

ADB-Asian Think Tank Development Forum 2015

Advancing Innovation and Inclusion for a Prosperous Asia

8-9 September 2015
Pullman Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia

7 September 2015 (day 0)

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| Whole day | Arrival of participants/Check-in at hotel |
| 18:30-20:30 | Informal welcome reception (hosted by ADB) |

8 September 2015 (day 1)

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| 08:30 | Registration |
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Session 1: Opening Ceremonies (plenary)

Moderator: **Professor Emeritus Dr Zakariah Ab Rashid, MIER, Malaysia**

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| 09:30 | Welcome remarks by TAN SRI DR SULAIMAN MAHBOB , Chairman, Board of Trustees MIER |
| 09:35 | Welcome remarks by JUZHONG ZHUANG , Deputy Chief Economist and Deputy Director General, ADB |
| 09:40 | Keynote address, YBHG. TAN SRI DR. MOHD IRWAN SERIGAR BIN ADBULLAH , Secretary-General, Ministry of Finance, and Member, MIER Board of Trustees, Malaysia |
| 10:00 | Photo session and coffee |
| 10:30 | Regional Macroeconomic Outlook, Juzhong Zhuang |
| 11:00 | Rathin Roy: Reaction paper, NIPFP, India |
| 11:15 | Zhang Qi, Strategic Change: China's Opening-up under New Normal, DRC, People's Republic of China |
| 11:30 | Aset Irgaliyev, The economy of Kazakhstan: on the wave of structural reforms, ERI, Kazakhstan |
| 11:45 | Open discussion |
| 12:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |

Session 2: Global Value Chains Challenges and Opportunities (plenary)

Moderator: **Dushni Weerakoon, IPS, Sri Lanka**

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| 13:30 | Benno Ferrarini, Asia in global value chains, ADB |
| 13:50 | Willem Thorbecke, The changing sophistication of China's exports, 1992-2014: RIETI, Japan |
| 14:05 | Hing Vutha, Leveraging trade for economic growth in Cambodia, CDRI, Cambodia |
| 14:20 | Xaysomphet Norasing, A backward linkage of Lao agribusiness value chain: A case study on knowledge and technology transfers, MIC, Lao PDR |
| 14:35 | Kamila Mukhamedkhanova, Defining the pattern of growth and policies for accelerated transformation, CER, Uzbekistan |
| 14:50 | Open discussion |
| 15:15 | <i>Coffee/Tea</i> |

Session 3: Regional Economic Cooperation Priorities & Concerns (plenary)

Moderator: **Charles Yala, NRI, Papua New Guinea**

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| 15:30 | Zakariah Ab Rashid, The ASEAN Economic Community, MIER, Malaysia |
| 15:45 | Qiangwu Zhou, The AIIB and regional infrastructure development, AFDC, People's Republic of China |
| 16:00 | Shujaat Farooq, Political stability and regional economic cooperation: The case of selected South Asian economies, PIDE, Pakistan |
| 16:15 | Xiaoming Huang, Economic dynamics, platforms and institutions: Shaping of the regional economic order in the Asia-Pacific, CCRC, New Zealand |
| 16:30 | Open discussion |
| 16:45 | Informal exchange and or networking |
| 18:30 | MIER Outreach Program: Inter-Varsity Debate |
| 19:45 | <i>Dinner (hosted by MIER)</i> |

9 September 2015 (day 2)**Session 4a: Transitioning from Middle Income Status (parallel)****Moderators: Rathin Roy, NIPFP, India**

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| 08:00 | Registration |
| 08:30 | Jesus Felipe, Is there a middle-income trap? No, ADB |
| 08:45 | Nonarith Bisonyabut, Thailand in the middle-income trap: An unrecognized contribution from the government; TDRI, Thailand |
| 09:00 | Wong Poh Kam, The impact of R&D on the Singapore economy: a time series analysis, NUS, Singapore |
| 09:15 | Hj Fauzi Hj Puasa, Middle-income trap: the Malaysian Case; MIER, Malaysia |
| 09:30 | Open discussion |
| 10:00 | <i>Coffee/Tea</i> |

Session 4b: Social Inclusion for Shared Growth (parallel)**Moderators: Talant Sultanov, NISS, Kyrgyz Republic**

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| 08:30 | Marife Ballesteros, Social inclusion and housing, PIDS, Philippines |
| 08:45 | Ram Chandra Dhakal, Impact of social inclusion on economic development and poverty reduction in Nepal, CEDA, Nepal |
| 09:00 | Radhicka Kapoor, Technology, jobs and inequality: Evidence from India's manufacturing sector, ICRIER, India |
| 09:15 | Carunia Mulya Firdausy, Can we use multidimensional measures as the official poverty line in Indonesia? ERC-IIS, Indonesia |
| 09:30 | Open discussion |
| 10:00 | <i>Coffee/Tea</i> |

Session 5: Capacity Building for Better Policy Advising (plenary)**Moderator: Dongxiang Li, ADB**

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| 10:30 | James McGann, University of Pennsylvania, TTCSP, USA |
| 10:45 | Chhem Rethy, The CDRI experience building capacity: What have we learned?, CDRI, Cambodia |
| 11:00 | Chanyong Choi, Guiding Korea's social and economic transformation, KDI, Korea |
| 11:15 | Seema Bhatia-Panthaki/Samar Verma, IDRC |
| 11:20 | Ziqian Liang, CAREC Institute |
| 11:25 | Yan Xie, ADB's Co-financing Operations, OCO, ADB |
| 11:30 | Next Steps: 2016 forum, etc. |
| 12:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |

Afternoon

14:00-17:30 Informal Networking Activity (by MIER)