

Program

February 1, 2013

In alphabetical order by country name

Sunday, 3 February 2013

18:00 - 20:00 **Welcoming Dinner hosted by JEF**

Venue: Banquet Room “SIRIUS”, ANA InterContinental Tokyo (Level 37)

Monday, 4 February 2013

Open Forum

Venue: Exhibition Hall, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Headquarter (Level 5)

09:30 - 10:00 **Registration** (with Coffee & Tea on Arrival)

10:00 **Opening of the symposium**

Announcement by

Amb. Shinichi SAITO, Executive Director, International Affairs, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

10:00 - 10:10 **Opening Remarks by**

Mr. Noboru HATAKEYAMA, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) (Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI (METI as of now)) of Japan

10:10 - 10:40 **Keynote Address by**

Mr. Nobuhiko SASAKI, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan

10:40 - 10:45 Preparation for the next session

10:45 - 12:15 **Session 1: Status of Bilateral and Regional FTAs in the Asia-Pacific Region**

- a. Overview: Taking stock of the state of recent FTAs in the Asia-Pacific region
- b. Focused discussions
 - i. Assessment of regional FTAs such as the TPP, RCEP, and China-Japan-South Korea FTA
 - ii. Assessment of FTAs linking the Asia-Pacific region with outside entities, particularly the EU (Japan-EU, South Korea-EU, U.S.-EU, etc.)

Moderator:

Dr. Andrew ELEK, Research Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University and The inaugural chairman of APEC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

Presenters: (7 minutes each)

1. **Prof. Hidetoshi NISHIMURA**, Executive Director, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)
2. **Prof. DJISMAN Simandjuntak**, Professor of Business Economics, Prasetiya Mulya Business School and Chairman, Board of Directors, CSIS Foundation
3. **Mr. Kazumasa KUSAKA**, Corporate Adviser, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan)
4. **Mr. Jayasena JAYASIRI**, Senior Director, Multilateral Trade Policy and Negotiations, Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia
5. **Prof. Gary HAWKE**, Emeritus Professor, Victoria University of Wellington

Questions and Answers / Open Discussion

12:15 - 13:15 **Working Lunch hosted by JEF** (Panelists & VIP guests only)

*Venue: 5A Conference Room, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
Headquarter (Level 5)*

13:30 - 15:00 **Session 2: Changes in the Political and Economic Environment Which Affect FTAs in Asia**

- a. Overview: Analysis and assessment of factors influencing FTAs and other free trade systems
- b. Focused discussions
 - i. Impact of the EU currency crisis on the economy of the Asia-Pacific region
 - ii. How to evaluate the impact of recessionary fears on the global economy and on the economy of the Asia-Pacific region
 - iii. How to evaluate the impact of recent changes in the international political situation involving Japan, China, and South Korea on trade and the economy

Moderator:

Prof. Simon SC TAY, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

Presenters: (7 minutes each)

1. **Prof. YAO Yang**, Dean, National School of Development (NSD) and Professor, Director, China Center for Economic Research (CCER), Peking University
2. **Mr. Hiroyuki ISHIGE**, Chairman and CEO, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) (Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs,

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan)

3. **Prof. Shujiro URATA**, Professor of International Economics, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University
4. **Dr. Thomas G. AQUINO**, Senior Fellow, Center for Research and Communications, University of Asia and the Pacific (Former Senior Undersecretary, Department of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Philippines)

Questions and Answers / Open Discussion

15:00 - 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 - 16:45 **Session 3: Future Prospects for FTAs in the Asia-Pacific Region**

- a. Overview: Prospects for trade liberalization in the Asia-Pacific region (TPP, RCEP, China-Japan-South Korea FTA, FTAAP, etc.)
- b. Focused discussions (key issues to influence future prospects)
 - i. Development of FTAs to assure the stable supply of resources (how to deal with export restrictions)
As import liberalization proceeds apace, export restrictions remain in force, giving rise to fears that this key area of regulation will be left behind in the liberalization process.
 - ii. How to redefine the concept of national borders in trade reform
International dumping and domestic dumping should be ideally treated in the same manner.
 - iii. Fairness in terms of opportunities to participate in FTAs such as the RCEP in the Asia-Pacific Region
Will inequality in terms of opportunities act as a negative factor for regional revitalization?

Moderator:

Mr. Noboru HATAKEYAMA, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) (Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI (METI as of now)) of Japan)

Presenters: (7 minutes each)

1. **Prof. ZHANG Yunling**, Academy Member, Director of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
2. **Dr. Chulsu KIM**, Chairman, Institute for Trade & Investment (ITI), Lee International (Former Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea)
3. **Amb. Mark SINCLAIR**, The New Zealand Ambassador to Japan

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4. **Dr. Hank LIM**, Senior Research Fellow, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)
5. **Dr. Mignonne Man-jung CHAN**, Executive Board Member, Association of the Emerging Market Studies (AEMS) and Visiting Professor, International Doctoral Program in Asia-Pacific Studies (IDAS), National Chengchi University
6. **Mr. Kurt TONG**, Deputy Chief of Mission, The Embassy of the United States

Questions and Answers / Open Discussion

16:45 - 16:50 Preparation for the next session

16:50 - 16:55 **Concluding Session**

Concluding Remarks by

Mr. Hiroyuki ISHIGE, Chairman and CEO, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) (Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan)

16:55 **Closing of the symposium**

Announcement by

Amb. Shinichi SAITO, Executive Director, International Affairs, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

18:30 - 20:30 **Dinner hosted by JETRO**

Venue: ARK HILLS CLUB, 37F East Wing, ARK Mori Building

Tuesday 5, February 2013

Experts' Roundtable (closed)

Venue: 5A + 5B Conference Rooms, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Headquarter (Level 5)

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration** (with Coffee & Tea on Arrival)

09:00 - 10:45 **Discussion**

Chair:

Mr. Noboru HATAKEYAMA, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) (Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI (METI as of now)) of Japan)

10:45 - 11:00 **Break**

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11:00 - 12:45 **Discussion**

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13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch hosted by JEF**

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