

Building the Network Society

The Report on the
World Economic Forum's
1997 Annual Meeting in Davos

World Economic Forum Founder and President Professor Klaus Schwab and Mrs Schwab welcome participants with Managing Director Claude Smadja



A session of the information technologies governors' meeting

Michael Dell, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dell Computer Corporation



Bill Gates, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Microsoft Corporation, and Michael Dertouzos, Director of MIT's Laboratory for Computer Science





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Twenty-first century trends:
Walter Isaacson, Managing
Editor of Time Magazine, with
John Naisbitt, Chairman of
Megatrends Ltd

Emerging economies as the driving force in the 21st century global economy: ABB Chairman Percy Barnevik, H.D. Deve Gowda, Prime Minister of India, session chairman and Co-Chairman of the Annual Meeting John Bryan, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and World Bank President James Wolfensohn



Contacting fellow participants is easy via the World Economic Forum's electronic messaging system.



Anatoly Chubais, First Deputy
Prime Minister of Russia



Tarun Das, Director General of
the Confederation of Indian
Industry (CII) – the World
Economic Forum's partner in
India



Egyptian President Hosni
Mubarak and Mrs Mubarak
with participants in the Saturday
evening dinner with political
figures from the Middle East
and North Africa



A role for Russia at least in the near future is also debatable, especially since the country is currently beset with a host of domestic problems, both economical and political.

With scheduled visits to China by senior US officials including Vice-President Al Gore and Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, there are signs that US-Sino relations are on the mend. This can only augur well for Asia security.

The China networking lunch with
Chen Jinhua, Chairman of the
State Planning Commission



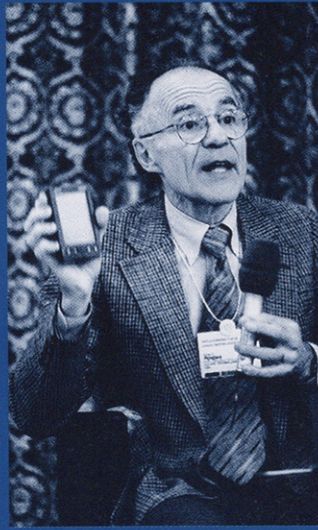
Nabil Sha'ath, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat, President (Rais) of the Palestinian Authority, and Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel





Viktor Chernomyrdin arrives with his wife for the opening session

Opposite page: Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa



Nobel Laureate Arno Penzias

New directions in primary education: Helena Högvist-Wallenberg, President, Carpe Vitam Foundation, Harvard Professor Howard Gardner and Wardiman Djojonegoro, Minister of Education and Culture of Indonesia

Using the power of science: the challenges ahead: Astronomer Royal Sir Martin Rees, Nobel laureate John Polanyi, session chairman Joël de Rosnay, Director for Development and International Relations, Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, Samuel Hellman, Professor at the University of Chicago, Ludwig Faddeev, Member of the Praesidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Nobel laureate Werner Arber

