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Korea Asia Pacific Institute
Japan Bank for International Cooperation
Japan Electric Power Information Center
HITACHI
Nankai University
Track2Asia
### AGENDA

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#### Wednesday, August 8
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#### Thursday, August 9
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**Welcoming and Introductory Remarks**

*Remarks on behalf of the Country Representatives*

- 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

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**Co-Chairs**

- 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

**Presenters**

- 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 Michell, 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 Hyungwhan, 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

Friday, August 10
Venue: Chi no Yakata (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 Surles, 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: 30th 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