



THE VICE PRESIDENT

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I am honored to extend my greetings to the leaders, attendees, and distinguished guests gathered for the 6th Indo-Pacific Business Forum. I also want to express my gratitude to President Marcos for welcoming this year's forum participants to Manila.

Over the course of my trips to the Indo-Pacific and dozens of meetings with regional leaders, I have engaged extensively with government officials and the private sector to strengthen economic ties within the region. Through the Indo-Pacific Business Forum—the premier public-private United States Government initiative to promote trade, investment, and economic cooperation—we are delivering results: investing in sustainable infrastructure; creating resilient supply chains, including for critical minerals; accelerating adoption of clean energy; and more. Thank you for the work you all do to connect, advise, and foster relationships that advance our shared vision for an equitable economy.

The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to expanding the United States' economic leadership in the region because we know the Indo-Pacific is critical to the security and prosperity of the American people. Together, we will continue expanding opportunity and building an economy that supports all people.

Thank you to the United States Trade and Development Agency and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for co-hosting this year's forum in partnership with the United States Department of State. I send my best wishes for a meaningful event.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kamala Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping tail.