

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. Mignonne 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.