

Asia-Pacific Forum 2014
“Sharing Prosperity and Responsibility for Mega-Regionals”
24th November 2014
The Fullerton Hotel, Singapore

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Public Forum		
Date: Monday, 24 November 2014		
Time	Programme	Venue
13:45 – 14:15	<u>Registration</u>	Ballroom 3, The Fullerton Hotel (Lower Lobby Level)
14:15 – 14:25	<u>Welcome Remarks</u> 1. Prof. Simon TAY, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) 2. Mr. Kazumasa KUSAKA, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)	
14:25 – 14:45	<u>Opening Keynote: “Can Asia share prosperity and responsibility in mega regionals?”</u> By Mr. LEE Yi Shyan, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and National Development, Singapore <u>Synopsis:</u> Much has been said about the successes of trade agreements to economic growth and prosperity. Asian economies have benefited massively from the interplay of market forces and increased participation in trade. But, development gaps and disparities continue to persist in the region. As trade agreements become bigger and more ambitious, will some risk being left behind?	
14:45 – 16:00	<u>Panel Session 1: “Nationalism and regional integration: can Asians balance?”</u> <u>Synopsis:</u> Asia is on the ascent and well-poised to become a driver of the world’s economy. But, nationalism is intensifying in a number of key Asian economies and may halt the process of regional economic integration. Can Asians maintain a delicate balancing act between national and regional interests? <u>Panellists:</u> 1. Dr. Choong Yong AHN, Chairman, Korean Commission for Corporate Partnership 2. Mr. Tadayuki NAGASHIMA, Executive Vice President, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)	

	<p>3. Dr. VO Tri Thanh, Vice President, Central Institute for Economic Management of Vietnam</p> <p>4. Dr. Josef T. YAP, Professorial Lecturer, University of the Philippines School of Economics</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Naoyuki HARAOKA, Executive Managing Director, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)</p>	
16:00 – 16:20	<u>Coffee Break</u>	
16:20 – 17:35	<p><u>Panel Session 2: “Getting trade done right: TPP, RCEP and beyond”</u></p> <p><u>Synopsis:</u> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) have been positioned as the trans-pacific and pan-Asian track to the wider free trade area of Asia Pacific (FTAAP), respectively. With TPP and RCEP negotiations scheduled to conclude by end-2014 and end-2015, respectively, how can we realise the potential and opportunities of these mega-regionals?</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Denis HEW, Director of Policy Support Unit, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2. Mr. Jayasiri JAYASENA, Senior Director of Strategy and Monitoring, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia 3. Dr. Chulsu KIM, Chairman, Institute for Trade & Investment 4. Prof. Shujiro URATA, Professor of Economics, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University, Japan <p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Simon TAY, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)</p>	<p>Ballroom 3, The Fullerton Hotel (Lower Lobby Level)</p>
17:35 – 17:45	<p><u>Closing Remarks</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Simon TAY, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) 2. Mr. Kazumasa KUSAKA, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) 	