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Asia-Pacific Forum 2019
co-hosted by Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)
and Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

on

***The Future of the Asia-Pacific Economies
Beyond 2020***

-- How can the Asia-Pacific Region achieve a
better globalization in coping with rising
populism and emerging inequality? --

16 - 17 October 2019

(Venue: Westin Hotel Kuala Lumpur)

Wednesday, 16 October 2019

1000 - 1030

Arrival and Registration

Venue: Westin 1, Level 2

1030 - 1045

Welcoming Remarks by

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

Chairman and Chief Executive

Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

Welcome Remarks by

Mr Kazumasa Kusaka

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

1045 - 1105

Keynote Address by

YB Dr Ong Kian Ming

Deputy Minister

International Trade and Industry (MITI) Malaysia

1105 - 1115

Photo Session

Panel Session 1: Prospects and Issues for the Future Sustainable and Inclusive Growth in the Asia-Pacific Region

The Asia-Pacific region has been the growth center of the world economy. For its growth to be sustainable, it is important that growth should be inclusive with its outcome distributed equally. What are some constraining factors which must be overcome to achieve such growth in the coming years?

In the past, this region suffered low growth as protective “My Country First” measures, including excessive protection of infant industries, were taken. Then, this region achieved today’s development through such open and free trade measures as seen in the progress of ASEAN integration, China’s entry to WTO, the expansion of intra-regional FTAs, and the realization of the CPTPP.

Now in order for this region to enjoy the benefits of free trade to a maximum extent, it is imperative to implement domestic structural reforms. Growth strategies need to correspond to issues of structural reforms. In this session, issues, challenges and solutions for executing growth strategies in this region are broadly examined with attention paid to the notion that it is very important for growth to contribute to the overall welfare of society as well as GDP growth. In other words, growth has to be inclusive.

Guiding questions:

- What are the components of sustainable and inclusive growth that countries in the region should focus on in the medium to long-term and what are the challenges in achieving them?
- What are the sources of sustainable growth in the region? Can trade still be the vehicle for equal prosperity?
- How do we ensure that inclusive growth is achieved by all in the region?

Moderator:

Dr Josef T Yap

Senior Technical Advisor

ASEP-CELLs Project, Ateneo School of Government

Panelists:

Prof Shujiro Urata

Professor of Economics

Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Waseda University

Dr Man-jung Mignonne Chan

Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer

Forum on Humanities

Prof Gary Hawke

Emeritus Professor

Victoria University of Wellington

Dr Wisarn Pupphavesa

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Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

Dr Vo Tri Thanh

Chairman

Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
(VNCPEC)

Mr Alizan Mahadi

Senior Fellow, Technology, Innovation, Environment and
Sustainability (TIES)

Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

1230 – 1400

Welcome Luncheon

Hosted by Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)
Malaysia

1400 - 1510

Panel Session 2: Progress of Regional Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region and Its Outlook

In the Asia-Pacific region, ASEAN integration is progressing, intra-regional FTAs are expanding and the CPTPP was realized. Consequently these trade liberalization measures have promoted the establishment of intra-regional supply chains. In addition, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement is close to realization.

However, the recent US-China trade friction, which began due to the Trump administration's "America First" action, is causing changes in the regional supply chains, including those of Chinese companies. Amid actions of anti-globalization and protectionism seen in the EU and US, prerequisites for economic growth as well as issues, challenges and solutions are discussed for this region to maintain and develop free trade, and eventually lead it to the realization of a regional integration.

Guiding questions:

- What are the mid and long-term outlook for regional trade amidst trade tensions?
- Should countries in the region continue pushing for trade liberalization going forward beyond 2020?
- Which type of mega-regional trade deals are needed to reinvigorate further trade liberalization and facilitation efforts in the long-term?

Moderator:

Prof Tham Siew Year

Senior Fellow

ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute

Panelists

Dr Zhong Feiteng

Head and Professor

National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

Amb Murray McLean AO

Chairman

Dunmore McLean Pty Ltd

Datuk Seri Jayasiri Jayasena

Former Secretary-General

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia

Ms Anita Prakash

Director of Policy Relations

Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Dr Juita Mohamad

Fellow, Economics, Trade and Regional Integration (ETRI)
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

1510 - 1530

Coffee Break

1530 – 1640

Panel Session 3: New Challenges for Achieving Economic Prosperity

New difficulties have arisen in realizing inclusive growth and achieving the economic prosperity and stability of the Asia-Pacific region. One is the Digital Revolution and the other is political populism. The impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Digital Revolution on this region is a matter of particular concern. On the other hand, there remains a concern whether political populism could cause anti-globalization in this region sentiments.

Against these backdrops, and in achieving the region's socio-economic stability and prosperity, what should we do? This session will examine human resource as well as infrastructure development and other possible solutions.

Guiding questions:

- What is needed for countries in the region to participate in the Fourth Industrial Revolution?
- How does quality infrastructure fit into the needs of a region in boosting its supply capacity?
- What can be done to offset anti-globalization sentiments on the ground?

Moderator:

Mr Naoyuki Haraoka

Executive Managing Director
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Panelists:

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Distinguished Professor
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1640 - 1700

Closing Remarks by

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

Chairman and Chief Executive

Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

1800 - 1830

Cocktail Session

1830 - 2030

Welcome Dinner

Hosted by Japan Economic Foundation

Thursday, 17 October 2019

0900 - 1200

Closed-door Roundtable

1200 - 1300

Farewell Lunch

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