

DIALOGUE



Robert B. Zoellick

11th President of the World Bank Group

Chair: Kishore Mahbubani
Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Date: Thursday, 18 December 2008

Time: 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Venue: Auditorium, Level 3
Block B, Faculty of Law, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
469G Bukit Timah Road Singapore 259772

Admission is free.

Free seating.

Seats are limited.

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By Invitation Only

A New Approach to Multilateralism During the Financial Crisis

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

On July 1, 2007, Robert B. Zoellick became the 11th President of the World Bank Group, which works with 185 member countries. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Zoellick served as Vice Chairman, International of the Goldman Sachs Group, Managing Director, and Chairman of Goldman Sachs' Board of International Advisors from 2006-07. In 2005-06, Mr. Zoellick served as the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. State Department. He was the Department's Chief Operating Officer and policy alternate for the Secretary of State, in addition to having lead policy responsibility in a number of areas. From 2001 to January 2005, Mr. Zoellick served in the U.S. cabinet as the 13th U.S. Trade Representative.

From 1993 to 1997, Mr. Zoellick served as an Executive Vice President of Fannie Mae, the large housing finance corporation, where he supervised the affordable housing business, as well as offices dealing with legal, regulatory, government and industry relations, and international services. From 1985 to 1993, Mr. Zoellick served with Secretary James A. Baker, III at the Treasury Department (from Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions Policy to Counselor to the Secretary); State Department (Undersecretary of State for Economic and Agricultural Affairs as well as Counselor of the Department with Undersecretary rank); and briefly Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House and Assistant to the President. Mr. Zoellick graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Swarthmore College in 1975. He earned a J.D. magna cum laude from the Harvard Law School and a MPP from the Kennedy School of Government in 1981.

SYNOPSIS

The global financial crisis and recent food and fuel price increases have prompted world leaders to rethink approaches to economic multilateralism. World Bank President Robert Zoellick will explore these new perspectives during a dialogue with faculty, students and invited guests at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy on Thursday, 18th December 2008. The dialogue will be chaired and moderated by Prof. Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Mr. Zoellick will address such issues as:

- Did the recent G20 Washington Summit go far enough in identifying the causes of the current financial crisis and providing effective solutions?
- How should we address the structural deficiencies, such as the under-representation of emerging economies, in the global financial architecture?
- Should the Group of Seven be expanded and transformed into a steering group for the world economy?
- Should economic multilateralism be redefined beyond its traditional focus on finance and trade to also include energy, climate change, and stabilising fragile and post-conflict states?
- How will the World Bank Group's package of reforms adopted at the Annual Meeting in October strengthen the influence of developing countries?