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Premier Wen Jiabao to address 6th World Economic Forum " Summer Davos " in Tianjin

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- World Economic Forum ' s Annual Meeting of the New Champions celebrates sixth anniversary of the " Summer Davos " in China
- Over 2000 participants from 86 countries will take part from 11-13 September in Tianjin
- For more information about the Meeting, please visit: http://www.weforum.org/newchampions

Beijing, People ' s Republic of China, 6 September 2012 The World Economic Forum announced today that Premier Wen Jiabao will give a keynote address at its 6th Annual Meeting of the New Champions. The Meeting will be attended by well over 2,000 participants from 86 countries and will take pace in Tianjin on 11-13 September. The Annual Meeting of the New Champions is held in close collaboration with the People ' s Republic of China and with the support of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

The Annual Meeting of the New Champions is the foremost global business gathering in Asia. After five years, it is widely known as the Summer Davos – reflecting the " spirit of Davos " that for more than four decades has meant openness, collegiality and frank yet friendly exchanges among leaders from business, government, academia, civil society and media. The Meeting provides a platform for the rising generation of global leaders from business and society to contribute to broader policy discussions and engage with the world ' s top business executives. The New Champions are led by the Forum ' s growing Global Growth Companies Community as well as the communities of Technology Pioneers, Young Global Leaders, Global Shapers and Young Scientists.

Under the working theme, " Creating the Future Economy", the Meeting will highlight the role that new and fast-emerging multinational companies play in enabling and driving sustainability in a global business landscape that has been fundamentally changed by the economic crisis. The Meeting will feature an intensive and interactive three-day programme to explore and address the following sub-themes:

- Rethinking traditional markets and existing value chains
- Rising to societal challenges through entrepreneurial solutions
- Reinventing institutions and industries through innovative models
- Recognizing the new frontiers of science and technology

In addition, the World Economic Forum will be holding private, peer-to-peer meetings designed to provide participants with cross-industry and multistakeholder perspectives on key emerging issues. The intensive and interactive private programme will be thematically linked to sessions in the public programme and will include the following industry-related topics: innovation; energy and resources; mobility; infrastructure and urban development; and health.

" The Annual Meeting of the New Champions is a Meeting of innovators and new vision-shapers. This year ' s Meeting will highlight how leaders of the world ' s established economies, together with tomorrow ' s industry champions, emerging multinationals and civil society stakeholders, can drive a global recovery, " said Olivier Schwab, Executive Director, World Economic Forum China. "

Li Xuedong, Deputy Director-General, Department of Foreign Affairs, NDRC, said: " The attendance of prominent

public figures and business heads is indicative of the interest worldwide in China ' s development. The participation of Premier Wen Jiabao demonstrates the importance that the Chinese government places on its cooperation with the World Economic Forum. We hope that the World Economic Forum continues to strengthen its collaboration with Chinese constituents and so contribute to the understanding and exchange between China and the rest of the world. "

In addition, Ren Xuefeng, Vice-Mayor of Tianjin, said it was an opportunity for Tianjin to be a global platform in demonstrating China ' s economic development. " We welcome our cooperation with the World Economic Forum and have worked to ensure that this year ' s meeting is characterized by high standards, quality and creativity, " he said.

A select group of business leaders from the Forum ' s Member companies will act as Mentors at the Meeting. They are:

- **Gao Jifan,** Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Trina Solar (TSL), People's Republic of China;
- **Susan Hockfield,** President Emerita and Professor of Neuroscience, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA; World Economic Forum Foundation Board Member;
- **Jeffrey Joerres,** Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ManpowerGroup, USA;
- **Paul Polman,** Chief Executive Officer, Unilever, United Kingdom;
- **Feike Sijbesma,** Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Managing Board, Royal DSM, Netherlands; Global Agenda Council on the Role of Business;
- **Christopher A. Viehbacher,** Chief Executive Officer, Sanofi, France;
- **Xiong Weiping,** President, Aluminium Corporation of China (CHINALCO), People's Republic of China; and
- **Xu Heyi,** Chairman, Beijing Automotive Group, People's Republic of China

Heads of state and government as well as leading personalities who have already confirmed their participation are: **Helle Thorning-Schmidt,** Prime Minister of Denmark; **Valdis Dombrovskis**, Prime Minister of Latvia; **Andrius Kubilius**, Prime Minister of Lithuania; **Raja Pervez Ashraf**, Prime Minister of Pakistan; **Paul Kagame**, President of Rwanda; **Gordon Brown**, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2007-2010) and UN Special Envoy for Global Education, United Kingdom; **Min Zhu**, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF); and **Luis A Moreno**, President, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC.

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