

The Role of Think Tanks in the Asian Century: *Seizing the Opportunities and Managing the Threats*

**ADB–TTCSP ASIA Think Tank Summit
12–14 June 2013, Tokyo, Japan**

DRAFT AGENDA

* All sessions are closed to the public and media except where it is indicated otherwise.
** Some of the speakers have yet to confirm speaking roles.

12 June 2013 (Wednesday)	
10:00 – 16:00	All Day: Arrival of participants in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda International Airports)
14:00 – 18:00	Check-in at conference hotels
Informal Welcome Reception for Participants & Invited Guests Tokai University Club (Kasumigaseki Building 35 th floor)	
18:30 – 18:40	Welcome Remarks: Masahiro Kawai , Dean & CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (Japan)
18:40 – 19:00	Welcome Speech: “Regional & Global Trends & How They Are Impacting ThinkTanks & Policy Advice in Asia” James G. McGann , Director, TTCSP, University of Pennsylvania (United States)
19:00 – 20:30	Dinner Reception
13 June 2013 (Thursday)	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:45	Opening Addresses: (<i>open to the media</i>) Economic development and policies of major Asian countries Yao Yang , Dean, National School of Development, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University (PRC) Biswajit Dhar , Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (India) Nobumitsu Hayashi , President, Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance (Japan)
9:45 – 10:15	Coffee Break

10:15 – 12:30	Session I Think Tank President's/Chairman's Panel The Asian Century: Assessing the Opportunities and Threats
<p><i>A panel of think tank presidents from throughout the region will discuss the opportunities and threats facing countries in Asia in next 5 years. An additional 3 billion Asians could enjoy living standards similar to those in Europe today, and the region could account for over half of global output by the middle of this century, according to a recent ADB report. Is this promising future preordained or will a series of social, political, environmental, and security issues derail the current economic growth and stability in the region?</i></p> <p>Chair: John McCarthy, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs (Australia)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takashi Shiraishi, President, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (Japan) • Qu Xing, President, China Institute of International Studies (PRC) • Mustafa K. Mujeri, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (Bangladesh) • TBA, President, Korea Development Institute (Korea) • U Myint, Chief, Myanmar Development Resource Institute (Myanmar) 	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch (Hosted by ADBI)
14:00 – 15:30	Session II Panel Presentations: Global Economic Turbulence & Asia
<p><i>The subprime mortgage crisis in the United States and the sovereign debt crisis had spillover effects in Asia. In an interconnected world, no country is immune from such impacts; but how can such threats be minimized. What role should think tanks play predicting economic crisis and helping policymakers manage the economic, social, and political crisis that follows?</i></p> <p>Chair: Kenji Umetani President, Economic and Social Research Institute, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan (Japan)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lu Mai, Secretary-General, China Development Research Foundation (PRC) • Asset Irgaliyev, Vice President, Economic Research Institute (Kazakhstan) • Manoj Panda, Director, Institute of Economic Growth (India) • Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, (Indonesia) • Ahmad Fauzi Puasa, Deputy Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (Malaysia) 	
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break

<p>15:45 – 17:00</p>	<p>Session III Panel Presentations: Think Tanks, Civil Societies and Policy Advice in Asia: Past, Present and Future</p>
<p><i>As a result of the complex policy issues facing the region there has been a dramatic increase in the number of think tanks in Asia; yet, governments, policymakers, and think tanks themselves remain ambivalent about what role they should play in the policymaking process.</i></p> <p><i>A panel of think tank representatives will use institutional case examples to illustrate how their organizations have effectively managed the many tensions think tanks face as actors in the policymaking process in Asia.</i></p> <p>Chair: Duenden Nikomborirak Research Director for Economic Governance, Thailand Development Research Institute (Thailand)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vugar Bayramov, Chairman, Center for Economic and Social Development (Azerbaijan) • Joseph Chin Yong Liow, Associate Dean, Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Singapore) • Abid Qaiyum Sulehrie, Executive Director/CEO, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (Pakistan) • Bishnu Dev Pant, Executive Director, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (Nepal) • Kin-ichi Yoshihara, President, Asian Forum Japan (Japan) 	
<p>17:00 – 18:15</p>	<p>Session IV Round Table Discussion Day One</p>
<p><i>A panel will attempt to summarize the key points made in day one and develop a set of counterpoints and issues for the round table discussion that follows.</i></p> <p>Chair: Masahiro Kawai Dean & CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (Japan)</p> <p>Opening Round Table Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Senior Vice-Rector, United Nations University (Japan/Global) • Lawrence Arthur Strange, Executive Director, Cambodia Development Resource Institute, (Cambodia) • Sangkyun Kim, Vice President, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (Korea) • Dushni Weerakoon, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies (Sri Lanka) • Lakshmii Boojoo, Director Interim, Economic Policy and Competitiveness Research Center (Mongolia) 	
<p>18:15 – 18:30</p>	<p>Move venue: ADB (8th floor) to Tokai University Club (35th floor) of Kasumigaseki Building</p>

18:30 – 20:00	<p>Reception Dinner Hosted by ADBI & TTCSP Tokai University Club (Kasumigaseki Building 35th floor)</p> <p>Moderator: Jae-Ha Park Deputy Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (Japan)</p> <p>Speaker: Kent Calder Director of the Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (United States)</p> <p>Respondent: James Grant Rolfe Director, Center for Strategic Studies (New Zealand)</p>
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14 June 2013 (Friday)

8:30 – 9:00	Participants arrive at Summit Venue
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Keynote Address: (Title to Be Confirmed) “Asian Century: The Challenges of Making It a Reality and the Role of ADB” <i>(open to the media)</i></p> <p>Takehiko Nakao President, Asian Development Bank</p>
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Session V Panel Presentations: The New World Order and Regionalization & Globalization in Asia</p>

Globalization and regionalization have reshaped and redefined the political and economic landscape in Asia over the past quarter century. These twin forces have also introduced a new set of actors, issues, and institutions that impact policy at the national, regional, and global levels. This transformation has occurred as the bi-polar world order has withered away. How are the countries in the region managing these new forces and tensions at the national, regional, and global levels?

Chair: Hideki Asari

Deputy Director General, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (Japan)

Panelists Opening Round Table Statements:

- **Nisha Taneja**, Professor, Indian Council of Research on International Economic Relations (India)
- **Fan He**, Deputy Director & Senior Fellow, Institute of World Economics and Politics at CASS, (PRC)
- **Nadeem UI Haque**, Deputy Chairman, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Planning Commission (Pakistan)
- **Medelina K Hendytio**, Deputy Executive Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Indonesia)
- **Le Xuan Ba**, President, Central Institute for Economic Management (Vietnam) [TBC]

11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break & Photo Session
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11:30 – 12:30	Session VI Round Table Discussion and Strategy Session Day 2 Building and Sustaining National, Regional and Global Partnerships and Networks
<p><i>The objective of this session is to develop a concrete set of recommendations and a plan of action flowing from the Summit. Specifically the think tanks will be asked to develop a set of recommendations for think tanks, journalists, and donors that will strengthen the capacity of national and regional governments to address the policy challenges they face.</i></p> <p><i>These recommendations might come in the form of public and private funding initiatives to support innovative, evidence-based, policy research, dissemination of best practices and innovative policy proposals, joint ventures between think tanks and the old and new media that would focus on the difficult policy choices that Asian countries will face in the next decade. Recommendations might suggest strategies or initiatives to address the regional and global policy issues discussed at the Summit. Finally, ideas for improving the profile, performance, and impact of think tanks individually and collectively may be suggested.</i></p> <p>Chair: James G. McGann, Director, TTCSP, University of Pennsylvania (United States)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugh John White, Professor, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University (Australia) • Joseph Yap, President, Philippine Institute for Development Studies (Philippines) [TBC] • Leeber Leebouapao, Director General, National Economic Research Institute (Lao PDR) • Chang-Hyun Yun, President, Korea Institute of Finance (Korea) • Suthiphand Chirathivat, Acting Executive Director, International Institute for Trade and Development (Thailand) 	
12:30 – 12:40	Closing Remarks
<p>Masahiro Kawai Dean & CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (Japan)</p> <p>James G. McGann Director, TTCSP, University of Pennsylvania (United States)</p>	