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- EIA recognized as one of Asia's Leaders



EIA delivering the Keynote Speech during the Asia Leadership Dialogues held at the Crowne Regency Galleria Hotel.

AEV President & CEO Erramon Aboitiz has been recognized by the Platinum Circle as one of the Asia Leaders for 2010, representing the Philippines. The recognition was officially conferred on him during the Asia Leadership Dialogues (ALD) held at the Crowne Regency Galleria Hotel on Tuesday (July 27).

Platinum Circle is a private business group composed of global and Asia corporations with annual revenues exceeding US\$100 million, with representation at the most senior executive level. The ALD is a regional forum organized by the Platinum Circle to showcase a selection of leaders from the private and public sector who are role models from Asia.

This 2010 Asia Leaders will address peers regarding their experiences and efforts in leading their organizations out of the economic downturn, as well as the challenges and opportunities presented by Asia's recovery.

EIA spoke before a crowd of 900 delegates. At the start of his keynote speech, EIA said he accepted the recognition *"on behalf of the 30,000 team members that make up the Aboitiz Group, as well as the thousands more who came before us. We believe the success of one is the success of all. We owe our success to those that left us the solid base to build on."*

He then talked about the history and growth of the Group, its journey from being a highly diversified enterprise till the mid- 1990s to its current strategy of focusing on its core businesses, with power getting the biggest investments.

*“The Aboitiz Group and the Philippines are looking forward to take active roles during this Asian Century and to help achieve a full recovery for the region,”* EIA said, adding that he sees the Philippines playing an important role in this century.

*“Aboitiz, in step with the Philippines, looks confidently to the future where we know we will have to learn, adapt, and continuously reshape ourselves for the changing paradigms of tomorrow. We will pursue this exciting future with the Aboitiz passion for better ways,”* he said.

Together with its partners, Platinum Circle is building the world’s most connected business group of more than 2,000 organizations committed to enriching the communities it serves, in cooperation with governments and civil societies. Participation in Platinum Circle is by invitation or recommendation only.

The ALD recognizes leaders and organizations that have a strategic presence in Asia and are respected by peers in corporations and government, as actively engaging, developing and leading in the Asian markets.



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