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WFDB to hold 2009 WFDB Asia Summit meeting, aiming to raise profile and increase activities at six of its members bourses

Antwerp, June 16, 2009 – The World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) announced it is holding a special 2009 WFDB Asia Summit Meeting with the explicit purpose to engage the bourses in Tokyo, Japan; Hong Kong, SAR; Shanghai, China; Bangkok, Thailand; Singapore and Mumbai, India more intensively in the activities of the WFDB and to determine what services these bourse need most from their umbrella organization.

WFDB Avi Paz said that he seeks to listen carefully to reports from the bourses and their markets and to understand how the WFDB can play a more significant role in advancing the bourses' interests.

"I hope to discuss with my colleagues how the WFDB can serve its Asian members better and more effectively; how the WFDB can assist its members to raise their profile and vice-versa; what tools the WFDB can offer to advance the standing and competitive position of bourse members in their markets. Of course, we will bring our colleagues up to date share as to what tools the WFDB is developing to advance the business interests of bourse members and the diamond exchanges they belong to; and what the WFDB can do to advance diamond sales in general," Paz stated.

"I am looking forward to this event which will, so I hope, culminate in Asia bourses playing much more visible and significant role in our organization's undertakings."

The summit meeting, which will be hosted by the Diamond Federation of Hong Kong, will be attended by Avi Paz, WFDB president; Ernest Blom, WFDB vice president; Boonyong Assarasakorn, President of the Bangkok Diamond & Precious Stones Exchange; Michio Iwasaki, President of the Tokyo Diamond Exchange; Lawrence Ma, President of the Hong Kong Diamond Bourse; Lin Qiang, President of the Shanghai Diamond Exchange; Anoop Mehta, President of the Bharat Diamond Bourse; and Suresh Hathiramani, vice-president of the Diamond Exchange of Singapore.

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