

# Regional Economic Cooperation in Northeast Asia

## Tenth Northeast Asia Economic Forum

Changchun, China, 27–29 April 2001

Changchun International Conference Center and Hotel  
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Organized by the Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF)

In Cooperation with The East-West Center, UNDP-Tumen River Area Development Programme, Jilin University Institute for Northeast Asian Studies, Japan's Committee for the Promotion of the Asian Energy Community (CPAEC), the Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA), the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI), and the World Bank

### Agenda

#### Thursday, 26 April 2001

**ALL DAY**      **REGISTRATION** (First floor reception desk lobby)

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#### Friday, 27 April 2001

Second Floor Conference Room

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**7:00-9:30**      **BREAKFAST:** First floor—Jun Zi Lan Chinese Restaurant (west wing, nearest river)

**9:30-11:30**      **OPENING CEREMONY**  
Opening Remarks by **Lee-Jay Cho**, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum  
Welcome by **Hong Hu**, Governor of Jilin Province

**KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Jiang Zheng Hua**

Vice Chairman, Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of

China

**STATEMENTS BY COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Hisao Kanamori**, Chairman, Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia

*Japan (1998 and 1995 host)*

**Sodovjamsin Khurelbaatar**, Ambassador of Mongolia to Japan  
*Mongolia (1997 host)*

**Kenji Sumida**, Adviser, North America Committee of the Northeast Asia Economic Forum

*United States (1996 host)*

**Duck-Woo Nam**, former Prime Minister, Republic of Korea  
*Republic of Korea (1994 host)*

**Georgi Toloraya**, Deputy Director General, First Asian Department, Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
*Russian Federation (1993 host)*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Kerstin Leitner**, UNDP Resident Representative, China

**Li Hua Li**, Deputy Mayor, Changchun City

*Changchun City: Taking and Important Role in Northeast Asian Economic Development with its Characteristics and Urban Progress*

**Zhang Donghui**, Deputy Director General, Tumen River Area Development Administration, Jilin Government

*New Progress in the Tumen Program and its Role in Northeast Asian Regional Economic Cooperation*

**11:45-13:00** LUNCH (first floor, Jun Zi Lan Chinese Restaurant)

**13:00-15:00** SESSION 1. MARINE, LAND, AND AIR TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

Chariperson: **Tsogtsaihan Gombo**, Team Leader, Tumen Secretariat, UNDP

1. The Role of Changchun's Transportation System in Northeast Asia (**Liu Yuan Jun**, Deputy Mayor, Changchun City)
2. Key Transportation Corridors in Northeast Asia: Overcoming Physical and Regulatory Impediments (**Hisako Tsuji**, Senior Economist, ERINA)
3. Significance of the Korean Peninsula in the Northeast Asian Transportation Network (Il Soo Jun, Vice President and **Seung Beum Ahn**, Senior Fellow, KOTI)
4. Present State of the Land Transport System in the Russian Far East, **Yaroslav Seminikhin**, President, Joint Stock Company, Far Eastern Marine Research, Design and Technology Institute

Commentators: **Bat-Erdeniin Batbayar**, Chairman, Northeast Asia Association of Mongolia, **Kohei Nishinomiya**, Managing Director,

Akita Kairiku Unso Co., Ltd., **Georgi Toloraya**, Deputy Director General, First Asian Department, Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Mark Valencia**, Senior Fellow, East-West Center, **Zenkichi Wada**, Chairman, Japan Overseas Ports Cooperation Association (from floor)

Open Discussion and Agenda for Action

**15:00-15:20**      **BREAK**

**15:20-17:20**      **SESSION 2. COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE**

Chairperson: **Duck Woo Nam**, former Prime Minister, ROK, and Chairman, Korea Sanhak Foundation

1. Alternative Financing Strategies: A Northeast Asian Development Bank (**Wu Jinghua**, Vice General Secretary, Tianjin Committee of the CPC, and Director, Tianjin Economic and Social Development Research Center)
2. Strengthening Financial Cooperation: An Urgent Need for Northeast Asian Regional Cooperation (**Zhu Ye Jing**, Deputy Mayor Changchun City)
3. JBIC's Role in the Northeast Asian Region (**Kazuhisa Marukawa**, Senior Executive Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC))
4. The Role of the Private Sector in Development Finance in Northeast Asia (**Jai Woong Lee**, Visiting Professor, Sogang University)

Commentators: **Danzanbaljir Enhjargal**, Director, Supervision Department, The Bank of Mongolia, **Hisao Kanamori**, Chairman, ERINA, **Lee-Jay Cho**, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum and Senior Adviser, East-West Center,

Open Discussion and Agenda for Action

**17:30-21:00**      **DINNER** (first floor, Jun Zi Lan Chinese Restaurant)

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## Saturday, 28 April 2001

Morning Session: First Floor Conference Room  
Afternoon Sessions: Second Floor Conference Room

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**7:00-9:00**      **BREAKFAST:** First floor—Jun Zi Lan Chinese Restaurant (west wing, nearest river)

**9:00-11:00**      **SESSION 3. COOPERATION IN HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION**

Chairperson: **Zhang Donghui**, Deputy Director General, Tumen River Area Development Administration, Jilin Government

1. The Importance of Human Resources Development and the Role of International Organizations in Human Resources Development and Poverty Reduction (**Kerstin Leitner**, UNDP Resident Representative, China)
2. Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia and Human Resources Development, **Sodovjamtsin Khurelbaatar**, Ambassador of Mongolia to Japan
3. Research Report on Human Resources Development in Northeast Asia (**Wang Shengjin**, Dean, Northeast Asian Studies, Jilin University)
4. DPRK Labor and Its Prospects (**Eric Im**, Professor of Economics, University of Hawaii at Hilo)
5. Building Regional Partnerships for the Development of Human Resources (**Juro Nakagawa**, Professor, Tokyo Keizai University)

Commentators: **Andrey Admidin**, Economic Research Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, Far Eastern Branch, Khabarovsk, **Baasanjav Ganbold**, Board Member, Northeast Asia Association of Mongolia, **Gangzhe Li**, Visiting Fellow, Institute for Northeast Asian Studies, Tokyo, **Han-Seung Sun**, Korea Tripartite Commission, Senior Adviser on Labor Affairs, Korea Labor Institute

Open Discussion and Agenda for Action

**11:00-12:30**      **LUNCH** (first floor, Jun Zi Lan Chinese Restaurant)

**12:30-15:30**      **SESSION 4. A FRAMEWORK FOR ENERGY COOPERATION IN NORTHEAST ASIA**

Chairperson: **Taro Nakayama**, former Foreign Minister of Japan and Chairman of Japan's Committee for the Promotion of the Asian Energy Community (CPAEC)

1. Building a Strategic Framework for Natural Gas Trade in Northeast Asia (**Mohammad Farhandi**, Lead Energy Specialist, East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank)
2. Possibilities for Cooperation in Energy Issues on the Korean Peninsula and Implications for Northeast Asia (**Dongin Lee**, Energy Specialist, Kogas)
3. The Role of Natural Gas in the Energy Strategy of Eastern Russia (**Victor Kalashnikov**, Researcher, Economic Research Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, Far Eastern Branch, Khabarovsk)
4. Prospects for Natural Gas Export from Eastern Siberia to Asia-Pacific Countries (**Andrew Gette**, Expert, Joint Stock Company, Russia Petroleum)
5. Natural Gas in Northeast Asia: Regional Developments and Future Cooperation (**Kang Wu**, Fellow, Energy and Economic Development, East-West Center)
6. Jilin Energy Cooperation in Northeast Asia (**Zhao Guo Hua**, Vice Secretary, Changchun City Government)
7. Energy and Environmental Cooperation in Northeast Asia (**Yoshiyuki Nakajima**, Research Fellow, NIRA)

Commentator: **Tsegmidyn Sukhbaatar**, Director General, Department of Fuel and Energy, Ministry of Infrastructure Development of Mongolia

Open Discussion and Agenda for Action

**15:30-16:00**      **BREAK**

**16:00-18:00**      **CONCLUDING SESSION**  
Agendas for Action: Chairpersons  
Announcement of the NEAEF Electricity Summit in Hokuriku  
Changchun Confirmation  
Closing Statements by Country Representatives  
Closing of the Meeting by Lee-Jay Cho

**18:30-20:30**      **RECEPTION** (first floor conference room)  
Hosted by Jilin Province and Changchun City  
Toast by Li Shu, Mayor, Changchun City

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**Sunday, 29 April 2001**

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**9:00-11:30**      **FIELD TRIPS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE OF CHANGCHUN OR JILIN UNIVERSITY**

Participants' choice:

Please inform organizers which field trip you wish to join by April 28.

Late check-out will be arranged for field trip participants who are departing on April 29.

Buses depart from the front of the Changchun International Conference Center and Hotel

**12:00-13:30**      **LUNCH** (first floor, Jun Zi Lan Chinese Restaurant)