

Concluding Remarks by the Session Chair Dr. John Boyd, President/FIDIC

Making Globalization Work: the role of Consultants' that what we are here and that's why we have been here for the last two days to talk about and you have just heard a very brief but very accurate summary of the sessions presented by the session chairs in part. Thanks to the efforts of our hard working reporters. So please recognize those contribution in the usual way. The papers were organized in three streams; country report, business opportunities in Nepal and theme papers covering a very wide range of contributing factors from education to capacity building through to technical transfer and specific globalization case studies. Over the past three days the data

transfer rate has been huge and I have often felt a bit like a thirsty man trying to seep small amount of water from the fire hose. So how do we actually summarize the sense of this outpouring of this

information. I would like to make three points:

- (1) I think the link between the role of the consultants in infrastructure development and economic development in Nepal has been conclusively proven. This link has been demonstrated from the local level development level through provision of regional opportunities through national policy and on to international partnership. Nepal lies between two developing giants, China and India and clearly it has a role to play as partner to both. In the provision of some of the hard aspect of infrastructure, transportation, communication, power development, water supply and the like. But perhaps less obviously it also has a contribution to make in esthetic, culture, beauty and peace of mind in its role as the destination for international visitors.
- (2) The obvious benefits of multi national cooperation has also been underlined in this conference, none of us individually have all of the answers but if we work together, that's by way the true meaning of globaliztion, we have a better chance.
- (3) On numerous occasions through out the conference reference has been made to social, human and even the political in the broadest sense element of our work as consultants. We exist to improve the quality of live in our society and we have powerful role and enormous responsibilities in that respect.