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INNOVATION AND PROGRESS

振興、再定位與重啟連結
Revitalizing, Reorienting, and Reconnecting

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AGENDA

October
07, 2022

08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:55	Opening Remarks and Keynote Speeches
09:55-10:00	Video Greetings and Congratulatory Messages
10:00-10:10	Coffee Break
10:10-12:10	Session I: Reorienting Asian Economics Framework through Resilience Building
12:20-14:00	Luncheon Speech
14:10-15:45	Session II: Reconnecting Asia with a New Ecosystem of Partnership through Societal Actions
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-18:00	Prospect Asia Roundtable: Revitalizing, Reorienting, and Reconnecting
18:30-20:00	Dinner Speech

GREETINGS

Welcome to the 2022 Yushan Forum: Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress. As the Chairman of the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), it is my immense pleasure to welcome you all to this year's forum. As we see the light at the end of the tunnel and the world is returning to normal, this year's forum will explore the theme: "Revitalizing, Reorienting, and Reconnecting." This year's theme covers the implementation of flagship recovery programs and developmental policies in both Taiwan and the New Southbound Policy partner countries. In addition, the focus will also be on other like-minded countries' recovery plans and prospects for the Indo-Pacific region.

Launched in 2017, Yushan Forum is held annually, and is Taiwan's first-ever regional dialogue, focused on promoting progressive ideas, talent cultivation, cutting edge-technologies, and social initiatives. Yushan Forum was launched within the aegis of Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen's signature foreign policy framework-the New Southbound Policy. I am happy to share that the forum has become a key component of the New Southbound Policy and has been expanded both in scope and scale.

Since the initiation of the New Southbound Policy in 2016, Taiwan has been working towards strengthening its partnership with South and

Southeast Asian countries along with Australia and New Zealand. Despite mounting challenges, Taiwan is working tirelessly to reach out to the partners in the regions and work towards addressing challenges that are ravaging the world. Now in its sixth year, the Yushan Forum has become an important dialogue platform to deliberate upon shared interests and common concerns and find ways to address them.

We are finally able to gather diverse voices from the New Southbound Policy partner countries in-person in Taiwan to hear their views on the critical issues binding as well as dividing us.

On behalf of the organizing team of the 2022 Yushan Forum, I extend my sincere gratitude to the distinguished guests. We look forward to your insights on how to prepare the people of the Indo-Pacific region for the next wave of challenges and build a resilient future together.



Dr. Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao
Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

YUSHAN FORUM

The 2022 Yushan Forum: Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress, organized by the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), serves as a platform for Asian regional dialogue and features the achievements of governmental and non-governmental cooperation between Taiwan and its neighboring countries and like-minded partners. Harnessing the unique experiences and common visions of Taiwan for regional prosperity, the Forum aims to foster social connectivity for global leaders of partner countries based on innovation and progress alongside promoting multifaceted regional linkages and strengthening partnerships through the New Southbound Policy (NSP).

With the world beginning to see some encouraging light at the end of the Covid-19 pandemic, this year the Yushan Forum is entering its sixth edition, exploring the theme of "Revitalizing, Reorienting, and Reconnecting." The 2022 edition of Yushan Forum will continue to pay attention to issues such as resilience and sustainable cooperation between

Taiwan and partner countries, while also focusing more pragmatically on the post pandemic recovery and development practice of the NSP partner countries. Through advancing the cross-sectoral synergy (that is public-private-people partnerships, P-P-P-P). Taiwan's NSP has witnessed fruitful accomplishments in the past six years, which have received encouraging recognition from partners and like-minded countries.

The 2022 Yushan Forum will review the implementation and outcomes of the NSP with specific features of public-private-people partnerships (P-P-P-P), while at the same time exploring how this model of partnership under the NSP can be enhanced to play a more crucial and versatile role in the post-pandemic agenda of "Revitalizing, Reorienting, and Reconnecting." In addition, the dialogues during the forum will focus on the recovery and revitalization plans and expectations of like-minded countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

TAIWAN-ASIA EXCHANGE FOUNDATION

Founded in 2018, the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) is the first policy-oriented think tank in Taiwan focusing on Southeast Asian and South Asian affairs and facilitating Taiwan's New Southbound Policy (NSP). In the spirit of the NSP, the goal of the TAEF is to promote comprehensive ties between Taiwan and the 10 ASEAN and 6 South Asian countries, as well as Australia and New Zealand through cooperation and exchanges in five major fields— think tanks, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), young leaders, regional resilience, and cultural affairs— to consolidate a sense of regional community in Asia and establish long-term multifaceted partnerships.

TAEF is devoted to building new mechanisms for regional cooperation between Taiwan and partner countries in Asia. Our goal is to cultivate policy blueprints for Taiwan, ASEAN, and South Asian countries through frequent regional dialogues, while also highlighting Taiwan's commitment and contributions toward regional development through concrete initiatives for cooperation. In addition, the TAEF hosts various international forums and conferences including its annual signature event— Yushan Forum: Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress—with the aim of strengthening ties with NSP partner countries and societies, while also inviting other like-minded countries to participate in regional dialogues and collaborations.

REMARKS

OPENING REMARKS

H.E. Tsai Ing-wen
President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

H.E. Lai Ching-te
Vice President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

H.E. Surangel S. Whipps, Jr.
President, Republic of Palau

The Rt. Hon. Winton Peters
Former Deputy Prime Minister and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand

The Hon. Keiji FURUYA
Chairman, Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, Japan
A member of the House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature), Japan

The Hon. Taro ASO
Vice President, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP, Jiyu-Minshuto), Japan
Former Prime Minister of Japan
Member, the House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature), Japan

Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao
Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation, Taiwan

H.E. Jaushieh Joseph Wu
Minister of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Luncheon SPEAKER

The Hon. Julie Bishop
Former Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Chancellor of Australian National University, Australia

Dinner SPEAKERS

The Hon. Peter MacKay
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Former Minister of National Defence, Canada

The Hon. Yasuhide NAKAYAMA
Former State Minister of Defense, Japan

SPEAKER

H.E. Tsai Ing-wen

President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)



Dr. Tsai Ing-wen is the 15th President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Born in 1956 in Taipei City, Tsai Ing-wen traces her family roots to Fangshan Township of Pingtung County in southern Taiwan.

Dr. Tsai began her tenure as part of Taiwan's trade negotiation delegation in the late 1980s. By 1990, Taiwan began working on the bid to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), eventually gaining admission to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2002. She was on the front lines of the process during key negotiations in her capacity as Chief Legal Advisor (1992-2000).

In the late 1990s, cross-strait relations experienced several changes. Dr. Tsai served successively as Senior Adviser to the Mainland Affairs Council (1994-1998), Senior Adviser to the National Security Council (1999-2000), and Chairperson of the Mainland Affairs Council (2000-2004), devoting her efforts to the development of cross-strait relations.

Dr. Tsai joined the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) in 2004 and became a DPP legislator at-large (2005-2006). She was then appointed to serve as vice premier (2006-2007).

Dr. Tsai represented the DPP in Taiwan's 13th-term presidential election in 2012, becoming Taiwan's first female presidential candidate. She ran again as the DPP candidate in 2016, and was elected as the nation's 14th-term president. The first female head of state in Taiwan's history, Dr. Tsai is also the first female head of state in Asia who was not born into a political family. Dr. Tsai represented the DPP in the nation's 15th-term presidential election in 2020 and was successfully re-elected with over 8.17 million votes, the highest total in Taiwan's history.

Dr. Tsai obtained a Ph.D. in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1984, specializing in international trade law.

SPEAKER

H.E. Lai Ching-te

Vice President, R.O.C. [Taiwan]



Dr. Lai Ching-te is the 15th Vice President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Dr. Lai Ching-te was born in 1959 in New Taipei City's Wanli District. He received his B.S. from National Taiwan University's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, completed the Post-Bachelor Program in Medical Science at National Cheng Kung University, and then obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University.

In 1998, Dr. Lai was elected to the Legislative Yuan representing Tainan City. Leveraging his medical expertise, he played a dynamic role in the Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Committee while addressing over 100,000 local issues. He chaired the legislature's bipartisan Health, Welfare and Environment Foundation and was also part of a lobby group promoting Taiwan's World Health Organization (WHO) membership. During his four consecutive terms (1999-2010), Dr. Lai was nominated as the "Best Legislator" by Citizen Congress Watch.

In 2010, Dr. Lai was elected the mayor of Tainan City, and was later reelected in 2014, winning by a wide margin of 72% of the vote. As mayor from 2010 to 2017, Dr. Lai also actively promoted city diplomacy, working closely with Japan's government, National Diet, and the private sectors to promote exchanges and sister-city agreements, enhancing substantive ties in culture, tourism, sports, agriculture, and disaster relief.

Taking on new leadership responsibilities in troubling times, Dr. Lai served as Taiwan's premier from 2017 to 2019. In November 2019, Dr. Lai accepted President Tsai Ing-wen's invitation to be her vice-presidential running mate in the following year's election, helping President Tsai win re-election and the DPP retain a legislative majority.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

H.E. Surangel S. Whipps, Jr.

President of the Republic of Palau



His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr. is the 10th President of the Republic of Palau.

President Whipps is a two-term Senator having served in the 8th and 9th Olbiil Era Kelulau from 2009 to 2016. His slogan – “A Kot a Rechad er Belau” (Palauan People First) actually originated from his father, who was active in the Save Palau movement to protect Palau’s marine resources. In response to unfair treatment in the workplace, lack of career opportunities for Palauans, challenges hindering young Palauan entrepreneurs, and the unchecked exploitation of Palau’s natural resources, the slogan represented the conviction that Palauans must reap the opportunities Palau has to offer, and the commitment to push for the improved welfare of Palauans to be foremost in their country by their government. One of his primary policy priorities includes developing and promoting Palau’s economy and human resources, while striking a balance in the protection of the environment.

President Whipps’ experience is combined with his formal background, having earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in economics from Andrews University in Michigan and an MBA from Anderson Graduate School of Management at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He maintains his father’s tenets for happiness – a God centered home, always time for family, hard work ethic, and achieving the highest education opportunity. President Whipps and First Lady Valerie Esang Remengesau are proud parents of three daughters and a son. They enjoy fishing, diving, skiing and snowboarding during spring break.

REMARK

The Rt. Hon. Winston Peters

Former Deputy Prime Minister and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand



The Rt. Hon. Winston Peters is a New Zealand politician and leader of New Zealand First Party since its foundation in 1993. Mr. Peters was New Zealand's deputy prime minister from 1996 to 1998 and 2017 to 2020, minister of Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2008 and 2017 to 2020, and first treasurer from 1996 to 1998. He was a member of Parliament from 1979 to 1981, 1984 to 2008 and 2011 to 2020.

On 5 May 2020, Mr. Peters expressed support for Taiwan rejoining the World Health Organization during a press conference. The New Zealand Government subsequently announced its support for Taiwan's bid to join the WHO. Despite being criticized by China's foreign ministry for his support of Taiwan, Mr. Peters has stood by his remarks.

While in Government, Mr. Peters suspended the extradition treaty with Hong Kong in response to the Hong Kong national security law, which he claimed "erodes rule of law principles." Again, Mr. Peters defended his decision despite criticism from the Chinese Embassy.

Mr. Peters has been a strong supporter of lower taxes and free market policies.

REMARK

The Hon. Keiji FURUYA

Chairman, Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, Japan

A member of the House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature), Japan



Keiji FURUYA (born 1952) is a Japanese politician in the Liberal Democracy Party(Japan), and a member of the House of Representatives in the Diet(national legislature).

He is also the Chairman of the Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, which has 260 members of parliament across party lines.

Keiji FURUYA served as the Chairman of the National Commission on Public Safety, the Minister of State for the Abduction Issue, the Minister in charge of Building National Resilience, the Minister of State for Disaster Management. Keiji FURUYA also served as the Chairman for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

In recent years, Keiji FURUYA has led several delegations to visit Taiwan and openly said that Japan supports Taiwan to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), and as an observer to the World Health Assembly (WHA). Keiji FURUYA has also delivered a speech at Yushan Forum at Taipei four times (2018-2021).

REMARK

The Hon. Taro ASO

Vice President, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP, Jiyu-Minshuto), Japan
Former Prime Minister of Japan
Member, the House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature), Japan



The Hon. Taro Aso is a member of the House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature) of Japan while also serving as the Vice President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) since 2021. Aso previously served as Prime Minister of Japan from 2008 to 2009 and as Deputy Prime Minister of Japan and Minister of Finance from 2012 to 2021. He was the longest-serving Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in Japanese history, having previously served as Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2007 and as Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications from 2003 to 2005.

REMARK

Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao

Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation, Taiwan



Prof. H. H. Michael Hsiao is the Chairman of both Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at National ChengChi University.

He is also the Adjunct Research Fellow of Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica; Chair Professor of Hakka Studies, National Central University and Honorary Chair Professor of Southeast Asian Studies, National Chi-Nan International University. Internationally, he is the Chairman of the Consortium of Southeast Asian Studies in Asia, Executive Committee Member of the Consortium of Global Hakka Studies. He served as National Policy Advisor to the President of Taiwan between 1996 and 2006 and is currently Senior Advisor to the President of Taiwan since 2016.

His areas of specialization include: middle class economic development, civil society and democratization in Asia, environmental movements, sustainability and risk society, and comparative Hakka studies in Taiwan and Southeast Asia.

REMARK

Jaushieh Joseph Wu

Minister of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)



Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu is currently the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan). He was formerly the Secretary-General to the President and the Secretary-General of the National Security Council. From 2007 to 2008, he was the Representative of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the United States as the head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, D.C. Prior to holding public offices, he was an academic political scientist, finishing his PhD in political science in 1989 at Ohio State University, and served as a research fellow at the Institute of International Relations of National Chengchi University.

SPEAKER

The Hon. Julie Bishop

Former Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Chancellor
of Australian National University, Australia



The Hon Julie Bishop is the Chancellor of Australian National University, appointed in 2020.

Ms. Bishop served as Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2013 until 2018. She was the first female to hold the role as well as the first female Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, serving for 11 years. She was the longest serving Member for Curtin in the House of Representatives, elected in 1998 until 2019.

As Foreign Minister, Ms. Bishop was responsible for strengthening Australia's key strategic and economic relationships with Ministerial responsibility for more than 5,000 departmental staff, 110 overseas missions, and several government agencies, including the Australian Secret Intelligence Service and the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research.

She led the single largest expansion of Australia's overseas diplomatic presence in 40 years, increasing to 110 diplomatic missions. Ms. Bishop developed the 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper, providing a comprehensive policy framework for the next decade, and established the New Colombo Plan, enabling Australian undergraduates to live, study and work in the Indo-Pacific region. Within five years, more than 40,000 students have participated in the Plan.

She previously served as a Cabinet Minister in the Howard Government as Minister for Education, Science and Training and as the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues. Prior to this, Minister Bishop was Minister for Ageing.

SPEAKER

The Hon. Peter MacKay

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Former Minister of National Defence, Canada



Peter MacKay is a Canadian lawyer and politician. He was a Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2015 and has served as Minister of Justice and Attorney General (2013–2015), Minister of National Defence (2007–2013), and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2006–2007) under Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

MacKay was the final leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada (PC Party), and he agreed to merge the party with Stephen Harper's Canadian Alliance in 2003, forming the Conservative Party of Canada. This makes MacKay one of the co-founders of the current conservative wing of Canadian politics.

The son of Canadian politician and Minister of Public Works Elmer MacKay, MacKay received his undergraduate degree from Carleton University and his law degree from Dalhousie University. With the defeat of the Conservatives in the 2015 federal election, he was considered a potential candidate to succeed Stephen Harper as permanent leader of the party.

In March 2022, MacKay announced he would decline making another bid for the Conservative Party Leadership. He cited his desire to be around his family, as well as the large campaign debt accumulated from his unsuccessful campaign to become Conservative leader in 2020. He has since moved back to Nova Scotia and is now a senior counsel with the law firm McInnes Cooper, and a strategic advisor with Deloitte Canada.

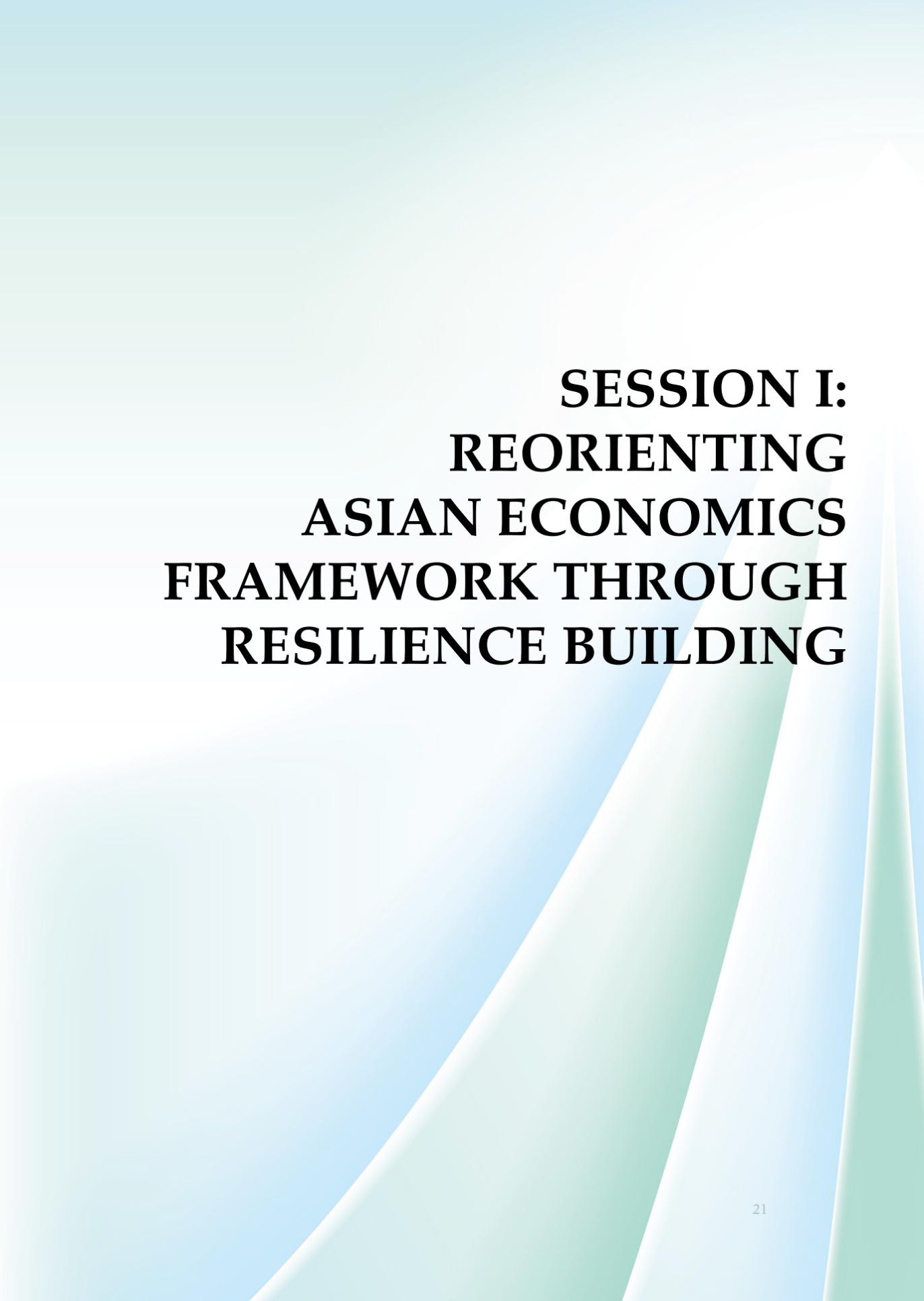
SPEAKER

The Hon. Yasuhide NAKAYAMA

Former State Minister of Defense, Japan.



The Hon. Yasuhide Nakayama served as the State Minister of Defense of Japan and served as the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan in 2014. As a member of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), the Hon. Nakayama was elected in December 2012 as a member of the House of Representatives of Japan.



**SESSION I:
REORIENTING
ASIAN ECONOMICS
FRAMEWORK THROUGH
RESILIENCE BUILDING**

MODERATOR

The Hon. John Chen-Chung Deng
Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

SPEAKERS

Rose Gottemoeller
Former Deputy Secretary General of NATO
Former Undersecretary of State, USA

Christopher J. Dodd
Former United States Senator, USA

MODERATOR

Tien, Chung-kwang
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

PANELISTS

Chern-Chyi "C.C." Chen
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Ajay Prakash Sawhney
Former Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), India

Junne-jih Chen
Deputy Minister, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan (COA), R.O.C. (Taiwan)

William Dollente Dar
Former Secretary, Department of Agriculture, The Philippines

Pi-Sheng Wang
M.D., Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Law Choo Kiang
Dato, and Legislative Assembly Speaker Penang State, Malaysia

Mon-Chi Lio
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Kristian R. Ablan
Undersecretary for Administration of the Department of Education, The Philippines

Tsung-Yen Chen
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Interior, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

MODERATOR

The Hon. John Chen-Chung Deng

Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)



Minister without Portfolio John Chen-Chung Deng plays a leading role in Taiwan's New Southbound Policy. As Trade Representative of the Office of Trade Negotiations, Executive Yuan, he has been instrumental in expanding Taiwan's economic ties with international partners. He has held a number of prominent positions in the government, including Minister of Economic Affairs (2014-2016), Minister without Portfolio, and Governor of Fujian Province (2014).

Minister Deng was also Deputy Secretary General of the National Security Council (2009-2014); Deputy Minister of the MOEA; Chief Representative of the Office of Trade Negotiations, MOEA; Deputy Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States and Deputy Minister of the Mainland Affairs Council.

He holds a law degree from Soochow University and an LLM from George Washington University in the USA.

SPEAKER

Rose Gottemoeller

Former Deputy Secretary General of NATO
Former Undersecretary of State, USA



Ms. Rose Gottemoeller is a research fellow at the Hoover Institution. She also serves as the Frank E. and Arthur W. Payne Distinguished Lecturer at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and its Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC).

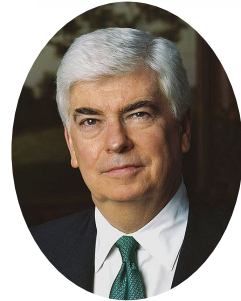
Before joining Stanford, Gottemoeller was the deputy secretary general of NATO from 2016 to 2019, helping to drive forward NATO's adaptation to new security challenges in Europe and in the fight against terrorism. Prior to NATO, she served for nearly five years as the Undersecretary for arms control and international security at the US Department of State, advising the secretary of state on arms control, nonproliferation and political-military affairs. As assistant secretary of state for arms control, verification and compliance in 2009–10, she was the chief US negotiator of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) with the Russian Federation.

Prior to her government service, Gottemoeller was a senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, with joint appointments to the Nonproliferation and Russia programs. She served as the director of the Carnegie Moscow Center from 2006 to 2008 and is currently a nonresident fellow in Carnegie's Nuclear Policy Program.

SPEAKER

The Hon. Christopher J. Dodd

Former United States Senator, USA



Christopher J. Dodd is a former member of the United States Senate and United States Congress.

Senator Dodd had a distinguished career in the United States Senate, representing the State of Connecticut. He also served three terms in the US House of Representatives, representing Connecticut's 2nd District. During his tenure as Senator, he was Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and served on the Committees on Foreign Relations and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, among others. He was a principal author of numerous bills that became law, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Child Care Act, and the Help America Vote Act, among others, and he was deeply involved in the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

MODERATOR

Tien, Chung-kwang

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C.
(Taiwan)



Mr. Chung-kwang Tien is currently the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan). He formerly served as the Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India from 2013 to 2020. Between 2011 and 2013, he was the Director General of the Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan. He once served as the Ambassador to the Republic of Tuvalu from 2008 to 2010 and was the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office at Brisbane in Australia from 2005 to 2008. Earlier from 2003 to 2005 he also served as the Division Director on Home Assignment and Head of Task Force at MOFA, Taiwan, to promote Taiwan's Participation in World Health Organization. Mr. Tien holds an MBA degree from St. Thomas University, USA.

PANELIST

Chern-Chyi “C.C.” Chen

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C.
(Taiwan)



Mr. Chen was appointed the Deputy Minister of Taiwan's Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) in August 2020.

Mr. Chen's extensive portfolio as the Deputy Minister covers trade policy and promotion, export controls, investment attraction and review, international cooperation, business registration and administration, Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) administration, Intellectual Property, Mines, Personnel, Statistics, Administrative Appeal Review, Legal Counsel, the Professional Training Center, the International Trade Commission, and Foreign Economic & Commercial Services.

Mr. Chen joined the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) in 1989 and has held multiple senior positions within the Ministry over the past 33 years.

He was formerly the Director General of the Bureau of Foreign Trade and also served at Taiwan's representative offices in Washington D.C, Geneva, Singapore, and Brussels.

He was the Chief Counsel at the Office of Trade Negotiations and lead negotiator for bilateral trade and economic agreements with Singapore and New Zealand, and during negotiations with Japan and mainland China. He also served as lead counsel for Taiwan in WTO dispute settlement cases.

Mr. Chen was born in Taipei in 1960. He holds a Master of Laws degree focusing on economic administration and a Master of Comparative Law degree, obtained from George Washington University.

PANELIST

Ajay Prakash Sawhney

Former Secretary, Ministry of Electronic & Information Technology (MeitY), India



Mr. Sawhney served as the Secretary to the Government of India at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology from 2017 to 2022.

Mr. Sawhney has been credited with strengthening the digital India initiative through policy reforms that have made India the largest manufacturing hub in the world for mobile and consumer electronics companies.

Mr. Sawhney's past experiences include appointments as the Deputy Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Petroleum, and Chair and CEO of Oil India. His work led to unprecedented growth in the IT infrastructure of Hyderabad, India and laid the foundation for digital identification and payment systems used by the Indian government.

He holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the Indian Railways Institute of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering and is an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

PANELIST

Junne-jih Chen

Deputy Minister, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan,
R.O.C. (Taiwan)



Dr. Junne-jih Chen has served as Deputy Minister of COA since April 2019. Prior to this position, he was the Director General of Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute, COA.

Dr. Chen is also a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Food and Fertilizer Technology Center (FFTC) since June 2012; the Chair of Board Director of AVRDC – The World Vegetable Center since January 2017; and board member of AVRDC – The World Vegetable Center since October 2010.

As a scientist by training, Dr. Chen is specialized in seed/seedlings propagation, seed physiology, DUS test of plant breeder's rights, and Agricultural Biotechnology Research. His honors and awards include the "Taiwan District of Kiwanis International Award -Top Ten Agriculture Experts of Taiwan" in 2017, and "Taiwan Seed Society Honorable Award -Excellent Academic Achievement in Seed Science and Technology" in 2016.

Dr. Chen received his Ph.D in Agronomy and his Masters of Food Crop Research from National Chung-Hsing University, Taiwan.

PANELIST

William Dollente Dar

Former Secretary of Agriculture, The Philippines



Dr. William D. Dar is a champion of the poor, especially small farmers, fisherfolks and agripreneurs. His servant leadership, guided by solid and enunciated principles of food security, has bestowed laurels such as the “Lifetime Achievers Award” during the Asia Leaders Award 2020, and “Lifetime Contributor Award” by the Asia CEO Awards.

Dr. Dar’s expertise in government service started when he became the founding Director of the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR), serving from 1987 to 1994. Afterwards, he served as Executive Director of the Department of Science and Technology-Philippines Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD) from 1994 to 1998, and was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) under President Joseph Estrada’s Administration from 1998 to 1999. During his term as DA Secretary, Philippine agriculture achieved a remarkable 9.6% growth, which had never been replicated since.

Dr. Dar founded the InangLupa Movement Inc, which advocates for agricultural modernization and rural industrialization anchored on inclusiveness, science-based, resilient, and market-oriented development.

Dr. Dar served for the second time as the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, under the President Rodrigo Duterte Administration from August 2019 to June 2022, with the vision of a food-secure and resilient Philippines with empowered and prosperous farmers and fisherfolk. He pushed for the transformation of Philippine agriculture through the OneDA Reform Agenda with four major pillars: consolidation, modernization, industrialization, and professionalization.

PANELIST

Pi-Sheng Wang

M.D., Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare,
R.O.C. (Taiwan)



Dr. Wang is the Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare since July 2022. He received his M.D. from Taipei Medical University in 1995 and his Master degree from the Institute of Hospital and Health Care Administration, National Yang Ming University in 2007.

Dr. Wang was an attending physician of the Department of Chest Medicine (2003-2017), the Director of the International Medical Service Center and Center for Medical Quality Management (2011-2014) and the Deputy Director of Department of Medical Affairs and Planning (2016-2017) at the Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Veterans Affairs Commission, Executive Yuan. He also served as the Superintendent of Kinmen Hospital (2014-2016) and Deputy CEO at the Hospital and Social Welfare Organizations Administration Commission at the Ministry of Health and Welfare (2017-2018). Meanwhile, he served as Secretary General (2016-2019) and Consultant (2019-2022) at the Taiwan Medical Association.

Dr. Wang is also currently the President of the Taiwan Public Hospital Association, the CEO of the Hospital and Social Welfare Organizations Administration Commission, Ministry of Health and Welfare, and the Commander of the Central Epidemic Command Center.

PANELIST

Law Choo Kiang

Dato, and Legislative Assembly Speaker Penang State,
Malaysia



Dato' Law Choo Kiang was elected as State Assemblyman of Bukit Tambun Constituency in 2008 and became Penang State Executive Council Member of Agriculture & Agro-based Industries and Flood Mitigation Portfolio in the same year. He was re-elected as State Assemblyman in 2013. He has been appointed as Speaker for the 13th and 14th Penang State Legislative Assembly and has held the position since. Dato' Law is only the 3rd Malaysian Chinese to have been appointed as Penang State Legislative Assembly Speaker, and is one of two incumbent Malaysian Chinese state legislative assembly speakers in Malaysia.

He was instrumental in improving and strengthening Penang agriculture & flood mitigation by increasing paddy rice production, resulting in one of the highest paddy rice yields in the country. Among his other accomplishments are the rebranding of durian production in Penang which saw an increase in tourism, improving aquacultural yield using fish and prawn, and overseeing several flood management measures throughout the state.

He was recognized as an Outstanding Alumni by Chung Hsing University in 2018 and as Outstanding Alumni in Public Service by the National Taipei University in 2013. He was named an Outstanding Alumni in the 2nd Distinguished Taiwan Alumni Awards by the Ministry of Education in 2021.

PANELIST

Mon-Chi Lio

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, R.O.C. (Taiwan)



Dr. Mon-Chi Lio is currently the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education, Taiwan.

Dr. Lio received his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and doctorate degree in Economics from National Taiwan University (NTU) in 1989 and 1997 respectively.

Dr. Lio was Dean of the Office of Academic Affairs at National Sun Yat-sen University from 2012 to 2016. He served as President of the College Entrance Examination Center from 2017-2019. He has also served as Professor of Political Economy at National Sun Yat-sen University since 2000.

PANELIST

Kristian R. Ablan

Undersecretary for Administration of the Department of Education, The Philippines



Kristian R. Ablan is the Undersecretary for Administration of the Department of Education.

Previously, he was undersecretary under the Office of the Press Secretary (formerly the Presidential Communications Operations Office).

He is a lawyer by profession, and as the first FOI Program Director of the Philippines, he represented the country at the International Conference of Information Commissioners (ICIC).

He holds a degree in management from Ateneo de Manila, a degree in law from the University of the Philippines; a master's degree in public policy from the University of Auckland; and Masters in National Security Administration at the National Defense College of the Philippines.

Undersecretary Ablan holds the rank of Career Executive Service Officer (CESO) I under the career executive service and is a recipient of the 2020 Gawad Career Executive Service (CES) Presidential Award.

PANELIST

Tsung-Yen Chen

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Interior, R.O.C. (Taiwan)



Mr. Chen was appointed Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Interior (MOI) in June 2018. During his tenure, Mr. Chen has overseen various departments and agencies of the ministry, including the National Police Agency, Nation Fire Agency, National Immigration Agency, National Airborne Service Corps, Department of Civil Affairs and Department of Household Registration Affairs.

Mr. Chen received his master's degree from the Department of Urban Planning and Spatial Information at Feng Chia University. He previously held several positions, the most notable being Deputy Director of Frontier Taiwan Provincial Government Research Institute, Executive Secretary of Dali City Office, Senior Executive Officer and spokesman for the Governor's Office of Taiwan Provincial Government and spokesperson of Hualien County Government. He was also a council member of Tainan City Council and a Central Review Committee Member in the Democratic Progressive Party.

Mr. Chen also held various leadership positions, serving as the Director of the Department of Information and International Relations and Director of the Bureau of Civil Affairs in the Tainan City Government.

During his tenure at MOI, Mr. Chen is dedicated to policy-making which promotes care and counseling services, as well as the well-being and empowerment of immigrants in Taiwan.

**SESSION II:
RECONNECTING
ASIA WITH A NEW
ECOSYSTEM OF
PARTNERSHIP THROUGH
SOCIETAL ACTIONS**

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Dr. Alan Hao Yang is Executive Director of Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF). He is a distinguished professor at Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies and Director of Chinese Language Center at National Chengchi University, Taiwan. As a specialist of Southeast Asia regionalism, Dr. Yang also serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies of NCCU.

Dr. Yang frequently engages in track II diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific region. He was Executive Secretary and Executive Director of the Secretariat of Taiwan Participatory Group to the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP Taiwan) from 2010 to 2018.

In 2021, Dr. Yang was nominated as a senior fellow of George HW Bush Foundation for US-China Relations in the United States and a non-resident fellow of the China Desk of the Reconnaissance Research Institute in Kuwait.

Dr. Yang has published more than 90 journal articles on China-ASEAN relations, international relations of Southeast Asia, security governance and disaster preparedness as well as the international political economy in the Asia-Pacific in international referred journals such as Pacific Affairs, Pacific Review, Politics and Governance, East Asia Policy, Issues & Studies, Journal of Asian Public Policy, Journal of Human Values, China Brief, and Global Taiwan Brief.

SPEAKER

Melissa Conley Tyler

Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy & Defense Dialogue, University of Melbourne, Australia
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Melissa brings a track record of decades of experience in Australian foreign policy to her role with the Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy & Defense Dialogue.

For 13 years she served as National Executive Director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, an independent international policy institute established as a branch of Chatham House in 1924, with close links to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Under her leadership, the AIIA was recognised for three years running as the top think tank in Southeast Asia/Pacific and one of the top 50 think tanks worldwide in the University of Pennsylvania's Global Go To Think Tanks Index, the only comprehensive ranking exercise. In 2017, she co-authored *Think Tank Diplomacy*, the first book-length discussion of the role of policy institutes in the international sphere.

She joined the University of Melbourne in 2019 as Director of Diplomacy at Asialink and then as a Research Fellow/Associate in the Asia Institute. Most recently she was a visiting fellow in Taiwan at the Ministry of Defense's think tank – the Institute of Defense and National Security Research – funded by a Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan Fellowship.

Melissa has extensive experience establishing and sustaining Australia-Asia engagement through Track II dialogues involving government officials, academics, media and business. She is a lawyer and specialist in conflict resolution, including negotiation, mediation and peace education, who worked as program manager of the University of Melbourne's International Conflict Resolution Centre and Senior Fellow of Melbourne Law School. Melissa is a prolific commentator with expertise in Australian foreign policy, Australia's key relationships across Asia and the practice of diplomacy.

PANELIST

The Hon. Norbert Lammert

Chairman, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany



Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, born in 1948 in Bochum has been Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung since January 2018. He has actively participated in German politics for over almost four decades and helped in shaping important offices. For twelve years, he was President of the German Bundestag, of which he was a member between 1980 and 2017. In the governments of Helmut Kohl, he served as Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministries of Education and Science, Economic Affairs and then Transport as well as Federal Government Coordinator of Aerospace Policy. In 2003, Lammert was awarded a lectureship for political science at the Ruhr University Bochum, which appointed him honorary professor in 2008. His numerous publications deal with social, economic and cultural policy issues.

PANELIST

Michael J. Abramowitz

President, Freedom House, USA



Michael J. Abramowitz is president of Freedom House. Before joining Freedom House in February 2017, he was director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Levine Institute for Holocaust Education. He led the museum's genocide prevention efforts and later oversaw its public education programs. He was previously National Editor and then White House correspondent for the Washington Post. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and former fellow at the German Marshall Fund and a former media fellow at the Hoover Institution. A graduate of Harvard College, he is also a board member of the National Security Archive and a member of the Human Freedom Advisory Council for the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

PANELIST

Maureen Siao

Chief Operating Officer, Jing Si Books & Cafe, Taiwan
Director/Marketing and Promotion Department, Tzu Chi
Culture and Communication Foundation, Taiwan



Maureen Siao is Chief Operating Officer of Jing Si Books & Café. She is the third generation of Chinese Filipinos and has the characteristics of the fusion of Eastern and Western cultures. During her college years, she visited and joined the Tzu Chi Collegiate Youth Association as a volunteer.

After graduating from De La Salle University of the Philippines, she got an offer from a multinational firm in the Philippines. After she graduated from college, she came to Hualien Tzu Chi for vacation and also served as a volunteer. Before she returned to the Philippines, she went to the abode to meet with Master Cheng Yen. During their conversation, Master Cheng Yen spoke of “stay in Taiwan” that brought up her subconscious commitment to humanity.

She started her career as the host of the DaAi TV children's program. Later, she became Jing Si Books & Cafe store's manager. Ultimately she was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Jing Si Books & Cafe store. Their goal is to promote literacy in rural schools, while her department is responsible for setting up reading rooms. Since 2017, 200 reading rooms have been set up, reaching hundreds of children over the years. She found her great compassion and long term goal in both Tzu Chi and Taiwan.

PANELIST

Futuru C.L. Tsai

Director, The Center of Austronesian Culture, National
Taitung University, Taiwan



Dr. Futuru Tsai is the Center of Austronesian Culture director and an associate professor in the Department of Public and Culture Affairs at National Taitung University. His research interests are Visual Anthropology, Historical Anthropology, Ritual and Performance, Amis People, Taiwan's Indigenous War Experiences during the Pacific War (PNG), Indigenous Social Movements, and Maritime Culture among Amis People. He has two books for public readers focusing on Anthropology and the Indigenous war experiences in PNG from 1943 to 1945. He also has published several award-winning documentaries. He is currently making a documentary on underwater spearfishing men among Amis indigenous people in eastern Taiwan titled "Breathing Between."

PANELIST

Ajit Manocha

President and Chief Executive Officer, SEMI, India



Ajit Manocha is president and CEO of SEMI, the global industry association serving the electronics manufacturing and design supply chain. Throughout his career, Manocha has been a champion of industry collaboration as a critical means of advancing technology for societal and economic prosperity.

Manocha was formerly CEO at GlobalFoundries. Prior to this he held the role of executive vice president of worldwide operations at Spansion and earlier served as EVP and chief manufacturing officer at Philips/NXP Semiconductors. He began his career as a research scientist at AT&T Bell Laboratories where he was granted more than a dozen patents related to semiconductor manufacturing processes.

Manocha has served on the U.S. President's committee for "Advanced Manufacturing Partnerships" and the President's Council of Advisors on Science & Technology (PCAST). More recently, VLSIresearch added Manocha to its Semiconductor Industry Hall of Fame, and he was inducted into the Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame.

PANELIST

Datin Yoko Chou

CEO, Enjoy TV & Film Broadcasting Corp., Malaysia



Datin Yoko Chou Y.C. has 25 years of experience in film and television in Malaysia's Media industry, having profound and considerable insights within Southeast Asian and international markets. She has dedicated herself to promoting content creation and exchange at international level. While being an experienced screenwriter and director, she has also led a team in the production of more than 1,000 episodes of variety shows and TV dramas since 2000, which were mostly aired popularly on local TV Channels (RTM – TV2, Astro). In 2012, she also directed two international films: <Tears of The Mom> and <My Mr. Right>. She has established her reputation as one of Malaysia's A-level film directors and TV program producers.

In 2016, she was granted the "Best New Director Award" with her film <My Mr. Right>. Throughout the years, Datin has also been granted with JCI Global New Media Contribution Award and was named Distinguished alumni of the National Taiwan College of Performing Arts. In 2017, she founded Enjoy TV New Media platform, a pioneer DTTV+IPTV/OTT subscription platform that serves Malaysians to watch high quality content via television and mobile apps.

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ROUNDTABLE:
REVITALIZING,
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Director General, Institute for Defense Studies & Analyses, India

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Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation, Taiwan



Prof. H. H. Michael Hsiao is the Chairman of both Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation and Chairman of Center for Southeast Asian Studies at National ChengChi University.

He is also the Adjunct Research Fellow of Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica; Chair Professor of Hakka Studies, National Central University and Honorary Chair Professor of Southeast Asian Studies, National Chi-Nan International University. Internationally, he is the Chairman of the Consortium of Southeast Asian Studies in Asia, Executive Committee Member of the Consortium of Global Hakka Studies. He served as National Policy Advisor to the President of Taiwan between 1996 and 2006 and is currently Senior Advisor to the President of Taiwan since 2016.

His areas of specialization include: middle class economic development, civil society and democratization in Asia, environmental movements, sustainability and risk society, and comparative Hakka studies in Taiwan and Southeast Asia.

REMARK

H.E. Lai Ching-te

Vice President, R.O.C. [Taiwan]



Dr. Lai Ching-te is the 15th Vice President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Dr. Lai Ching-te was born in 1959 in New Taipei City's Wanli District. He received his B.S. from National Taiwan University's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, completed the Post-Bachelor Program in Medical Science at National Cheng Kung University, and then obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University.

In 1998, Dr. Lai was elected to the Legislative Yuan representing Tainan City. Leveraging his medical expertise, he played a dynamic role in the Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Committee while addressing over 100,000 local issues. He chaired the legislature's bipartisan Health, Welfare and Environment Foundation and was also part of a lobby group promoting Taiwan's World Health Organization (WHO) membership. During his four consecutive terms (1999-2010), Dr. Lai was nominated as the "Best Legislator" by Citizen Congress Watch.

In 2010, Dr. Lai was elected the mayor of Tainan City, and was later reelected in 2014, winning by a wide margin of 72% of the vote. As mayor from 2010 to 2017, Dr. Lai also actively promoted city diplomacy, working closely with Japan's government, National Diet, and the private sectors to promote exchanges and sister-city agreements, enhancing substantive ties in culture, tourism, sports, agriculture, and disaster relief.

Taking on new leadership responsibilities in troubling times, Dr. Lai served as Taiwan's premier from 2017 to 2019. In November 2019, Dr. Lai accepted President Tsai Ing-wen's invitation to be her vice-presidential running mate in the following year's election, helping President Tsai win re-election and the DPP retain a legislative majority.

SPEAKER

The Hon. Phongthep Thepkanjana

Former Deputy Prime Minister, Thailand



Mr. Phongthep Thepkanjana was the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand from 2012 to 2014 under the former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra. Before Mr. Phongthep took the office of Deputy Prime Minister, he also held numerous ministerial posts, including the Minister of Education, Minister of Justice, Minister of Energy and Minister of the Office of the Prime Minister. In addition, Mr. Phongthep was a former member of the House of Representative of Thailand and was a member of the 1997 constitution drafting assembly.

Mr. Phongthep earned a Bachelor of Laws from Thammasat University, a Master of Comprehensive Law from George Washington University Law School, and a Barrister at Law from the Thai Bar.

SPEAKER

The Rt. Hon. Winston Peters

Former Deputy Prime Minister and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand



The Rt. Hon. Winston Peters is a New Zealand politician and leader of New Zealand First Party since its foundation in 1993. Mr. Peters was New Zealand's deputy prime minister from 1996 to 1998 and 2017 to 2020, minister of Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2008 and 2017 to 2020, and first treasurer from 1996 to 1998. He was a member of Parliament from 1979 to 1981, 1984 to 2008 and 2011 to 2020.

On 5 May 2020, Mr. Peters expressed support for Taiwan rejoining the World Health Organization during a press conference. The New Zealand Government subsequently announced its support for Taiwan's bid to join the WHO. Despite being criticized by China's foreign ministry for his support of Taiwan, Mr. Peters has stood by his remarks.

While in Government, Mr. Peters suspended the extradition treaty with Hong Kong in response to the Hong Kong national security law, which he claimed "erodes rule of law principles." Again, Mr. Peters defended his decision despite criticism from the Chinese Embassy.

Mr. Peters has been a strong supporter of lower taxes and free market policies.

PANELIST

The Hon. Silvestre H. Bello III

Chairman and Resident Representative, Manila
Economic and Cultural Office, The Philippines



Silvestre H. Bello III was elected as Chairman and Resident Representative of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office on 11 July 2022.

Previously, he was Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment under former President Rodrigo Duterte from 2016 to 2022.

A seasoned lawyer, Bello served at the Department of Justice, initially as Undersecretary from 1986 to 1990, and eventually as Justice Secretary until 1992, a position he was again appointed to in 1998. Bello also served as the Solicitor General from 1996 to 1998. He is also a distinguished associate of several law firms.

As a public servant, Bello has served the government under five administrations in various capacities. He was the Chairperson of the GRP Negotiating Panel for Peace Talks (2001 - 2004), served as CEO of the PNOC- Development & Management Corp. (2004 - 2006), CEO of the Philippine Reclamation Authority (2006), Presidential Adviser for New Government Centers (2007 - 2008), and Cabinet Secretary (2008 - 2010), acting as Oversight Officer for Indigenous People and Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region II. Bello also served in the 16th Congress (2013 - 2016) as a representative for the IBAP Party List. Bello finished his BA in Political Science degree from Manuel L. Quezon University in 1966 and received his Bachelor of Laws in 1970 from the Ateneo de Manila University where he graduated with distinction.

PANELIST

The Hon. Audrey Tang

Minister of Digital Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)



Audrey Tang is Taiwan's digital minister in charge of MODA (Ministry of Digital Affairs).

Audrey is known for revitalizing the computer languages Perl and Haskell, as well as building the online spreadsheet system EtherCalc in collaboration with Dan Bricklin.

In the public sector, Audrey served on Taiwan national development council's open data committee and the 12-year basic education curriculum committee; and led the country's first e-Rulemaking project.

In the private sector, Audrey worked as a consultant with Apple on computational linguistics, with Oxford University Press on crowd lexicography, and with Socialtext on social interaction design.

In the social sector, Audrey actively contributes to g0v ("gov zero"), a vibrant community focusing on creating tools for the civil society, with the call to "fork the government."

PANELIST

The Hon. Sujeet Kumar

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, India



Sujeet Kumar represents Odisha in the Rajya Sabha upper house of the Indian Parliament. In addition to political experience as a member of the Biju Janata Dal political party, Kumar is also a lawyer and a social entrepreneur.

Kumar has served as the Advisor to the Special Development Council of the Government of Odisha from 2019 to 2020 and Special Secretary of the Odisha State Planning Board from 2016 to 2019. He received his Masters of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School.

PANELIST

The Hon. Richard Pasaribu

Member of Regional Representative Council, Indonesia



Dr. Richard Pasaribu is a member of Indonesia's Regional Representative Council (DPD) (2019-2024). Dr. Pasaribu, advocating mutually beneficial exchanges and cooperation between Taiwan and Indonesia, is currently one of the co-chairs of the Indonesian Parliamentary Taiwan Caucus (IPTC).

Dr. Pasaribu earned a degree in BS Mechanical Engineering from University of California, Berkeley back in 1983. Subsequently, he got his master's degree of Engineering Management from Portland State University in 1992. In 2013, he earned his doctoral degree of Management from University of Indonesia.

At DPD, Dr. Pasaribu also serves as Vice Chairman of Committee for Parliamentary Cooperation (BKSP DPD). One of the main duties of BKSP DPD is to foster and enhance friendly relations and cooperation between DPD and its international counterparts.

PANELIST

The Hon. Viviane Reding

Former Vice-President of the European Commission
and Former Member of the Luxembourg Parliament,
Luxembourg



Viviane Reding is an important political figure of Europe and has served as an elected member of the national and the European Parliament for 25 years. She was appointed member of the European Commission (the European Union government) for three mandates (in total 15 years): first responsible for culture and education, then for telecoms and technological research and finally as First Vice-President of the Commission for justice and fundamental rights.

Today she sits on advisory-boards and on company boards of international companies, operating mainly in the field of digitalisation and technology. She is also board member of Foundations engaging in geopolitical, societal and legal affairs. She has been nominated “ambassador” for the development of the Capital Markets Union by the European Banking Federation. She is Vice-President of the executive board of the “World Law Foundation”.

During her days as Chairperson of the European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group, she urged the European Parliament to adopt various resolutions in Taiwan’s favor. There, she played a great role in strengthening the Taiwan-EU relations.

PANELIST

H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy

Director General, Institute for Defense Studies & Analyses, India



Sujan R. Chinoy is a former Indian diplomat currently serving as the Director General of the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (IDSA), India's think-tank in New Delhi in the field of defence, security and international relations.

Sujan R. Chinoy has a professional diplomatic career spanning more than thirty-seven years with experience on China and East Asia, as well as the Asia-Pacific region, the Gulf and OIC, United Nations (Disarmament and International Security), National Security, as well as the US and the Latin American region. He held the highest rank of Grade I Ambassador (equivalent to Vice Minister/Secretary to the Government of India).

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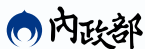
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