

more than an island of affluence in a sea of poverty, unless it is accompanied by the kind of consolidated effort to which I alluded earlier. The benefits to be derived from the success of any single project can be quickly swamped by the tide of neglect. It is essential that the recipient country not only follows up the implementation of the project, but also that it encourages the initiation of complementary projects.

The primary mission of diplomacy today is to assume the lead in harnessing the diffuse energy of developers, and in merging the disparate streams of technical and financial resources, both external and internal. Only in this way can the critical element of continuity be introduced into the economic development of Asia. In my opinion, the absence of this ingredient precludes the achievement of lasting prosperity, and it is in this belief that I urge your unstinting support.

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