

The 5th JEF-KRA Global Risk Symposium



Managing the global politico-economic crisis
 under the COVID-19 pandemic and searching for solutions

17:00 ∼19:00 (JST), Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 October

Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) and Komatsu Research & Advisory (KRA) will be holding the 5th Global Risk Symposium over 2 consecutive days to analyse the current rapidly changing international climate from a multifaceted perspective. Due to the ongoing pandemic, it will be held by video conference (with simultaneous interpreters).

Managing the global politico-economic crisis under the COVID-19 pandemic and searching for solutions: As North East Asian and Indo-Pacific countries respond to the growing influence of China in the new international order, could the UK's post-Brexit "Global Britain" strategy end up being a "White Knight" for the democratic camp? As seen in the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" (FOIP) concept created by Japan, it is paramount to maintain and develop the "breathing space" that has allowed for free trade and investment in this region. Within this context, the speakers will analyse the changing international trends from the perspectives of each country and region. We hope that the symposium will be able to provide some food for thought for the Japanese public and private sectors.

The symposium will be opened by Mr. Masakazu Toyoda, Chairman and CEO of JEF, followed by our distinguished guest speaker Minister

Kuniko Inoguchi, Member of the Parliament, the House of Councillors, former Minister of State for Gender Equality and Social Affairs of Japan. The two-day sessions will be moderated by Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu, Principal of Komatsu Research & Advisory.

On day 1, Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu will set the scene by elaborating on the role of the new post-Brexit British "Global Britain" international policy and the issues surrounding e.g. climate change at the coming COP26.

Minister Peter Sinon, former Minister for Industry, Investments and Natural Resources, Republic of Seychelles, will provide a perspective from a commonwealth member state.

The other distinguished speakers will then join in the panel discussion, with questions coming from the moderator, speakers and the audience.

On day 2, Mr. Mike King, former British police officer will provide a British perspective of current international situation including East Asia and the post-Brexit British strategy.

He would be followed by Dr. Dong Yong Sueng, member of Council of Advisors on foreign and security policy to the BLUE HOUSE, who will cover the latest global issues including the situation in the Korean peninsula with North Korea and China.

The talks will be followed by a panel discussion among all 4 speakers, taking questions from the audience.

Symposium Timetable

UK	SC	Japan/ ROK	Day 1 Wednesday, 13 October 2021
09:00	12:00	17:00	Administrative remarks from organisers
09:05	12:05	17:05	Opening remarks: Mr. Masakazu Toyoda, Chairman & CEO, Japan Economic Foundation
09:10	12:10	17:10	Guest Speech: Minister Kuniko Inoguchi , Member of the Parliament, the House of Councillors, Minister of State for Gender Equality and Social Affairs of Japan (2005-2006)
09:20	12:20	17:20	Speaker 1: Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu, Principal, Komatsu Research & Advisory (KRA) explaining the concept of this symposium
09:50	12:50	17:50	Speaker 2 : Minister Peter Sinon, Seychellois Minister for Industry, Investments and Natural Resources (2010-2015), High Commissioner to South Africa and Namibia, Executive Director at the African Development Bank
10:15	13:15	18:15	Panel discussion among 4 speakers with questions from the moderator and floor
10:55	13:55	18:55	Closing remarks from Mr. Masakazu Toyoda, Chairman & CEO of JEF

UK	SC	Japan/ ROK	Day 2 Thursday, 14 October 2021
09:00	12:00	17:00	Administrative remarks from organisers
09:05	12:05	17:05	Opening by Dr. Komatsu, Komatsu Research & Advisory (KRA)
09:10	12:10	17:10	Speaker 3: Mr. Mike King, former British police officer
09:35	12:35	17:35	Speaker 4: Dr. Dong Yong Sueng, Former member of Council of
			Policy Advisors to the President of the Republic of Korea as well as
			a member of Council of Advisors on foreign and security policy to
			the BLUE HOUSE; Director of the Institute of Good Farmers (NGO)
			(* In Korean and simultaneously translated to Japanese and
			English)
10:00	13:00	18:00	Panel discussion among 4 speakers with questions from the
			moderator and floor
10:40	13:40	18:40	Summary of discussions by Dr. Komatsu, Principal of KRA
10:55	13:55	18:55	Closing remarks from Mr. Toyoda, Chairman & CEO of JEF