

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political Will Needed

The articles on the MDGs [Millennium Development Goals] are very informative, helpful, and thought-provoking. It is good to know that there has been success in some targets, but it wasn't surprising that many have not been achieved, given what has been happening to our world in the last several years. There's a good question in the article, *A Skewed Picture*, on whether the MDGs present an accurate picture of progress, and different opinions about this are to be expected. But I agree with the statement given by a policy director that, "the question shouldn't be about whether MDG indicators are perfect" (they should be accurate though), "...but whether the world is prepared to put in the political will needed to achieve the goals..." And sadly, it seems that the "world" isn't prepared.

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CLARIFICATION

In the October-December 2009 edition of *Development Asia*, the second to last paragraph of *Corruption Challenges Infrastructure Growth* by William Branigin attributed a progress report to Transparency International. The progress report on a pilot program of the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) was actually issued by CoST itself.



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