

**Speech at Bali Declaration Ceremony
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are at a very pivotal juncture in our world's history.

Everywhere we turn, the earth seems to be calling out to its residents. Climate change, poverty, and inequalities are rampant, and it is up to us as global citizens to respond.

It is in this context, as you know, that the SDGs were adopted by the United Nations.

To ensure that a healthy environment and enriched society remain for generations to come, the importance of global initiatives that promote the SDGs has been rapidly increasing.

Yet, to achieve these goals, an estimated five to seven trillion US dollars per year will be necessary. Given this, we, as representatives of the financial sector in the fastest-growing region in the world, will be expected to play a major role in facilitating the allocation of these necessary funds.

At the Asia Securities Forum, a forum connecting the major players in the securities market of the Asia-Pacific region, we would like to underline our commitment to actively promoting the SDGs.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to represent the ASF today in Bali, a wondrous island rich in culture and nature, and to officially make this declaration known to the world.

I hereby announce that the ASF has adopted this declaration.

Let us share the spirit of this declaration among our members and spread it to our societies.

At this AGM in Bali, as ASF members, we share the common goal of building fair, efficient markets that are capable of contributing to sustainable growth and development, which is evidenced by our declaration. I believe that this AGM has produced effective results moving toward that goal.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude in particular to the Committee of Chairpersons and Executive Director of APEI, the ASF 2018 Organizing Committee, and all the staff members for their tireless efforts and hospitality throughout this wonderful event. I would also like to thank everyone who made this event a success, and I am looking forward to getting together again next year!

Thank you very much.