Asia as well as with some of the most respected thinkers, academics and civil society leaders across Asia. We expect to have some of the most respected and eminent speakers- including economists, editors and media experts.

The major sessions will focus on :

- a) Economic Crisis
- b) Environmental Crisis
- c) Crisis of Governance
- d) Food Crisis

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The sub-themes will be discussed in various sessions related to the role and responsibilities of Media, particularly in relation to Financial Crisis, Poverty Eradication, Social and Economic Development, Democratisation, and Corporate Accountability and Responsibility.

This will be an exciting opportunity for media practitioners, civil society activists and academics to interact with each other and contribute to discourse and proposals to address the ongoing crisis. March will also be a great time to visit Bangkok. There is an added benefit of discounted airfare announced by the Thai Airways. That is less than US\$300 of the usual rates from various destinations in Asia to Bangkok and vice versa. A registration fee of US\$150 for international participants will ensure food, hotel accommodation and background papers for all the participants.

For the first fifty (50) journalists who register their participation, the registration fees will only be US\$100. So please let us know your interest in participating in the Asia Media Conclave.

We would request all those who would like to participate to send their names and other details as soon as possible

Name -

Position-

Organisation -

Country-

Contact Address-

Phone Nos. –

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Please send these details to milindkokje@gmail.com or asiamediaforumktm@gmail.com for registration.

We look forward to hearing from you. Once we receive the required information, we will inform you as to how and where to send the registration fee.

Thank you.

Your Sincerely,

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