

International Symposium
“*Seeking the optimum future shape for regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region*”

10 - 12 October 2010

hosted by

Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) & New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA)

Program

October 10, 2010

Sunday, 10 October 2010

19:00 - 21:00 **Welcoming Dinner hosted by NZIIA**

Venue: Featherston Room, InterContinental Wellington (Level 1)

Monday, 11 October 2010

Open Forum

Venue: Lambton Room, InterContinental Wellington (Level 1)

9:00 - 9:30 **Registration** (with Tea & Coffee on Arrival)

9:30 - 9:45 **Welcoming Remarks by**

Hon. Russell MARSHALL, President, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA)

Opening Speech by

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

9:45 - 10:15 **Keynote Address by**

Hon. Tim GROSER, Minister of Trade, New Zealand

10:15 - 12:00 **Session 1: The contribution of FTAs**

- FTAs/CEPs in progress in Asia-Pacific; an introduction to EAFTA, CEPEA, TPP, FTAAP
- Comparative experience/process of select economies (e.g. China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, New Zealand)
- The relative impacts of FTAs on small and large economies; regional economic integration rather than “hub and spoke” configurations
- The nature of FTAs in a world of generally low tariffs; how do FTAs facilitate trade in services, and generate coordination of regulatory approaches?

Moderator:

Dr. Hank LIM, Senior Research Fellow, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

Presenters: (7 minutes each)

1. **Mr. J. Jayasiri**, Senior Director, Economic and Trade Relations, Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia
2. **Prof. Robert SCOLLAY**, Associate Professor and Director of the APEC Study Centre, The University of Auckland
3. **Prof. DJISMAN Simandjuntak**, Executive Director, Prasetiya Mulya Business School, and Chairman, Board of Directors, CSIS Foundation
4. **Mr. Makoto SHIOTA**, Deputy Director-General, for International Regional Policy, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Japan

Discussants: (4 minutes each)

1. **Dr. Sangkyom KIM**, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Trade and Investment Policy, and Executive Director, Korean National Center for APEC Studies, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)
2. **Prof. Shujiro URATA**, Professor of International Economics, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University

Questions and Answers / Open Discussion

12:00 - 13:00 **Buffet Lunch hosted by JEF**

Venue: Pre Function area, InterContinental Wellington (Level 1)

13:00 - 14:30 **Session 2: The post-financial and economic crisis and FTAs** – How is the international system coping in the post-economic crisis period; next step?

- The contribution of regional economic integration in terms of domestic and export markets
- Rebalancing growth; increasing the relative importance of domestic demand relative to exports; the place of intra-regional trade within such rebalancing
- The contribution of knowledge-based growth strategies
- Managing cross-border supply chains
- Where does Asia fit?
- The relation between financial regulatory reform and regional economic integration (Is it necessary in Asia-Pacific region to pursue the same financial regulatory reform as the one in the United States?)
- Financial liberalization as part of “FTA for Services Trade”

Moderator:

Prof. DJISMAN Simandjuntak, Executive Director, Prasetiya Mulya Business School, and Chairman, Board of Directors, CSIS Foundation

Presenters: (7 minutes each)

1. **Prof. QIN Yaqing**, Professor and Executive Vice president, China Foreign Affairs University

2. **Prof. Simon SC TAY**, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)
3. **Dr. Mignonne Man-jung CHAN**, Assistant Professor, Graduate Institute of the Americas, Tamkang University
4. **Prof. Gary HAWKE**, Emeritus Professor, Victoria University of Wellington

Discussants: (4 minutes each)

1. **Mr. Tony NOWELL**, Member, APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) New Zealand
2. **Dr. Hank LIM**, Senior Research Fellow, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)
3. **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)
4. **Mr. Hidetoshi NISHIMURA**, Executive Director, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Questions and Answers / Open Discussion

14:30 - 14:45 **Coffee Break**

14:45 - 16:15 **Session 3: What could be the optimum future shape for regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region?**

- The potential contribution of FTAAP and TPP
- Is an East Asia Community really necessary?

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16:15 - 16:30 **Concluding Session**

Concluding Remarks by

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

Mr. Brian LYNCH, Director, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA)

19:00 - 21:00 **Dinner hosted by JEF**

Venue: Wellington Room, InterContinental Wellington (Level 1)

Tuesday 12 October 2010

Experts' Roundtable (closed)

Venue: Lambton Room 2&3, InterContinental Wellington (Level 1)

9:30 - 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, Japan)

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

11:00 - 12:15 **Discussion**

Chair:

Mr. Brian LYNCH, Director, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA)

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch hosted by JEF**

Venue: “Chameleon Restaurant”, InterContinental Wellington (Ground floor)

Note: Care is required to ensure that discussions are not too generalized or abstract. In selecting a theme, consideration has been given to avoid the discussion from diverging and, instead, to allow it to converge.