

# LEADERS

*Everyday is a gift, which is why they call it the present.*

— Alfred Hitchcock



On the Cover  
*In addressing the challenges of the 21st century, leaders in all fields highlight the need to nurture growth and maintain stability; for, whether in a nation, a corporation, or an influential institution, stability sets the scene*

*for growth, and growth often leads to greater stability.*

*For its part, "Australia has economic and political stability without parallel," asserts Prime Minister John Howard, noting that, despite the country's Asia Pacific location, "we speak the same language and have essentially the same values as those found in the West." Thus, the country serves well as an investment destination, he reasons, as investors "want to feel at home, and want to know that the rules of the road are clear."*

*China's exponential growth and increasing stability is not always reported accurately, maintains Zhao Qizheng, minister at China's State Council Information Office, who has the daunting task of presenting "real information about China" to the world. Recognizing the value of "letting the outside world know about the progress made in China and also its shortcomings," he believes that greater interaction is the key to achieving "much better communication" with other countries.*

*"Agribusiness is one of the few global industries with practically limitless growth potential," and "diversity leads to new opportunities for growth," reflects Allen Andreas, chairman and CEO of Archer Daniels Midland Company, the "world leader in agricultural processing." After all, he elaborates, "no matter who you are or where you live, the need for readily available, high-quality, and low-cost food connects us all."*

*As U.S. director of national intelligence, John Negroponte is acutely aware of the fundamental role security plays in a country's political and economic stability. Spearheading "a mission-based strategy that takes on the really hard, really important questions," Negroponte spells out the top priorities of the U.S. intelligence community: terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and "certain states whose intentions and capabilities are inimical to American lives and interests." In exclusive interviews that follow, Howard (page 109), Zhao (page 32), Negroponte (page 10), and Andreas (page 66) — shown here, clockwise from top left — outline their assessment of today's unique challenges, and share their strategies for continued growth and stability in the face of global change.*

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