Asian Economic Panel
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Meeting at Sunway University, Kuala Lumpur
March 23 - 24, 2015 (Monday-Tuesday)

Sponsors
Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia, Kuala Lumpur (co-host)
Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York (co-host)
Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Seoul
Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Jakarta
Institute for Economic Studies, Keio University, Tokyo
University of California, Davis

Format
• Presenter will have 23 minutes
• Each discussant will have 13 minutes
• Open discussion for rest of time period

Monday, March 23, 2015

Moderator for Morning Session: Wing Thye Woo

9:00 am – 11:00 am
Panel on "Slower Growth in Southeast Asia; What is to be done"

Chatib Basri (University of Indonesia) and Sjamsu Rahardja (World Bank), "The Middle-Income Trap Awaits Indonesia?"

Deunden Nikomborirak and Chalongphob Sussangkarn (Thailand Development Research Institute), "Thailand's Long-term Development: Aspiration, Reality and Challenges"

Mari Pangestu (Universitas Indonesia), "Regional Trade Reform as Growth Driver"

Discussants
• Lin See Yan (Sunway University)
• Barry Eichengreen (University of California, Berkeley)

11:00 – 11:15: Coffee

11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Prema-Chandra Athukorala (Australian National University) and Sisira Jayasuriya (Monash University), "Victory in War and Defeat in Peace: Politics and Economics of Post-conflict Sri Lanka"

Discussants
• Gamini Herath (Monash University Malaysia)
• Chia Siow Yue (Singapore Institute of International Affairs)
• Fredrik Sjoholm (Lund University)

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm: Lunch

Moderator for Afternoon Session: Sung Chun Jung

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Iikka Korhonen (Bank of Finland), "Understanding the Economic Malaise of Russia"

Discussants
• Herbert Poenisch (Bank for International Settlements, retired)
• Maria Bautista (University of Philippines)
• Bhanupong Nidhiprabha (Thammasat University)

3:30pm – 3:45pm: Tea

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm
Mikyung Pai, Heeho Kim and Jaimin Lee (Kyungpook National University), "Technical Progress, Resilience and Competitiveness of the Korea Export Industries"

Discussants
• Sung Chun Jung (Korea Institute for International Economic Policy)
• Kadek Artha (Universitas Indonesia)
• Shigeyuki Abe (Doshisha University)

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm
Kiki Verico (University of Indonesia), "Are the Benefits from ASEAN Integration Sustainable?"

Discussants
• Tham Siew Yean (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Jeffrey Cheah Institute)
• Phouphet Kyophilavong (National University of Lao)
• Wong Koi Nyen (Sunway University)
• Fukunari Kimura (Keio & Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)

7:00 pm : end of Day 1 discussion

7:30 pm: Reception & Dinner (by invitation)

Dinner talk
Barry Eichengreen (University of California at Berkeley)
"Hall of Mirrors: The Great Depression, the Great Recession, and the Uses -- and Misuses -- of History"
Tuesday, March 24, 2014

Moderator for Morning Session: Fukunari Kimura

8:45 am – 1030 am
Yiping Huang, Yuyan Tan (Peking University) and Wing Thye Woo (Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia), "What Did China’s Growth Policy Achieve? Zombie firms, employment and economic growth"

Discussants
- Jane Golley (Australian National University)
- Teo Wing Leong (University of Nottingham Malaysia)
- Anwar Nasution (Universitas Indonesia)
- Suresh Narayanan (Universiti Sains Malaysia)

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Coffee

10:45 am – 12:30 am
Zhao Chen (Fudan University) and Tony Fang (Monash University), "The Determinants of Outward FDI by Chinese Firms: The Role of Chinese Returnees"

Discussants
- Xiaolan Fu (Oxford University)
- Quoc Huy Vu (Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences)
- Yan Zhang (Fudan University)
- Mahendhiran Sanggaran Nair (Monash University Malaysia)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Hooi Hooi Lean (Universiti Sains Malaysia) and Russell Smyth (Monash University), “Malaysia’s Past Successes and Uncertain Future: Graduating from the Middle or Caught in the Middle?”

Discussants
- Wan Saiful (Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs)
- Somkiat Tangkitvanich (Thailand Development Research Institute),
- Donald Hanna (Roubini Associates)
- Jayant Menon (Asian Development Bank)

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Jeffrey D. Sachs (Columbia University) "The Age of Sustainable Development"

5:30 pm: AEP ends