

More than 200 leaders gather at the Stewardship Asia Roundtable 2017

The theme of this year's event is enduring principles in changing times.

More than 200 leaders from some 20 countries are convening at the Stewardship Asia Roundtable 2017 today to exchange perspectives, insights and experience on the topic “Stewardship: Enduring Principles in Changing Times”.

This year, the Stewardship Asia Roundtable is held in conjunction with a series of events on Sustainability and Stewardship: including Ecosperity, a conference presented by Temasek, and the Asia launch of the ‘Better Business, Better World’ report by the Business and Sustainable Development Commission (BSDC). The event will culminate in a combined lunch session for the Roundtable and the BSDC, with an “Inspiring Stewardship” series featuring distinguished Guest-of-Honour speaker Mr. Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Chairman and CEO of Ayala Corporation – the holding company of one of the oldest and largest business groups in the Philippines.

The theme of enduring principles in changing times is set against the backdrop of a corporate world that is filled with uncertainty and impeding volatility. More and more, businesses are seeking knowledge of how to responsibly create long-term value, not only for their stakeholders, but also for the well-being of the communities and societies in which they operate. There is increasing interest and a revived conversation on Stewardship – relating to responsible governance, sustainable development, inclusive progress as well as purpose, principles and values related to business.

The Stewardship Asia Roundtable is now in its third edition, and this year is joined by some 20 companies that are more than a century old. Leaders from these companies will share their experiences as well as the importance of fostering stewardship principles towards driving long-term goals.

Mr. Ong Boon Hwee, Chief Executive Officer of Stewardship Asia Centre, said, “We are pleased to have the presence and support of so many global leaders at the Stewardship Asia Roundtable who are open to sharing their experiences and commitment on fostering effective stewardship and corporate governance. We believe that the examples presented by their values, leadership styles, strategies and stewardship approach can be deeply inspiring on an individual and an organisational level, forming a significant contribution to encouraging and propagating healthy stewardship practices across Asia.”

The Stewardship Asia Roundtable is a part of Stewardship Asia Centre's ongoing effort to reach out actively to the world's leaders and influential thinkers for an exchange of ideas on advocating sound stewardship and governance in their organisations and businesses.

This exclusive platform has also taken a step further by extending its programme this year to incorporate a side meeting focusing on Stewardship Codes and Principles. The session aims to bring together institutional investors and stakeholders of regional codes and principles on advancing stewardship through collaboration and partnership.

For more information, visit <http://www.stewardshipasia.com.sg>.

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