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### Background / Rationale:

We are witnessing an unprecedented rise in protectionism in the world. As a result, the multilateral rules-based global system is coming under severe challenges. It can have extremely serious repercussions for the global economies causing sharp declines in international trade flows and widespread unemployment, particularly in the developing countries. Therefore, multilateralism and globalization need to be defended and promoted by the international community. In addition, the emergence of new technologies on the global scene is creating new opportunities and challenges, which have to be effectively dealt with in the interest of regional integration. The global importance being accorded to the Sustainable Development Goals and its linkages with various sectors of the national, regional and global economy, including in the Indo-pacific Region, needs to be deeply examined. Obviously, the growing services sector in the region also merits focus of attention. According to some estimates, the Services sector in the ASEAN region is expected to contribute more than 70 per cent to the GDP in the medium term from the current 50 per cent.

12:00 – 1:00

### Registration

13:00 – 13:15

Welcome remarks by

- **Mr. Kazumasa Kusaka**, Chairman and CEO, JEF
- **Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General, RIS

13:15 – 13:35

Keynote address: **Ms. Preeti Saran**, formerly Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India

13:35 – 13:45

Photo session

13:45 – 14:55

### Panel Session 1: Trade and New Technology

While the multilateral trade framework has allowed greater market access, specific trade policy regimes (for example, the Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and the Information Technology Agreement (ITA)) and some forms of non-tariff barriers may have perpetuated the divergence in production capacities across countries. Overtime, only a few developing countries could carry out successful industrialization. Similar regimes would perhaps, also contribute to concentration of innovation and production of futuristic technologies covering Industry 4.0, genomics, biotechnology material

sciences, nano-technology etc. in a handful of countries. Integration into new age supply chains therefore, would largely be linked with trade induced knowledge flows. Industrial dynamism in Asia-Pacific region, though impressive is not uniform, and regional and multilateral trade regimes would have significant influence on technology driven competitiveness. Halting development track of multilateral trade dialogue due to the disengagement of advanced economies and emerging protectionism would adversely affect developing countries, denying them the right to negotiate not only the space for development but also that of industrialization.

Guide Questions:

- What has been the experience of countries on export led growth in the manufacturing sector?
- What has been the contribution of high-technology products in trade performance?
- What is the level of GVC participation and value addition?
- How can trade regimes be designed from global and regional perspectives to allow domestic capacities?

Session Chair and Moderator: **Amb Amar Sinha**, Distinguished Fellow, RIS

Panelists:

- **Dr. Man-Jung Mignonne Chan**, Chair and CEO, Out-of-the Box Consultancy
- **Datuk Seri Jayasiri Jayasena**, Former Secretary General, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia
- **Amb. Murray McLean AO**, Chairman, Dunmore McLean Pty Ltd.
- **Prof. Simon Tay, Chairman**, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)
- **Mr. Nuttawut Laksanapanyakul**, Consultant, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

14:55 – 15:10

Coffee Break

15:10 – 16:25

***Panel Session 2: Imperatives for Regional Integration: Growing Role of Service Sector***

With greater application of information technology and deeper financial integration in developing countries, services trade has intensified along with diversification of the nature and forms of services delivery. The contribution of services to national income in developing countries has been substantial; most notably accounting for about 50 per cent of GDP in the LDCs. Moreover, services would contribute more than 70 per cent of GDP in the ASEAN region. Not only the advanced economies and developing economies that have embraced increasing pace of service orientation but this phenomenon is widespread across countries in South Asia, East Asia and other regions of the world. FTAs and RTAs that fueled regional economic integration in the last decade particularly the mega-FTAs including RCEP, CFTA, CPTPP has revealed radical changes in the scope and rules of trade negotiations especially in the areas of harmonization and streamlining of non-tariff barriers (NTBs) and market access commitments in services. Barring the issues of national treatment and market access commitments, services negotiations reflect other important areas such as rules & regulations for foreign direct investment into services sectors, regulations for e-commerce platforms offering services trade, and contours of Mode 3 and

Mode 4 issues. Besides traditional services such as transportation, construction, travel, etc, the prospects of services trade are immense in several IT-enabled services like financial services, tourism, business process outsourcing, consultancy, accounting & management services, and so on. Further, Global Value Chains offer scope of specialization and fragmentation of services particularly in logistics, transport, finance, communication and other sectors feeding trade in goods. This wave of services orientation demands a careful examination of all pertinent issues with respect to trade and investment faced by the economies in the Asia-Pacific region. Although the merits of broadening of services negotiations remain undisputed, the plurilateral route of services negotiations e.g. TISA may pose challenges to the ruled-based multilateral trading system.

Guide Questions:

- How to leverage the advancement in technology like larger spread of mobile telephony, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, etc in expanding services trade between countries?
- What are the additional regulatory firewalls and preparedness required to protect the domestic consumers especially data protection and access and related aspects?
- What are the promising services sectors and sub-sectors for broad-based engagement in services trade in the Asia-pacific region?
- How to deal with the new disciplines in services trade such as negative list approach, mutual recognition, data privacy, state owned enterprises, domestic regulations, etc.?

Session Chair and Moderator: **Mr. Naoyuki Haraoka**, Executive Managing Director, JEF

Panelists:

- **Prof. Choong-Yong Ahn**, Professor Emeritus, College of Business and Economics, Chung-Ang University (CAU)
- **Prof. Prabir De**, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
- **Prof. Gary Hawke**, Emeritus Professor, Victoria University of Wellington (VUW)
- **Ms. Anita Prakash**, Director General for Policy Relations, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)
- **Prof. Shujiro Urata**, Dean and Professor, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University
- **Prof. Zhang Jianping**, Director General, Center for Regional Economic Cooperation, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (AITEC), MOFCOM

16:25 – 16:40

Coffee Break

16:40 – 17:45

*Panel Session 3: Importance and Roles of SDGs in the Indo-Pacific Region: Strategies for Attainment of SDGs*

South Asia, East Asia, South East Asia, Oceania and the Pacific offer tremendous lessons of development transitions and catching-up. SDGs redefine sustainability goals for the region and call for inclusive economic growth to fully overcome poverty related deprivations. Poverty, inequality, hunger, shortage of decent work and social security and skill gaps are prominent in the region and reflect poorly on the promise of inclusive development. Many of these aspects have a multi-dimensional character and interconnect among SDG targets have to be fully appreciated and realised as part of the strategy. The region scores low on sustainable consumption, sustainability of cities and environmental protection. The region also faces challenges on parameters related to health and well-being, water and sanitation, infrastructure and governance. Regional cooperation has been a time tested tool for all countries in the region and deeper engagements are already in the making. New challenges are climate change and disaster resilience and opportunities are there in terms of blue economy led development. In appreciating development needs of countries, leading nations in the region would have to support development efforts in countries that have lower resource and capacity base, particularly the CLMV. Creation of regional public good and promotion of peace would go a long way is fulfilling the SDGs.

Guide Questions:

- What are the critical challenges in the context of the SDGs in the region?
- How to define holistic approach on multi-dimensional deprivations and promote localisation of SDGs in that regard? (focus on local capacities and monitoring)
- What could be future strategies of inclusive development encompassing entrepreneurship, livelihood and skills in the lower end of the pyramid? (focus on stakeholder collaboration and private sector participation in SDGs)
- What could be the mechanisms to focus on regional public goods? (focus on climate change and resilient infrastructure)

Session Chair and Moderator: **Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General, RIS

Panelists:

- **Dr. Yose Rizal Damuri**, Head of Department of Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- **Dr. Tri Thanh Vo, Economist**, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)
- **Dr. Josef Yap, Professorial Lecturer**, University of the Philippines School of Economics (UPSE)

17:45 – 17:55

*Closing Remarks:*

- **Amb. (Dr) Mohan Kumar**, Chairman, RIS

## Keynote address

### PREETI SARAN

Formerly Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India



Ms. Preeti Saran joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1982, and has spent a career spanning 36 years as a professional diplomat, serving overseas as well as in India. Her overseas assignments include the Indian Embassies in Russia, Bangladesh, Egypt and Geneva. Between 2008 to 2013, she served as India's Consul General in Toronto, Canada, after which she was appointed as India's Ambassador to Vietnam between 2013 to 2016.

At the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, Mrs. Saran has served in diverse positions, including in the Indian Council of Cultural Relations and in the North America and East Asia Divisions. She was Joint Secretary (Director General) of the SAARC Division between 2005 to 2007 and later Joint Secretary (Director General) of the Northern Division handling relations with Nepal and Bhutan.

In February 2016, Mrs. Saran was appointed as Secretary (East), (Vice Foreign Minister) in the Ministry of External Affairs, where she served till her superannuation in September 2018.

Ms. Saran has been a senior member of Indian delegations to several bilateral and multilateral events, including at the Summit Level. Most recently, she represented India as Sherpa/SOM leader at the BRICS Summit (Xiamen, September 2017), BIMSTEC Summit, ASEAN-India Annual Summits, East Asia Summit, ASEAN Regional Forum and the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation mechanism. She played an active role in the organization of major multilateral/international events such as the BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit in Goa in 2016; ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in Delhi in 2017; 11th World Hindi Conference in Mauritius in 2018 and the 9th and 10th editions of the ASEAN-India Delhi Dialogue in 2017 and 2018.

During her assignment in Geneva between 2002 to 2005, Mrs. Saran was extensively dealing with UN Organisations/specialized agencies such as the WIPO, UNCTAD, South Centre and all economic matters on behalf of the Permanent Mission of India.

## Welcome Remarks

### KAZUMASA KUSAKA

Chairman and CEO, JEF



Kazumasa Kusaka has been Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since April 1, 2013, and is also a Professor at University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy. He previously served for 36 years in Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), rising to become vice-minister for international affairs in the reorganized Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) in 2004. During his long career in public service, Kusaka was seconded to the International Energy Agency (IEA)/ OECD and was Japan's senior official for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). He played a central role in Asia's economic integration, promoting FTAs in the region as well as serving as a senior official negotiating the Doha development agenda of the WTO. He was head of Japan's Energy Agency and held director-general positions in technology and environmental policy in addition to trade and investment-related areas within METI. He was also instrumental in finalizing the Kyoto Protocol, and developing Japan's energy and environment policies. Among many other posts Kusaka has held are Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on Global Warming, senior vice president of Mitsubishi Electric, executive adviser to Dentsu Inc., and president of the Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East.

### SACHIN CHATURVEDI

Director General, RIS



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi is Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based Think-tank. He was Global Justice Fellow at the MacMillan Center for International Affairs at Yale University. He has done his Ph.D. in Economics on 'India-Singapore Trade Relations' from Ambedkar University. He works on issues related to development economics, involving development finance, SDGs and South-South Cooperation. He has also worked on trade, investment and innovation linkages with special focus on WTO.

He has authored/edited 10 books, apart from contributing chapters in edited volumes and publishing several research articles in various prestigious journals.

He has served as a Visiting Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). He has been a Developing Country Fellow at the University of Amsterdam (1996), Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla (2003), and Visiting Scholar at the German Development Institute (2007). He is on the Editorial Advisory Board of IDS Bulletin, Sussex, UK.

*Trade and New Technology*

**DR. MAN-JUNG MIGNONNE CHAN**

Chair and CEO, Out-of-the Box Consultancy



Dr. Mignonne Man-jung CHAN has extensive experience in academia, government, business, and media. She is Founder & CEO of Out-of-the-Box Consultancy, and sits in many Boards, including Commissioner of the KMT Party Review & Disciplinary Commission, Board Member of the National Policy Research Foundation, Independent Non-Executive Director of Standard Chartered Bank (Taiwan), Executive Board Member of Association of Emerging Market Studies, Association of Strategic Environmental Resources, and the Sino-U.S. Economic & Cultural Association. In addition, she is also commissioned as Senior Advisor to the Legislative Yuan.

Dr. Chan currently also serves as Advisor to Chinese Taipei APEC Study Center, and Advisor to the Chinese Cyan Geese Peace Education Foundation. She is also coaching negotiation regularly at public and private institutions.

Dr. Chan used to serve as KMT Member of the Parliament at-Large and sat as Chair of the Judicial Committee in 2016. She was Senior Adviser to President Ma Ying-Jeou at the National Security Council of ROC 2008~2010, Director General of International Secretariat of Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) 1999~2001; Director (Research) at the International Secretariat of Asia-Pacific Cooperation Council (APEC) 1996~1999, and Chief of Staff at the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC). In addition, she used to serve as Research Associate at the Harvard University Negotiation Roundtable—a consortium organized by Schools of Law, Business, and Government. She also served as Research Associate at the Christian Science Monitor TV. Education: Ph.D., Political Economy, Boston University, USA

Research Fields: National Security, International Organizations, Global Governance, International Political Economy, Business & Government Relations, Regional Economic Integration, Global Business Environment, Cross-Taiwan-Strait Relations, Negotiation Theories & Practices, and International Parliamentary Procedure.

**DATUK SERI JAYASIRI JAYASENA**

Former Secretary General, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia



J.Jayasiri is the former Secretary General of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia. He joined the civil service in December 1981 as Assistant Secretary of International Affairs, Ministry of Primary Industries dealing with international commodity issues. He later assumed the post of First Secretary/Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of Malaysia in Geneva from 1988 to 1997 representing Malaysia in the Uruguay Round of negotiations to establish the WTO. He returned to MITI in 1997 and served in various positions. He was Malaysia's Senior Official to APEC from 2002 – 2006. He assumed the post of Deputy Secretary-General, MITI, in charge of strategy and monitoring in January 2015 before serving as the Secretary-General from July 2016 until his mandatory retirement from civil service in May 2018.

Throughout his career, he represented Malaysia in numerous international meetings and trade negotiations. He led Malaysia's team in the ASEAN-China FTA, Malaysia-Japan FTA, the TPPA and CPTPP negotiations.

He was also deeply involved in many industry related issues and led the High-Level Task Force on the way forward for Malaysia to embrace Industry 4.0.

## AMB. MURRAY MCLEAN AO

Chairman, Dunmore McLean Pty Ltd.



Murray McLean is Chair, Australia Japan Foundation (since 2012); Chair, Foundation of Australian and Japanese Studies (NPO); and Chairman of his family company, Dunmore McLean Pty Ltd. He was a Vice Chancellor's Professorial Fellow at Monash University (2012 to 2015) and a non-resident Fellow at the Lowy Institute 2014-2016.

Formerly a senior officer of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), he retired in 2012 after a 42 year career culminating in his role as Ambassador to Japan (2004-2011) initiating negotiations on the Japan/ Australia EPA and on growing security cooperation as well as leading Australia's response to the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters of 2011.

Prior to that role, he served as Deputy Secretary of DFAT (2004); First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division (2001-2003), High Commissioner to Singapore (1997-2001); Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch, (1992-1996), and Consul General, Shanghai (1987-1992). His other DFAT postings were at the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. (1983-1986); the Australian Embassy in Beijing (twice) (1973-1976 and 1979-1983) and in Hong Kong (1971-1973). He speaks fluent Chinese. In DFAT, he was consistently involved in the formulation of Australian policy towards Asia and also served as a special ministerial envoy on North Korean nuclear matters visiting North Korea on several occasions.

He was appointed as an officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day Honours list 2013 and in November 2014, the Japanese Emperor presented him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.

## PROF. SIMON TAY

Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)



Simon SC Tay is a public intellectual as well as an advisor to major corporations and policy-makers.

He is Chairman of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, the country's oldest think tank. The SIIA's work focuses on the politics, economic policies and sustainability issues that matter to corporations and policy makers. The SIIA is ranked by an international survey as a leading think tank in ASEAN and Asia, and has advised the Indonesian and Myanmar governments on foreign investment.

He is concurrently a tenured Associate Professor, teaching international law at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law. He has also taught at Harvard Law School, the Fletcher School and Yale University. His book, *Asia Alone: the Dangerous*

Post Crisis Divide from America (Wiley 2010) was well reviewed in the Economist and Financial Times. His comments and interviews feature in the international and regional media, including the BBC, CNN, Bloomberg, NHK Japan and CCTV.

Prof Tay is also Senior Consultant at WongPartnership, a leading Asian law firm of some 300 lawyers and with offices in ASEAN, China and the Middle East. He serves on boards for global companies including MUFG Bank of Japan and was previously Corporate Advisor to Temasek Holdings (2006-09). He has spoken at leading business conferences including the World Economic Forum, APEC CEO Summits and SIBOS, and briefed major corporate boards and financial institutions.

From 1992 to 2008, he served in a number of public appointments for Singapore including as Chairman of the National Environment Agency (2002-08); an independent Member of Parliament (1997-2001); and to coordinate the country's equivalent of the Peace Corps (1990-93). In 2006, Prof Tay received a National Day Award. He continues to serve Singapore in a number of roles including as an Expert and Eminent Person in the ASEAN Regional Forum, and on Climate Change.

## MR. NUTTAWUT LAKSANAPANYAKUL

Consultant, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)



Mr. Nuttawut Laksanapanyakul is a consultant at Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI), a leading public policy think tank in Thailand. His expertise lies in the area of international trade, regional connectivity, and industrial policies. He has regularly written reports and disseminated key messages to policy makers and the general public through meetings, seminars, and media on the topics of current interest, for examples, preference utilization by Thai exporters and importers under the existing free trade agreements and how to boost it up, ASEAN integrated and seamless connectivity and trade facilitation, upgrading Thai industries and their participation in the ASEAN production network in an era of increasing protectionism, showcases of innovation in Thailand, and roles and capabilities of selected research, development, and innovation funding agencies and business promotion agencies in boosting up technology investment in Thailand.

Graduated from the faculty of engineering, he has a passion for the advancement of technology and its impacts on individuals, organizations, localities, nations, and even the globe. During the recent years, he has got a chance to work for Oxfam, a worldwide non-government organization, where he has been motivated to gear himself up for the interconnectedness relationships among technology, inequality, and social movement for the vulnerable.

## Panel : II

### *Imperatives for Regional Integration: Growing Role of Service Sector*

#### PROF. CHOONG-YONG AHN

Professor Emeritus, College of Business and Economics, Chung-Ang University (CAU)



Dr. Ahn is currently Distinguished Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Chung-Ang University. Previously, he was the Chairman, Korea Commission for Corporate Partnership (KCCP: 2014-2018) and responsible for inducing voluntary collaborations between Korea's big businesses and SMEs, and also Chairman of the Board, Korea Electric Power Corporation. Before taking his current post, he served as Foreign Investment Ombudsman (2006-2014) who is the troubleshooter responsible for resolving grievances raised by foreign investors at the Korea Trade and Investment Promotion Agency in Korea. He is former Chairman of the Presidential Regulatory Reform Committee (2010-2012). While on sabbatical from Chung-Ang University, he also served several posts such as the President of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (2002-2005); Chair of the APEC Economic Committee(2002-2005); Chair of Board, Choheung Bank; consultant to the World Bank; UNIDO Chief Technical Advisor to the Economic Planning Unit of Malaysia to design Malaysia's industrial master plan; and served as President of several academic societies in Korea including the Korea International Economics Association, Korean Association of Trade and Industry Studies, and the Korea Econometric Society.

Dr. Ahn's honors include the Economist of the Year Award from the Maeil Business Daily Newspaper in Korea, the Okita Policy Research Award by the National Institute for Research Advancement in Japan for his publication on "Modern East Asian Economy," and Free Economy Publication Award by the Federation of Korean Industries. Since receiving his Ph.D. from Ohio State University, Dr. Ahn has published many articles in international journals including Review of Economics and Statistics, European Economic Review, Japanese Economic Review, Journal of Asian Economics and Monograph papers in North-Holland, Cambridge University Press, Springer and Edward Elgar, etc.

#### DR. PRABIR DE

Professor, RIS and Coordinator ASEAN-India Centre at RIS



Dr. Prabir De is a Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi. He is also Coordinator of the ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS. Dr De works in the field of international economics and has research interests in international trade and development. He was a Visiting Fellow of the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO), Chiba; Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo; and Visiting Senior Fellow of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok. He has been conducting policy research for the Government of India and several national and international organisations. Dr. De has a Ph.D. in Economics from the Jadavpur University, Kolkata. He has contributed several research papers in international journals and written books on trade and development. His recent edited books include *Celebrating the Third Decade and Beyond: New*

*Challenges to ASEAN – India Economic Partnership* (Routledge, 2018, Reprint); *Myanmar's Integration with the World: Challenges and Policy Options* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017); and *Twenty Years of BIMSTEC: Promoting Regional Cooperation and Integration in the Bay of Bengal Region* (BIMSTEC Secretariat, 2018). He is also the Editor of *South Asia Economic Journal*, published by Sage.

## PROF. GARY HAWKE

Emeritus Professor, Victoria University of Wellington (VUW)



Gary Hawke was Head of the School of Government and Professor of Economic History at Victoria University of Wellington. He held visiting appointments at Stanford University, All Souls' College, Oxford, the Australian National University and a number of institutions in Japan. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand, Distinguished Fellow of the NZ Association of Economists and Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration of New Zealand. He is a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. He consults for government on education policy. As Director of the Institute of Policy Studies from 1987 to 1998, the projects for which he was responsible included relations among Australia, New Zealand and the United States and New Zealand's position in the Asia-Pacific region. He is a member of the board of the New Zealand Committee of the Pacific Economic Co-operation Council, NZPECC, a member of the Academic Advisory Council of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia and represents NZ Institute for Economic Research on its Research Institutes Network. He is now Emeritus Professor, Victoria University of Wellington, and Senior Fellow, NZ Institute of Economic Research.

## MS. ANITA PRAKASH

Director General for Policy Relations, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)



Anita Prakash is Director General (Policy Design Department) at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in Jakarta, Indonesia. Her key role at ERIA is policy writing and communication for Leaders and senior officials in the governments of Southeast Asia, East Asia and Oceania, and Europe, trade negotiations, political economy, inclusive growth, regional economic architecture, connectivity, and economic and technical cooperation. She works closely with ASEAN Member states, the East Asia Summit (EAS) countries in the Asia Pacific Region, and also their counterparts in Europe, and now increasingly in Africa, in their bilateral and multilateral relations.

Her policy writings cover economic development and cooperation issues in South East, East Asia and India, and between Asia, Europe and Africa. She has worked extensively on the trade agreements in Asia Pacific and EU, economic and technical cooperation for the least developed countries in ASEAN, and economic and political architecture in East Asia. Her current work covers Asia's connectivity with Europe and Africa, and the new initiatives from emerging economies for multilateral governance. She edited the 'Asia Europe Connectivity Vision 2025' for the ASEM Summit in Mongolia in June, 2016. She is developing the study for 'Asia Africa Growth Corridor', and presented its concept report to the Africa Development Bank Annual Meeting in India, in May 2017. She is also developing the 'Brussels Report for Strengthening Asia Europe Connectivity' for the ASEM Summit in October 2018, in Brussels. In International Affairs, her focus is

on developing new value chains for multilateral governance, which are inclusive and sustainable and deliver regional and local results. She is presently a Visiting Research Associate at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

## PROF. SHUJIRO URATA

Dean and Professor, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University



Shujiro Urata is Dean and Professor of Economics at Graduate School Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University. He is also Specially Appointed Fellow at the Japanese Centre for Economic Research (JCER), Faculty Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade & Industry (RIETI), and Senior Research Adviser for the Executive Director of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in Jakarta. Professor Urata received his B.A. in Economics from Keio University in 1973 and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics at Stanford University in 1976 and 1978. He is a former Research Associate at the Brookings Institution, an Economist at the World Bank. He specializes in International Economics and Economics of Development. He has held a number of research and advisory positions including senior advisor to the Government of Indonesia, consultant to the World Bank, OECD, the Asian Development Bank and the Government of Japan. He published and edited a number of books on international economic issues and is an author and co-author of numerous articles in professional journals. His book publications in English include *Multinationals and Economic Growth in East Asia*, co-editor, Routledge, 2006, *Free Trade Agreements in the Asia-Pacific*, co-editor, World Scientific, 2010, *Economic Consequences of Globalization: Evidence from East Asia*, co-editor, Routledge, 2012, and others.

## PROF. ZHANG JIANPING

Director General, Center for Regional Economic Cooperation, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (AITEC), MOFCOM



Prof. Zhang Jianping is the Director General, Center for Regional Economic Cooperation and the Director General, Institute for Western Asia and Africa-Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, MOFCOM. He is also the Vice President of China's Research Association of Social and Economic System, and the PhD adviser of the University of International Business and Economics, the member of China National committee of PECC, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs and Chinese Association for international Understanding, the commentator of CCTV, Phoenix TV, CRI and CNR. He specializes in International Economics. He has chaired more than 60 study projects and offered international consultancy many times for UN, WB, ADB, APEC, DAVOS and so on including consultancy for the Vice Premier of Russia on 2012 APEC Agenda. Invited by the State Council information office of the PRC he had introduced the Belt and Road Initiative to the media circle and in 2015 and BRICS in 2017. He presented in ICTSD, CSIS, Adam Smith, ADBI and so on many times. More than 100 papers and 4 books have been published. He has awarded the third-class academic prizes of Ministry Level five times and the first-class prizes (2008-2010) in Chinese Academy of Macro Economics Research three times. He obtained the Bachelor Degree and the Master Degree in Science from Peking University, PhD in Economics from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. He was also the post doctor of National information Center, China.

## *Importance and Roles of SDGs in the Indo-Pacific Region: Strategies for Attainment of SDGs*

### DR. YOSE RIZAL DAMURI

Head of Department of Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Yose Rizal Damuri is the Head of the Department of Economics, Centre for Strategic and International Studies. His research activities focus on international trade, regional integration and globalization of value chain. Yose has been teaching International Economics courses in the Department of Economics University of Indonesia for many years.



He is active in many networks of research institutes in East Asia region, such as in Asia Pacific Research Network on Trade (ARTNet) and ERIA Research Institute Network (ERIA-RIN). Currently he serves as the Co-Chair of Indonesia National Committee of Pacific Economic Cooperation (INCPEC). Yose is active in many policy forum including as the Research Coordinator of Indonesia Service Dialogue, a forum dedicated for the development of services sector in Indonesia. He also helps the Indonesian government as an Advisor to Indonesian Trade Negotiating Team. He received his PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

- Ph.D. in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
- Head of the Department of Economics, Centre for Strategic and International Studies
- Lecturer at the Fakultas Ekonomi dan Bisnis, Universitas Indonesia
- Founder of Indonesia Services Dialogue (ISD)
- Co-chair of Indonesia National Committee of Pacific Economic Council (INCPEC)

### DR. TRI THANH VO

Economist, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)

Dr. Vo Tri Thanh is currently senior expert of the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM). He is also Chairman of Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (VNCPEC). He holds a Bachelor of Science from the Moscow State University, and a Master degree in Economics and a PhD degree in Economics both from the Australian National University. Dr. Vo Tri Thanh mainly undertakes research and provides consultation on issues related to trade liberalization and international economic integration and macroeconomic policies. His other areas of interests include institutional reforms, financial system and economic development.



## DR. JOSEF YAP

Professorial Lecturer, University of the Philippines School of Economics (UPSE)



Josef T. Yap was President of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, where he worked for 26 years until his retirement on June 30, 2013. While at PIDS, he specialized in macroeconomic policy and applied econometrics. Dr. Yap finished his undergraduate and doctoral studies at the University of the Philippines Diliman and went to the University of Pennsylvania on a post-graduate program. In 2010, Dr. Yap was honored as one of the 100 outstanding alumni of the UP Diliman College of Engineering as part of its Centennial celebration. His current research interest centers on regional economic integration in East Asia. Dr. Yap was the regional coordinator of the East Asian Development Network and was actively involved in the establishment of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). He is co-author of the books *The Philippine Economy: East Asia's Stray Cat? Structure, Finance and Adjustment* and *Lessons from Nationalist Struggle: The Life of Emmanuel Quiason Yap*. At present, Dr. Yap is a Professorial Lecturer at the University of the Philippines School of Economics.

### Concluding Session

## AMB. (DR) MOHAN KUMAR

Chairman, RIS



Ambassador Mohan Kumar is the Chairman of Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) since June 2018.

He has had an outstanding career in the Indian Foreign Service lasting 36 years which culminated in his being India's Ambassador to France based in Paris. Under his watch, the Indo-French strategic partnership was strengthened and consolidated further in spheres such as defense, space, nuclear & solar energy, smart cities and investment. Earlier, Mohan Kumar was India's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain where he witnessed and dealt with a strategically complex region characterized by events such as the "Arab Spring". He has enormous expertise in the area of international trade- he was India's lead negotiator first at the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and then at the WTO (World Trade Organization) in crucial areas such as Intellectual Property Rights, Services, Dispute Settlement, Rules and Technical Barriers to Trade. He was a leading member of India's delegation at the WTO Ministerial Conferences held in Marrakesh (1994), Seattle (1999) and Doha (2001). He also has strategic understanding of India's ties with some of her key neighbours such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Maldives. He oversaw India's ties with these countries as Joint Secretary and Head of the Division at the Ministry of External Affairs. His specialization thus includes: diplomatic practice & foreign policy, strategic partnerships with India's neighbours, multilateral negotiations especially trade negotiations, climate change and globalization.

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Ambassador Kumar also teaches at the Jindal School of International Affairs and is Vice-Dean & Professor of Diplomatic Practice.

He is author of a book entitled "*Negotiation Dynamics of the WTO: An Insider's Account*", published by Palgrave Macmillan (2018).

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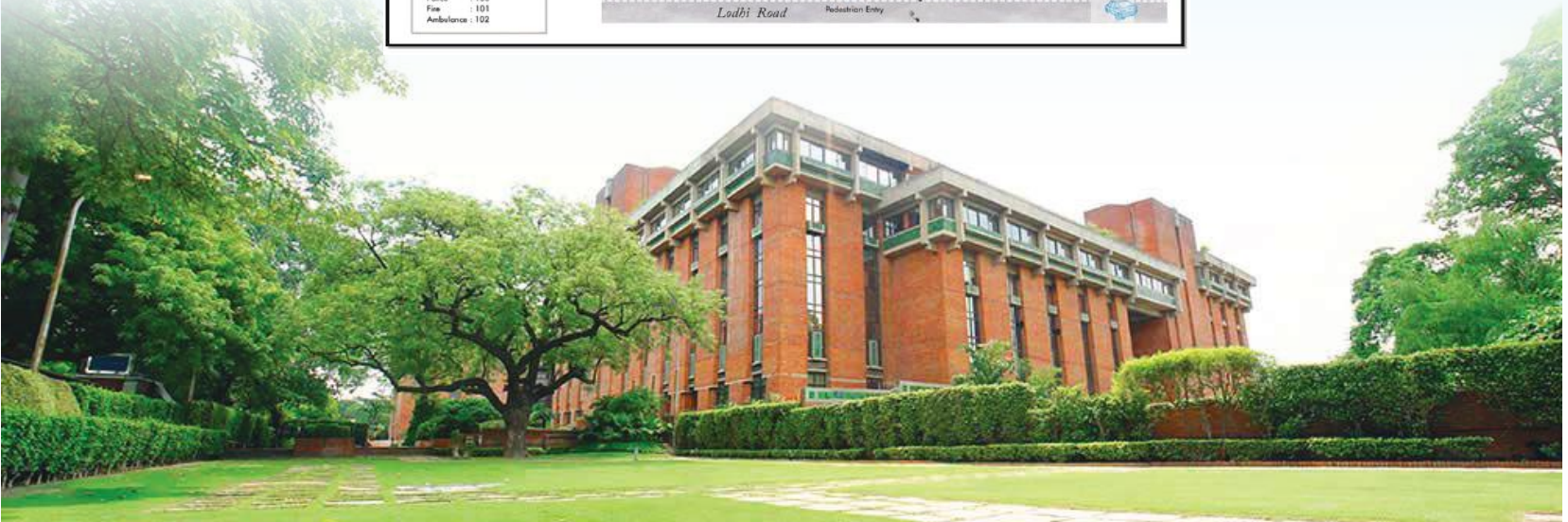
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