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AGENDA

Date	Activity
August 7 to 8	Arrival Check-in: Hotel Metropolitan Sendai
Wednesday, August 8	Venue: Hotel Metropolitan Sendai, Ginga Room, 21 st Floor 18:00 – 18:30 Orientation 18:30 – 19:00 Registration 19:00 – 20:30 Reception Dinner
Thursday, August 9	Venue: Chi no Yakata 知の館 (Tokyo Electron House of Creativity), Tohoku University 8:30 – 9:00 Registration 9:00 – 9:40 Opening Ceremony <i>Chair</i> Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum Welcoming and Introductory Remarks <i>Remarks on behalf of the Country Representatives</i> Park Kwan-Young, Former Speaker of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea; President of National Development Institute Wang Shuzu, Former Vice Mayor, Tianjin Municipal Government, Executive Vice Chair of the Research Center for Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia George Ariyoshi, Former Governor of Hawai'i Pavel Minakir, Academician and President, Economic Research Institute, Far East Branch, Russia Academy of Sciences, Russia Ganbold Baasanjav, Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Mongolia 9:40 – 10:05 Keynote Address Mr. Nikai Toshihiro, Member, House of Representatives (Diet), Japan; Secretary-General, Liberal Democratic Party 10:05 – 10:20 Group Photo 10:20 – 10:35 Coffee Break 10:35 – 12:15 Session 1: Building a Northeast Asia Economic Community and its Extended Regions <i>Co-Chairs</i> Jeong Hyung-Gon, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy Cai Jiming, Center for Political Economy Tsinghua University, National People's Congress Deputy, Board Member for Finance Committee, National People's Congress <i>Presenters</i> Zhao Xianfeng, Asian Financial Cooperation Association Deputy Secretary-General

Guo Yanjun, Director, Institute of Asian Studies, China Foreign Affairs University and Coordinator for Trilateral Cooperation for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Sergei Sevastianov, Director, Asia Pacific International Institutions and Multilateral Cooperation Studies Center Oriental Institute-School of Regional and International Studies, Far Eastern Federal University

Julius von Freytag-Loringhoven, Project Director, Russia and Central Asia, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit (tbc)

Discussants

Sangmin Nam, Interim Head of Office, UNESCAP-ENEA

Glyn Ford, Director, Track2Asia, European Union

Liu Ming, Associate Professor, School of Finance, Nankai University

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 14:45 Session 2: Cross-border Infrastructure and Special Economic Zones in Northeast Asia

Co-Chairs

Yamaguchi Tsuyoshi, Member, House of Representatives (Diet) and Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum

Presenters

Glyn Ford, Director, Track2Asia, European Union

Anthony Mitchell, President, Korea Associates Business Consultancy

Inoue Satoshi, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

Sangmin Nam, Interim Head of Office, UNESCAP-ENEA

Discussants

Pavel Minakir, Academician and Director, Economic Research Institute, Far East Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:45 Session 3: Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia

Co-Chairs

Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum

Wang Shuzu, Former Vice Mayor of Tianjin Municipal Government, China

Presenters

Maeda Tadashi, Governor and Representative Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

Joo Hyunghwan, Former Minister of Industry and Resources, Korea

Stanley Katz, Former Executive Vice President, Asian Development Bank

Lee Jai-Min, Professor, Korea Maritime University; Former Vice President, Korea Export-Import Bank

Discussants

Hong Jae Hyung, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Korea and Chairman, Presidential Nomination Supervisory Commission for the Democratic Party, Korea
Liu Lanbiao, Vice Dean, School of Finance, Nankai University, Deputy Director of the Research Center for Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia
Liu Ming, Associate Professor, School of Finance, Nankai University, Secretary General of the Research Center for Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia

Friday, August 10

Venue: Chi no Yakata 知の館 (Tokyo Electron House of Creativity), Tohoku University

9:00 – 10:15 Session 4: Energy and Environment in Northeast Asia
Co-Chairs

Stephen Cowper, Former Governor of Alaska
Kim Kyung Sool, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Energy Economics Institute

Presenters

Tanabe Yasuo, Special Representative for External Relations, Hitachi, Ltd.
Yoo Haksik, Associate Research Fellow, Korea Energy Economics Institute
Iinuma Yoshiki, Director, Research Department, Japan Electric Power Information Center
Terry Surlles, Senior Advisor, California Institute for Energy and Environment, UC/Berkeley.

Discussants

Tarui Nori, Professor of Economics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Kenji Sumida, Former President, East-West Center; Secretary General, North American Committee, Northeast Asia Economic Forum

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 Session 5: Tourism Cooperation in Northeast Asia
Co-Chairs

Kojima Takashi, Member of Prefectural Assembly, Niigata, Japan and Chairman, Northeast Asia Tourism Forum
Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum

Presenters

Akihiro Iwashita, Professor, Hokkaido University
Brendan Bussmann, Public Affairs and Strategic Development Consultant and Ray Cho, University of Nevada
Konishi Yoko, Senior Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (REITI), Japan

Discussants

Yasuhiro Tsuboi, Managing Director & Board Member, Japan Tourist Bureau (JTB)
Denise Konan, Dean, College of Social Sciences, University of Hawaii at Manoa

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 14:15 **Panel Discussion on Natural Disaster and Regional Cooperation**

Panelists

Imamura Fumihiko, Professor of Tsunami Engineering,
Director, International Research Institute of
Disaster Science, Tohoku University

Liu Wei, Professor & Vice Dean, School of Finance,
Nankai University

Elizabeth Maly, Assistant Professor, International
Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku
University

Discussant

Tarui Nori, Professor of Economics, University of Hawai'i
at Mānoa

14:15 – 14:30 **Coffee Break**

14:30 – 15:15 **Closing Session**

Chair

Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum
Statement

18:00 – 20:30 **Dinner Hosted by Organizing Institutions (YLP
Completion Ceremony prior to dinner)**

Restaurant Hagi

Saturday, August 11 Venue: 30th Floor, Hall 30A, TKP Garden City Sendai (2 min walk from
Sendai Station)

9:00 – 12:00 **Meeting of Representatives of National
Committee/Groups of Northeast Asia Economic
Forum**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch for Representatives**