

PANEL DISCUSSION

CAN ASEAN BE THE DRIVING FORCE FOR THE ASIAN CENTURY?

Home to more than 600 million people, ASEAN is at the heart of Asia Pacific, the growth engine of the world. The launch of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) could take this region to the next level of prosperity. But the questions remain: Do the 10 member states have the will to achieve full economic integration? Will the integration not benefit just the strong and capable? Is ASEAN serious in building a “people-centered” community? Geopolitical shifts in power raise further questions: Can ASEAN hold on to its unity and centrality? And what constructive roles could Japan and the major powers play in the region? The panel will address these fundamental questions and discuss pragmatic ways forward. The discussion will be broadcast on NHK WORLD’s GLOBAL AGENDA.

ABOUT THE PANELLISTS



Prof Kishore Mahbubani

Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Kishore Mahbubani is an eminent global thinker. He served in the Singapore Foreign Service for 33 years, most notably as Singapore’s Ambassador to the UN and twice as President of the UNSC. He was Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Ministry from 1993 to 1998. Currently, he is the Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS.



Dr Surin Pitsuwan

Former Secretary General of ASEAN (2008-2012)

Surin Pitsuwan has held various appointments such as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the ASEAN Regional Forum and Chairman of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. He is now engaged in the promotion of regional integration in East Asia and educational and political reform efforts in Thailand.



Dr Takashi Shiraishi

President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Takashi Shiraishi is an expert in Asian Studies and International Relations. He currently serves as President of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) and the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization. A University of Tokyo graduate and with a Ph.D. from Cornell University, he taught at University of Tokyo, Cornell University, Kyoto University and GRIPS.



Ambassador Ong Keng Yong

Executive Deputy Chairman, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Ong Keng Yong is Executive Deputy Chairman of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. Concurrently, he is Ambassador-at-Large in the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was High Commissioner of Singapore to Malaysia from 2011 to 2014. Mr Ong was Secretary-General of ASEAN, based in Jakarta, Indonesia from January 2003 to January 2008.



Prof Mari Elka Pangestu

Professor of International Economics

Mari Pangestu served as Indonesia’s Minister of Trade from 2004 to 2011, and as Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy from 2011 until October 2014. She is one of Indonesia’s well-known economists working in various areas of international trade, financial sector, macro-economics and policy reforms. Currently she is a Professor of International Economics at the University of Indonesia and Senior Fellow at Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

**WHEN • Tuesday,
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5:00pm-7:40pm**

**WHERE • Auditorium, Block B,
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