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## **HOCHIMINH STOCK EXCHANGE WELCOME TO THE WEEK “Ring the Bell for Gender Equality”**

On March 9, 2023, with more than 123 Stock Exchanges all over the world, Hochiminh Stock Exchange (HOSE) held the event "Ring the bell for gender equality". This annual event is initiated and co-organized by the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative (SSE), the VietNam Women Entrepreneurs Council of the Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI), and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) coordinated with HOSE on the occasion of International Women's Day (March 8) for calling firms to innovate and transform technology digitally to achieve gender equality and sustainable development.

This year is the 9th “Ring the Bell for Gender Equality” campaign, organized in 90 countries and the 4th campaign that Vietnam has participated in order to raise the awareness of the enterprise and the private sector to enhance women’s economic empowerment and approach gender equality, prosperity, and sustainable development.

In the 2023 ceremony, the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality" aims to appreciate the significant role of the business community in pioneering and promoting innovation and technological change in the digital era in order to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. Innovation and technology will create more opportunities for female entrepreneurship and women-owned businesses to enter markets and supply chains. Simultaneously, this is the opportunity to celebrate women on International Women's Day (March 8).

There are representatives of many agencies, organizations, listed companies on HOSE, and women-owned businesses in Ho Chi Minh City and neighboring provinces in the ceremony.



At the event, Ms. Vu Thi Chan Phuong - Chairwoman of the State Securities Commission emphasized that gender equality is a measure of civilization and the progress of society. This is also the 5th goal of 17 sustainable development goals of the United Nations. These goals focus on ending discrimination and eliminating violence against women, and providing public services for women... She assumes the significant goal is "to ensure the full and effective participation and equal opportunities for women in leadership positions at all levels and fields, from the economy, and politics to the community”.

According to the UN Gender Equality Overview Report 2022, the exclusion of women from the digital world has caused the staggering loss of \$1 trillion from the GDP of low- and middle-income countries in the last decade. The shortfall will grow to \$1.5 trillion by 2025, without improvement.

The companionship and participation of women in the digital transformation period will bring great opportunities to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. In this event, the participants have discussed and exchanged the difficulties and experiences in the development and application of digital innovation and technology for women to fully participate in markets as well as sustainable and equitable supply chains.



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