

## CONCLUSION

The 2008 edition of the International Property Rights Index is the second and most recent edition of an annual series of reports begun in 2007. The report is the primary focus of the Hernando de Soto Fellowship program, begun in 2006 to support the report's conceptualization, research, and authorship, and promotion. In conjunction with several dozen partner organizations throughout the world, the report's primary aim is to promote awareness of the importance of property rights, broadly defined, to economic growth and well-being. Additionally, the authors hope that the report itself will be a useful resource for efforts by other researchers and policymakers to promote improved property rights in their own countries.

As this is the second year of the program, this second edition should be seen as an improved but not perfected project. Each year hence, the Hernando de Soto program will focus on continuing to refine the report by incorporating better data sources, expanding the content through additional and more varied case studies, and exploring different ways of analyzing the data and developing a sophisticated model through which to understand the relationship between property rights and economic development.

We invite feedback regarding additional ways to improve the IPRI in future years. Although it is, as far as we know, the most comprehensive study available focusing exclusively on property rights, our goal is for the IPRI to become the premier cross-country property rights study available, and a first-stop resource for interested researchers and policymakers.