ASIA-EURO POLICY FORUM

“RESPONDING TO CRISES IN EAST ASIA”

Venue: “Iwasaki Koyata Memorial Hall “
International House of Japan, 5-11-16 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0032, Japan

Date: 12-13 September, 2018

Organizers:
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan
GRIPS Alliance, Japan
The Japan Foundation Asia center
Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta
L’Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

Purpose:
Fast moving crises in Asia require us to think and reflect carefully in our responses - North Korean nuclear threat, rising Chinese influence in the region, populism and strong-man politics that may undermine economic progress, to name a few.

No one doubts the importance of Southeast Asia as a region critical of ensuring stability and prosperity of Asia and the world. Also true is that Southeast Asia is a soft spot although it is a region of dynamic economic transformation and intensifying great power rivalries.

Meanwhile, both Japan and Europe, experiencing similar global challenges, had gone through waves of policy challenges whereby accumulating lessons in policy areas such as trade and macro-economy, social safety net and
health, environment, energy and disaster risk reduction. In short, the lessons learned by Japan and Europe have a degree of applicability to ASEAN contexts if operationalization of such lessons is possible.

Given this background, this trilateral policy research project ASIA-EURO POLICY DIALOGUE (AEPD) aims to strengthen exchanges on Southeast Asia’s current reality and beyond among ASEAN countries, Europe and Japan. In particular, this research project attempts to increase awareness on the political and economic importance of Southeast Asia for international community and operationalize the policy lessons for ASEAN countries from experiences, both positive and negative, that Japan and Europe have had.

Concretely, this project is composed of the policy forum to be held annually and the fellowship program for the scholars and policy makers.

The purpose of the policy forum is as part of AEPD to provide an opportunity for prominent researchers and policy-makers to exchange views and opinions and disseminate widely such views and opinions in order to contribute to better understanding of the region and to provide concrete inputs to policy making in Europe, Southeast Asia and Japan. There will be participants from Southeast Asia, Europe, and Japan, as well as key players such as Republic of Korea, China, India, Australia and the United States.

The first policy forum was held on 7 and 8 June 2017 in Jakarta under the overall theme “Where does ASEAN stand and where will it go: the state and future of ASEAN and response of external partners”.

This year, the second policy forum will discuss pressing issues under the title “Responding to Crises in East Asia”

For details, please visit our website http://www3.grips.ac.jp/~aepd/en/

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Program- revised (final)

12 September, Wednesday

12:30-13:30  Registration

13:30  Asia-Euro Policy Forum begins

13:35-13:45  Opening Statement
            Manabu Horii, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

13:45-13:55  Introductory Remarks
            Yutaka Iimura, Ambassador
            Chairman of Asia-Euro Policy Dialogue

14:00-16:30  Session 1
            Overview: United States-China Relations and Future Security Arrangements in East Asia
            Speakers
            Akihiko Tanaka, President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

            Hassan Wirajuda, former Foreign Minister, Indonesia

            Mathieu Duchâtel, Deputy Director, Asia and China Program, European Council for Foreign Relations

            T.J. Pempel, Professor of Policy Science, UC Berkeley, USA

            Chen Dongxiao, President, Shanghai Institute for International Studies

            Shekhar Sinha, Vice Admiral, Former Chief of Western Naval Command, India

            Moderator
            Jusuf Wanandi, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, CSIS Foundation, Indonesia
13 September, Thursday

9:30-11:10  Session 2
Key Challenge One: South China Sea and Impact on ASEAN Stability

Speakers
Yoji Koda, former Commander of Self Defense Fleet, Maritime Self Defense Forces, Japan

Rizal Sukma, Ambassador of Indonesia to United Kingdom

Bill Hayton, Associate Fellow, Asia-Pacific Program, Chatham House, UK

Amy Searight, Senior Advisor and Director, Southeast Asia Program, CSIS, USA

Zhu Feng, Executive Director, China Center for Collaborative Studies of the South China Sea, Nanjing University

Moderator
Philips Vermonte, Executive Director, CSIS, Indonesia

11:10-11:20  Coffee Break

11:25-13:05  Session 3
Key Challenge Two: North Korea’s Nuclear Development and Geopolitical Implication

Speakers
Narushige Michishita, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

Antoine Bondaz, Research Fellow at the Fondation pour la recherche stratégique/Senior Lecturer at Sciences Po, France

Scott Snyder, Director of the program on US-Korea Policy, Council on Foreign Relations, USA

Cheng Xiaohe, Associate Professor, Renmin University of China
Kang Choi, Vice President, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Republic of Korea

Moderator  Yoko Iwama, Professor of International Relations, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

13:05-14:05 Lunch Break

14:10-14:30 **Key Note Speech** by Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of World Trade Organization

14:35-16:20 **Session 4**
  **Key Challenge Three: Free Trade vs Protectionism in the Era of Populism**
  Speakers  Shujiro Urata, Professor, Dean, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University, Japan
  Mari Pangestu, Member of the Board of Trustees, CSIS Foundation, Indonesia
  Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of World Trade Organization
  Peter Petri, Professor, Brandeis International Business School, USA
  Moderator  Narongchai Akrasanee, former Minister of Energy, Thailand

16:20-16:30 Coffee Break

16:35-18:20 **Session 5**
  **ASEAN and External Partners – How External Partners Contribute to Stability and Prosperity of ASEAN**
  Speakers  Ong Keng Yong, former Secretary General of ASEAN
  Takashi Shiraishi, Chancellor, Prefectural University of Kumamoto, Japan
  Richard C. Smith, Visiting Fellow, the Australian National University and the Lowy Institute, Australia
Alexander McLachlan, Senior Adviser, Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service

Toshihide Ando, Director, Deputy Director-General / Deputy Assistant Minister, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Moderator Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Chairman, Institute of Strategic International Studies, Malaysia

18:20-18:40 Closing Remarks
Jusuf Wanandi, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, CSIS Foundation, Indonesia

Sébastien Lechevalier, President, Fondation France-Japon de L’École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, France

Hiroko Tsuka, Executive Vice President, Japan Foundation