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Hotel Anantara Siam

155 Ratchadamri Rd, Lumpini, Pathum Wan District, Bangkok 10330, Thailand

12:00 -17:00 **Hotel Check In**
18:00 -18:15 **Registration**
18:15 -18:30 **Welcome Remarks**

Mia MIKIC - *Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP (Thailand)*
James G. McGann - *Director, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), The Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania (USA)*

18:30 -19:30 **Asia Pacific Think Tank Presidents' Panel**
Policy Challenges Facing Policymakers and Think Tanks in Asia Pacific Region

A group of Chief Executive Officers from across the region will discuss the key policy issues confronting the region and the strategic and operational challenges facing their respective think tanks. The discussion will focus on the key policies, strategies, plans and programs that each executive has developed to meet both the challenges and opportunities presented by this new, complex and disruptive environment in which all policymakers and think tanks must operate. The objective of the panel is to highlight the cross-cutting issues facing the region and to foreshadow some of the issues that will be explored during the rest of the Summit.

Chair: Haksoon PAIK - *President, The Sejong Institute (Republic of Korea)*

Panelists:

Hidetoshi NISHIMURA - *President, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) (Japan)*

Anh Duong NGUYEN - *Director of General Department Central Institute for Economic Management (Vietnam)*

Leeber LEEBOUAPAO - *Acting President, Lao PDR National Institute for Economic Research (Lao PDR)*

Celia M. REYES - *President, Philippine Institute for Development Studies (Philippines)*

Khojamakhmad UMAROV - *Head, Macroeconomic Department Center of Economic Studies (Tajikistan)*

Takeo HARADA - *CEO, Representative Institute for International Strategy and Information Analysis, Inc. (IISIA) (Japan)*

Kirida BHAOPHICHITR - *Research Director for International Research and Advisory Service Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI) (Thailand)*

19:30 - 20:00 **Welcome Buffet Dinner**

20:00 - 20:30 **Keynote Address**

Japan G20 Summit: Trade & Capital Flows in Asia facing with Advancement of Financial Technology

Naoyuki YOSHINO - *Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) (Japan)*

20:30 - 21:00 **Buffet Dessert, Coffee, and Tea**

Monday November 11 2019

Venue UN Conference Center

United Nations Building, Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Khwaeng Bang Khun Phrom, Khet Phra Nakhon, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

- 07:30 **Buses Depart from Anantara and Grande Centre Point Hotel to UN Conference Center** (only for participants staying in one of these hotels - please do not be late)
- 08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**
- 09:00 - 09:15 **Summit Opening Remarks**
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Mia MIKIC - *Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP (Thailand)*
James G. MCGANN - *Director Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), The Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania (USA)*
- 09:15 - 09:40 **Opening Keynote Address**
Sustainable Development Challenges for 21st Century
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Armida SALSIAH ALISJAHBANA - *Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP (Thailand)*
- 09:40 - 10:55 **Plenary Session Panel I**
Trade Wars or Trade Winds: Which Way is the Wind Blowing
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What do trade tensions between the United States and China, the two largest trade partners of Asia-Pacific economies, mean for the Asia-Pacific Region? Despite the potential shock and disruptions of a trade war between the United States and China, the economies in the vast Asia Pacific region are projected to keep growing and some may even benefit from a trade war. The United States and Europe remain invaluable economic partners for the region. Value added to raw and other goods in Asia-Pacific economies makes its way to the United States either directly or indirectly via China underscoring the interdependence of these two economic powerhouses. The potential impact of a protracted trade dispute is clear if it continues to expand and escalate. Many countries in the region are pushed and pulled by traditional alliances, commercial priorities and future interests as the world's two biggest economies go head to head in a trade war. With this backdrop in mind, the panel will explore the current trade environment, and the impact trade disputes will have on regional and global economic growth.
- Chairs:***
James G. MCGANN - *Director, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), The Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania (USA)*
Mia MIKIC - *Director Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (UNESCAP) (Thailand)*
- Panelists:***
Fukunari KIMURA - *Chief Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) (Japan)*
Shiro ARMSTRONG - *Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre; Director, East Asian Bureau of Economic Research; Fellow, Crawford School, Australia National University (Australia)*

Anh Duong NGUYEN - *Director of General Department, Central Institute for Economic Management (Vietnam)*

Stephen OLSON - *Research Fellow, Hinrich Foundation (HF) (Hong Kong SAR, China)*

10:55 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 12:30 **Plenary Session Panel II**

The Future of Security and Prosperity of Asia Pacific

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Geopolitical uncertainty, including established and emerging power rivalries, challenges to multilateralism, the growing influence of non-state actors and the implications of unprecedented technological advances, has created challenges to the Post WWII economic and security alliances and architecture in the Asia-Pacific region. These challenges manifest themselves in a number of ways in the Asia-Pacific and are at the top of domestic and foreign policy agendas— along with the future of the WTO, resolution of the East and South China Sea disputes and containment of North Korea’s nuclear ambitions. Asia-Pacific nations share the goal of preserving peace and prosperity, but have different ideas about how to achieve this goal. How can governments in the region and other actors create a more effective role in strengthening cooperation and reducing regional tensions? What are the prospects for forming a regional security architecture that can manage issues such as economic growth and development, maritime territorial disputes, strategic stability, and nontraditional security challenges? The Panel will explore the impact of these challenges to the security and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

Chair: Kunihiko MIYAKE - *Research Director for Foreign and National Security Affairs, Canon Institute for Global Studies (Japan)*

Panelists:

La Toya WAHA, *Senior Programme Manager, Political Dialogue Asia of Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) (Singapore)*

Asanga ABEYAGOONASEKARA - *Director General, Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)*

Dipankar BANERJEE - *Member, Forum for Strategic Initiatives (India)*

Haksoon PAIK - *President, The Sejong Institute (Republic of Korea)*

Hank LIM GIOK-HAY - *Chair of ERIA Academic Advisory Council and Research Institute Network Meeting, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (Singapore)*

Soe Myint AUNG - *Founding Executive Director, Yangon Centre for Independent Research (YCIR) (Myanmar)*

12:30 - 12:35 **Group Photo**

12:35 - 14:00 **Buffet Luncheon**

Climate Change: National, Regional, and Global Strategies

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Climate change poses some of the most pressing and intractable problems confronting policymakers and the public today. As the effects of climate change grow, the costs increase and policy choices narrow. A critical examination of alternative policies, paradigms and public engagement strategies is required. There is an urgent need for innovative policies and strategies that can mobilize support from a range of political constituencies and provide creative integrated strategies that address climate adaptation, mitigation, and sustainable development. A panel of senior thought leaders and executives from the leading think tanks working on this issue will discuss and propose new and innovative ways to address this clear and present danger.

Chair: Abdul Ghafoor MOHAMMED - *Foreign Secretary, The Maldives (Maldives)*

Panelists:

Tao HU - *President, Lakestone Institute of Sustainable Development (LISD) (China)*

Albert SALAMANCA, *Senior Researcher, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) (Thailand)*

Mark ELDER - *Director of Research and Publications, Strategic Management Office
Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES) (Japan)*

Harnessing Technology to Enhance Research and Engage Policymakers

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The popularization of new media has created a massive untapped pool of resources for knowledge to be shared with a new and wider audience. However, the unchecked nature of new media also results in a lack of quality control and oversaturation of content for readers to filter through. In an age of shorter attention spans and the paradox of choice, think tanks must navigate these waters to retain their appeal to changing demographics. This session aims to identify best practices for optimizing the use of new media, social networking and other platforms for public engagement and shaping policy, as well as examining which platforms we are all using to the greatest impact. More specifically, how can think tanks creatively harness these new tools beyond standard marketing purposes while being discerning about the quality, effectiveness of various platforms, and how they align with think tank's mission to inform policymakers and the public about key policy issues?

Chair: Jordi LOKANATA, *Senior Business Analyst, McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) (USA)*

Panelists:

Pisit LEEAHTAM - *Chair, Future Innovative Thailand Institute (FITI) (Thailand)*

Jim CHUNG - *Deputy General Director, Industrial Technology Research Institute*

Watcharas LEELAWATH - *Executive Director, Mekong Institute (Thailand)*

Lydia RUDDY - *Director of Communications, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN*

and East Asia (ERIA) (Indonesia)

The Coming Food and Water Crisis

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Food and water insecurity are not just a future problem, but rather are serious crises that our world is presently facing. In 2016, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations reported a total of 815 million chronically undernourished people in the world. In addition, the World Health Organization reported in 2015 that there was a total of 2.1 billion people who lacked access to safely managed drinking water. There are many contributing factors to food and water insecurity, such as climate change, poverty, gender inequality, and macro-economic trade policies— each of which are complex issues that require comprehensive research. This research gap can and should be filled by think tanks, that can then take a prominent role in addressing these causes of food and water insecurity. Think tanks have a unique position in food and water security research and can address interdisciplinary and trans-boundary concerns, facilitating critical knowledge exchange, and generating overall issue awareness. Despite the clear intersect between these two crises, institutional and disciplinary silos inhibit the development of creative policies and programs to address the problem. A panel of scholars will examine the coming crisis and suggest some ways of addressing it.

Chair: Puspa SHARMA - *Deputy Executive South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) (Nepal)*

Panelists:

Akiko YAMANAKA - *Special Advisor to the President - Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) (Indonesia)*

Rainer HEUFERS - *Executive Director, Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (Indonesia)*

James G. MCGANN - *Director, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) (USA)*

Md Mayen Uddin TAZIM - *Social Safeguards Specialist, Asian Development Bank (Bangladesh) (TBC)*

15:00 - 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 - 16:15 **Breakout Sessions 2**

New Faces and New Ideas: The Diversity and Innovation Connection

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The business and anthropological literature have shown a strong, evidence-based correlation between organizational innovation and diversity. The Panel will feature a group of young and mature scholars and think tank executives who will discuss the importance of diversity in their organizations and emphasize the important connection between diversity and innovation. The panelists have been asked to address the following questions: what does diversity mean to you?; how can an organization create a diverse and dynamic workplace that focus on gender, age,

ethnic, political and religious diversity?; why did you choose to work at a think tank?; what obstacles did you encounter in the hiring process and advancing your career at a think tank?; what perspectives on policy and organization innovation do you bring to your think tank and the issues facing your country; and what specific recommendations would you suggest to improve the role and impact of think tanks? Finally, and most importantly, what recommendations would you make to improve the careers of ethnic and racial groups, women, young scholars and executives?

Chair: Angela MO - *Senior Manager of Policy Advocacy and Engagement, Our Hong Kong Foundation (Hong Kong SAR, China)*

Panelists:

Suba Chandran DURAI - *Professor, National Institute for Advanced Studies (India)*

Yichuan (Lily) MA - *Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute (USA)*

Vorada SOCATIYANURAK - *Research Intern, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania (USA/Thailand)*

Asma MASOOD - *Research Officer and Programme Director-Internships, Chennai Centre for China Studies (C3S) (India)*

Erdenetsogt ODBAYAR - *Executive Director, International Think Tank for LLDCs (Mongolia)*

Economic Growth, Integration and Alliances in the Asia Pacific

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The Asia-Pacific region is one of the world's growth centers. The Summit provides an opportunity for the region to take stock of the achievements made in regional integration and cooperation, as well as a chance to look ahead and consider what needs to be done to achieve the vision of a unified and seamless economic community in the Asia-Pacific Region. The realization of a stable, peaceful and prosperous region is a priority for many countries in the region. To achieve this, it is essential that countries commit to a peaceful and stable regional community underpinned by rules that comply with international law and a free, open regional economy that builds on the various regional organizations and cooperative frameworks with countries in the region, as well as Europe and the US. There has been some success with regional integration in a number of sectors including tourism, infrastructure and consumer protection, in an effort to foster inclusive and sustainable growth across the region. The most prominent overarching risks to growth at this point are the possibility of a more rapid monetary policy contraction in advanced economies; the rapid rise in private-sector debt; and the broadening of trade restrictions globally, coupled with limited progress in regional trade agreements. A panel of think tank scholars and practitioners will explore the prospect for regional cooperation and development.

Chair: Watcharas LEELAWATH - *Executive Director, Mekong Institute (MI) (Thailand)*

Panelists:

Hitoshi SATO - *Director General of Development Studies Center, Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO (Japan)*

Naoyoshi NOGUCHI - *President of Bangkok Research Center, Executive Vice President of JETRO (Thailand)*

Anthony KIM - *Research Manager and Editor of the Index of Economic Freedom, The Heritage Foundation (USA)*

Nicola MISSAGLIA - *Online Publications Manager, The Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) (Italy)*

Tony CAVOLI - *Associate Professor in Economics and Researcher, Centre for Applied Finance and Economics, University of South Australia (UniSA) (Australia) (TBC)*

Swaran SINGH - *Professor for Diplomacy and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) (India) (TBC)*

New Sources and Strategies for Funding Think Tanks

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As traditional funding sources such as national governments and public and private donors change, think tanks will be forced to explore new ways to fund their research and operations. The panel will explore the challenges and opportunities associated with raising funds from corporations, training programs, consulting, crowdsourcing, endowments and publishing. In addition, think tanks are exploring creative partnerships with new and old media campaigns to raise funds and extend their reach. The new approaches to funding think tanks require careful management and oversight in order to assure that the quality, independence and integrity of the think tank is maintained. A panel of think tank executives will discuss how their think is funded and what they are doing to explore new strategies and sources for funding their think tank.

Chair: Dushni WEERAKOON - *Executive Director, Institute for Policy Studies (Sri Lanka)*

Panelists:

Evan DUE - *Consultant, China Research Development Foundation (China)*

Matt MCENANY - *Manager, Health and Global Policy Institute (Japan)*

Andy MOK - *Senior Research Fellow, Center for China and Globalization (China)*

Adam SIEMINSKI - *President, KAPSARC (Saudi Arabia)*

16:30 - 16:45 **Buses Depart UNCC for Hotel and Dinner**

19:00 - 22:00 **Dinner and Keynote Address**
2019 Asia Pacific Think Tank Summit Dinner – Asia’s future is now
Jeongmin SEONG - *Senior Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute (USA)*

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Venue UN Conference Center

United Nations Building, Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Khwaeng Bang Khun Phrom, Khet Phra Nakhon, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

07:45 - 08:00 **Buses Depart from hotel to UN Conference Center**

09:00 - 09:45 **Keynote Address**

Digital Technology for Development

Fukunari KIMURA - *Chief Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) (Indonesia)*

09:45 - 11:00 **Plenary Panel III**

The Risks and Rewards of New World (Re)order

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Consciously or inadvertently, the new world order is taking place. Alliances are shifting, conflict and mass migration of people is continuing, and sustained economic growth and development is remaining elusive. The 2019 Asia-Pacific Think Tank Summit is taking place at a truly extraordinary historical moment in world politics. The post WWII economic, political and security orders are being challenged and redefined by national and regional tectonic shifts in domestic and international politics. The panel will discuss these changes and suggest ways that think tanks can help policy makers and the public respond to both the challenges and opportunities they present. The rise of Japan, then the Asian Tigers, and now China and India – has changed the course of economic development in Asia and around the world. These developments have resulted in a sea of change that has had profound implications for economics, politics and international relations. The transition to the New World (Re) Order will unfold over decades rather than years, providing an opportunity for the United States, Europe and Asia to manage the risks and rewards of the new and old rivalries that will emerge.

Chair: Daisuke NAKANO - *Director, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) (Japan)*

Panelists:

Asanga ABHEYAGOONASEKARA - *Director General, Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka) (TBC)*

Harsh PANT - *Director, Studies & Head Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation (India)*

Hank LIM GIOK-HAY - *Chair of ERIA Academic Advisory Council and Research Institute Network Meeting, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (Singapore)*

Juita MOHAMAD - *Fellow in Economics, Trade, and Regional Integration Division, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) (Malaysia)*

Anthony KIM - *Research Manager, The Heritage Foundation (HF) (USA)*

Swaran SINGH - *Professor for Diplomacy and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) (India)*

11:00 - 12:15 **Plenary Panel IV - Closing Plenary Session**

The Role of Think Tanks In Shaping the Future of Asia Pacific Region

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A group of senior scholars and executives from across the region will discuss the constructive role that think tanks can play in helping Asia meet the challenges and opportunities that the region faces now and in the future. The Panel will be asked to provide specific areas where think tanks can play a constructive role in developing or advancing key policies. The panel will also explore areas where cross border and cross disciplinary partnerships might be forged among think tanks and countries inside and outside the region. Finally what steps do think tanks need to take to enhance their role and knowledge and policy brokers in Asia. Panelists are encouraged to try to identify key issues and highlights from the Summit Panels and Keynote addresses. The overall objective is to create a bold set of programs and actions that think tank can work on to address some of the policy challenges facing policymakers and the public and the operational and strategic challenges facing think tanks in the Asia-Pacific region.

Chair: James G. McGann - *Director, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), The Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania (USA)*

Panelists:

Angela MO - *Senior Manager of Policy Advocacy and Engagement, Our Hong Kong Foundation (Hong Kong, China)*

Mia MIKIC - *Director, Trade, Investment and innovation Division, UNESCAP (Thailand)*

Harsh PANT - *Director, Studies & Head Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation (India)*

Kyungsoo CHOI - *Director of Department of Knowledge Economy, Korea Development Institute (Republic of Korea)*

Yasuo FUJITA - *Deputy Director, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan)*

Andy MOK - *Senior Research Fellow, Center for China and Globalisation (CCG) (China)*

Leeber LEEBOUAPAO - *Acting President, Lao PDR National Institute for Economic Research (NIER) (Lao PDR)*

12:15 - 13:00 **Closing Remarks**

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Mia MIKIC - *Director Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (UNESCAP) (Thailand)*

Angela MO - *Senior Manager of Policy Advocacy and Engagement, Our Hong Kong Foundation (Hong Kong SAR, China)*

Sabina WOELKNER, *Head of Department "Agenda 2030", Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) (Germany)*

Kunihiko MIYAKE - *Research Director / President, Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS)*
(Japan)

13:00 - 14:30 **Buffet Luncheon and Networking**

14:30 - 18:00 **Cultural and City Tour**

Leaves from UNCC and Returns to Anantara and Grande Centre Pointe at the conclusion of the tour

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Korea Economic Research Institute (KERI)	Republic of Korea
Korea Institute for International Economic Policy	Republic of Korea
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Mekong Institute (MI)	Thailand
Ministry of Commerce	Cambodia
National Institute for Economic Research	Lao PDR

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TTCSP Recent and Forthcoming Publications:

Think Tanks the New Policy Advisers In Asia (Brookings Press January 2019)

<https://www.brookings.edu/book/think-tanks/>

Think Tanks Foreign Policy the Emerging Powers (Palgrave 2017)

<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783319603117>

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