International Symposium
“Under economic crises, how should Asia promote further economic integration?”
23 - 25 September 2009
hosted by Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) & Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

Program
September 24, 2009
in alphabetical order by country name

Wednesday, 23 September 2009

19:30 - 21:30  Welcoming Dinner hosted by RIS
Venue: Villa Medici, The Taj Mahal Hotel New Delhi (Top floor)

Thursday, 24 September 2009
Open Forum
Venue: Diwan-i-Am, The Taj Mahal Hotel New Delhi (Lower lobby)

9:00 - 9:30  Registration

9:30 - 9:45  Chair: Dr. Arjun SENGUPTA, Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha
Welcoming Remarks by
Dr. Biswajit DHAR, Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

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
Dr. Shashi THAROOR, Hon’ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Govt. of India

10:15 – 10:30  Chairman’s Remarks
Dr. Arjun SENGUPTA, Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Vote of Thanks by
Dr. Ram Upendra DAS, Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
10:30 - 12:00  **Session 1: The financial and economic crisis and FTAs** – How can intra-regional export growth through FTAs help tackle the crisis?

**Moderator:**
Dr. Hank LIM, Director for Research, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

**Presenters:** (7 minutes each)
1. Dr. DJISMAN Simandjuntak, Executive Director, Prasetiya Mulya Business School, and Chairman, Board of Directors, CSIS Foundation
2. Mr. Noriyuki MITA, Director, Economic Partnership Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Japan
3. Dr. Thomas G. AQUINO, Senior Undersecretary, Department of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Philippines

**Discussants:** (3 minutes each)
1. Dr. Mignonette Man-jung CHAN, Senior Advisor, National Security Council

Questions and Answers / Open Discussion

12:00 - 13:00  **Buffet Lunch hosted by JEF**  
*Venue: Aftab-Mahtab, The Taj Mahal Hotel New Delhi (Lower lobby)*

13:00 - 14:30  **Session 2: Asian FTAs in progress** – An introduction to EAFTA, CEPEA, and TPP

**Moderator:**
Mr. Naoyuki HARAOKA, Executive Managing Director, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

**Presenters:** (7 minutes each)
1. Prof. ZHANG Yunling, Director, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
2. Dr. Shujiro URATA, Professor of International Economics, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University
3. Prof. Gary HAWKE, Emeritus Professor, Victoria University

**Discussants:** (3 minutes each)
1. Dr. Ram Upendra DAS, Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
2. Mr. Hidetoshi NISHIMURA, Executive Director, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)
3. H.E.Amb. ONG Keng Yong, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Singapore, and Director, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)

Questions and Answers / Open Discussion
14:30 - 14:45  **Coffee Break**

14:45 - 16:15  **Session 3: What would be the future shape for regional economic integration in East Asia?**

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

**Presenters: (7 minutes each)**
1. Mr. P.K. DASH, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
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. Dr. Hank LIM, Director for Research, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

**Discussants: (3 minutes each)**
1. Mr. J. Jayasiri, Senior Director, Economic and Trade Relations, Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia

Questions and Answers / Open Discussion

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

**Chair:** Ms. L.K. PONAPPA, Vice Chairperson, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Deputy National Security Advisor

**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)

Dr. Biswajit DHAR, Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

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

*Venue: Diwan-i-Khas, The Taj Mahal Hotel New Delhi (Lower lobby)*
Friday, 25 September 2009

Experts’ Informal Roundtable
Venue: Diwan-i-Khas, The Taj Mahal Hotel New Delhi (Lower lobby)

9:30 - 10:30 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)

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:45 Discussion

Chair:
Dr. Biswajit DHAR, Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

11:45 - 12:00 Intermission

12:00 - 12:45 Media Briefing led by RIS
Attendee: Dr. Biswajit DHAR, Mr. Noboru HATAKEYAMA and some panelists

12:45 - 14:15 Lunch hosted by RIS
Venue: Aftab-Mahtab, The Taj Mahal Hotel New Delhi (Lower lobby)

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.