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Foreword

This book duly deals with the varied dimensions around global civil society. The eloquent and unequivocal insights thrown upon social capital and it's pertinence in neoteric cataclysmic times is splendid and remarkable. I express no doubt in ascertaining that the larger audience – readers, academics, researchers and students – would find the book comprehensible, aiding them in exploring the related concepts and ideas around the larger theme of global civil society. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc upon the administration around the world. Against that backdrop, it's only imperative to explore how governments and their governance responded to the challenges. But most importantly, civil society as we know it of yesteryear would have its nature transformed in the post-COVID world.

How civil societies tackled those pandemic-generated challenges and abridged the gap between state and societies is in itself a vital question. The book answers this quite explicably in by citing the major role undertaken by civil society organizations (CSOs) in filling any void left by governments all over the world – specifically in availing the requisite facilities to citizens.

It's noteworthy to mention that the intimate relationship between social capital and civil society is explained. In that light, what the book does is to create a progressive understanding in invoking the realization of roles played by CSOs in emergencies like the one we witnessed in the form of COVID-19 outbreak.

On that note, I take immense joy and pleasure in recommending this book. Many congratulations to the editor, the contributing authors and the publisher in coming out with such material that, if read diligently, would only cement the significance of global civil society and its futuristic roles.

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