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**Korea Asia Pacific Institute**

**Japan Bank for International Cooperation**

**Japan Electric Power Information Center**

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**Nankai University**

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## AGENDA

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>August 7 to 8</b>	<b>Arrival</b> <b>Check-in: Hotel Metropolitan Sendai</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 8</b>	Venue: Hotel Metropolitan Sendai, Ginga Room, 21 <sup>st</sup> Floor  18:00 – 18:30 <b>Orientation</b> 18:30 – 19:00 <b>Registration</b> 19:00 – 20:30 <b>Reception Dinner</b>
<b>Thursday, August 9</b>	Venue: Chi no Yakata 知の館 (Tokyo Electron House of Creativity), Tohoku University  8:30 – 9:00 <b>Registration</b>  9:00 – 9:40 <b>Opening Ceremony</b> <i>Chair</i> Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum  <b>Welcoming and Introductory Remarks</b> <i>Remarks on behalf of the Country Representatives</i> Park Kwan-Young, Former Speaker of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea; President of National Development Institute Wang Shuzu, Former Vice Mayor, Tianjin Municipal Government, Executive Vice Chair of the Research Center for Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia George Ariyoshi, Former Governor of Hawai'i Pavel Minakir, Academician and President, Economic Research Institute, Far East Branch, Russia Academy of Sciences, Russia Ganbold Baasanjav, Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Mongolia  9:40 – 10:05 <b>Keynote Address</b> Mr. Nikai Toshihiro, Member, House of Representatives (Diet), Japan; Secretary-General, Liberal Democratic Party  10:05 – 10:20 <b>Group Photo</b> 10:20 – 10:35 <b>Coffee Break</b> 10:35 – 12:15 <b>Session 1: Building a Northeast Asia Economic Community and its Extended Regions</b> <i>Co-Chairs</i> Jeong Hyung-Gon, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy Cai Jiming, Center for Political Economy Tsinghua University, National People's Congress Deputy, Board Member for Finance Committee, National People's Congress  <i>Presenters</i> Zhao Xianfeng, Asian Financial Cooperation Association Deputy Secretary-General

Guo Yanjun, Director, Institute of Asian Studies, China Foreign Affairs University and Coordinator for Trilateral Cooperation for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Sergei Sevastianov, Director, Asia Pacific International Institutions and Multilateral Cooperation Studies Center Oriental Institute-School of Regional and International Studies, Far Eastern Federal University

Yamaguchi Tsuyoshi, Member, House of Representatives (Diet) and Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan

*Discussants*

Sangmin Nam, Interim Head of Office, UNESCAP-ENEA

Glyn Ford, Director, Track2Asia, European Union

Liu Ming, Associate Professor, School of Finance, Nankai University

**12:15 – 13:15 Lunch**

**13:15 – 14:45 Session 2: Cross-border Infrastructure and Special Economic Zones in Northeast Asia**

*Co-Chairs*

Yamaguchi Tsuyoshi, Member, House of Representatives (Diet) and Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum

*Presenters*

Glyn Ford, Director, Track2Asia, European Union

Anthony Mitchell, President, Korea Associates Business Consultancy

Inoue Satoshi, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

Sangmin Nam, Interim Head of Office, UNESCAP-ENEA

*Discussants*

Pavel Minakir, Academician and Director, Economic Research Institute, Far East Branch, Russia Academy of Sciences, Russia

**14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break**

**15:00 – 16:45 Session 3: Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia**

*Co-Chairs*

Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum

Wang Shuzu, Former Vice Mayor of Tianjin Municipal Government, China

*Presenters*

Maeda Tadashi, Governor and Representative Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

Joo Hyunghwan, Former Minister of Industry and Resources, Korea

Stanley Katz, Former Executive Vice President, Asian Development Bank

Lee Jai-Min, Professor, Korea Maritime University; Former Vice President, Korea Export-Import Bank

*Discussants*

Hong Jae Hyung, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Korea and Chairman, Presidential Nomination Supervisory Commission for the Democratic Party, Korea  
Liu Lanbiao, Vice Dean, School of Finance, Nankai University, Deputy Director of the Research Center for Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia  
Liu Ming, Associate Professor, School of Finance, Nankai University, Secretary General of the Research Center for Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia

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**Friday, August 10**

Venue: Chi no Yakata 知の館 (Tokyo Electron House of Creativity), Tohoku University

**9:00 – 10:15 Session 4: Energy and Environment in Northeast Asia**  
*Co-Chairs*

Stephen Cowper, Former Governor of Alaska  
Kim Kyung Sool, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Energy Economics Institute

*Presenters*

Tanabe Yasuo, Special Representative for External Relations, Hitachi, Ltd.  
Yoo Haksik, Associate Research Fellow, Korea Energy Economics Institute  
Iinuma Yoshiki, Director, Research Department, Japan Electric Power Information Center  
Terry Surlles, Senior Advisor, California Institute for Energy and Environment, UC/Berkeley.

*Discussants*

Tarui Nori, Professor of Economics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Kenji Sumida, Former President, East-West Center; Secretary General, North American Committee, Northeast Asia Economic Forum

**10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break**

**10:30 – 12:00 Session 5: Tourism Cooperation in Northeast Asia**  
*Co-Chairs*

Kojima Takashi, Member of Prefectural Assembly, Niigata, Japan and Chairman, Northeast Asia Tourism Forum  
Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum

*Presenters*

Akihiro Iwashita, Professor, Hokkaido University  
Brendan Bussmann, Public Affairs and Strategic Development Consultant and Ray Cho, University of Nevada  
Konishi Yoko, Senior Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (REITI), Japan

*Discussants*

Yasuhiro Tsuboi, Managing Director & Board Member, Japan Tourist Bureau (JTB)  
Denise Konan, Dean, College of Social Sciences, University of Hawaii at Manoa

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 14:15 **Panel Discussion on Natural Disaster and Regional Cooperation**

*Panelists*

Imamura Fumihiko, Professor of Tsunami Engineering,  
Director, International Research Institute of  
Disaster Science, Tohoku University

Liu Wei, Professor & Vice Dean, School of Finance,  
Nankai University

Elizabeth Maly, Assistant Professor, International  
Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku  
University

*Discussant*

Tarui Nori, Professor of Economics, University of Hawai'i  
at Mānoa

14:15 – 14:30 **Coffee Break**

14:30 – 15:15 **Closing Session**

*Chair*

Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum  
**Statement**

18:00 – 20:30 **Dinner Hosted by Organizing Institutions (YLP  
Completion Ceremony prior to dinner)**

Restaurant Hagi

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**Saturday, August 11** Venue: 30<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hall 30A, TKP Garden City Sendai (2 min walk from  
Sendai Station)

9:00 – 12:00 **Meeting of Representatives of National  
Committee/Groups of Northeast Asia Economic  
Forum**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch for Representatives**