

2017 PECC Singapore Conference on “APEC’s Post 2020 Agenda: Rising Protectionism, Economic Rebalancing and Diversified Growth”

Co-organized by Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (VNCPEC) & Singapore National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (SINCPEC)

13 February 2017, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore

Monday, 13 February 2017 @ Grand Ballroom 1, Level 4, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel	
0830 – 0900	Registration of participants
0900 – 0920	<p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Tan Khee Giap, <i>Chairman</i>, Singapore National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (SINCPEC) • Dr Vo Tri Thanh, <i>Chairman</i>, Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (VNCPEC)
0920 – 0935	<p>Opening Speech by Guest of Honour: “The Importance of Globalisation and Inclusive Growth: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lim Hng Kiang, <i>Minister (Trade)</i>, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
0935 – 0955	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Bui Thanh Son, <i>Standing Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs</i>, Vietnam <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ian Buchanan, <i>Chairman</i>, Australian Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (AUSPECC)
0955 – 1005	Q&A Session
1005 – 1050	Coffee Break
1050 – 1135	<p>Session 1: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in a Changing Global Context: Globalization and its Discontents, Protectionism and Coherent Approach Towards External Economic Relations</p> <p>APEC 2017 will take place in a rapidly changing regional and global context. Several mega-trends are changing not only the shape of the global economy but also the way in which economic interactions take place. Protectionism is on the rise as economies facing challenges turned inward looking, energy prices have slumped increasing uncertainty in international markets. Given imbalance regional development, income inequality is widening both between and within developing and developed economies. While middle class consumption and services activities in the region’s emerging economies are picking up but not fast enough to cope with the on-going restructuring of the manufacturing cluster and production value chain. Rapid technological advances and proliferation of E-commerce present both opportunities and risks for future economic growth.</p>
1050 – 1055	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Chul Chung, <i>Vice Chairman</i>, Korea National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (KOPEC)
1055 – 1125	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hugh Stephens, <i>Vice Chairman</i>, Canadian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CANCPEC) & <i>Distinguished Fellow</i>, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada • Dr Josef T. Yap, <i>Professorial Lecturer</i>, UP School of Economics, Philippines • Dr Charles E. Morrison, <i>Distinguished Senior Fellow</i>, East-West Center
1125– 1135	Q&A Session

1135 – 1300	Lunch @ Galleria Ballroom, Level 3, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
1200 – 1220	Conference Luncheon Talk: “Vietnam’s Prospect as a Manufacturing Hub and Manpower Development”
	Distinguished Luncheon Speaker
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Philip Yeo, <i>Chairman</i>, Economic Development Innovations Singapore Pte Ltd & SPRING Singapore
1220 – 1230	Q&A Session
	Moderator:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Chien-Fu Lin, <i>Chairman</i>, Chinese Taipei Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (CTPECC)
1300 – 1405	Session 2: Micro Competitiveness, Inclusive and Quality Growth: Potential Synergy and Competitiveness Profile of Regional Small and Medium Enterprises, E-Commerce and Digital Financial Inclusion
	In 2010 APEC leaders adopted a growth strategy to provide a comprehensive long-term framework for promoting high-quality growth in the region. The Growth Strategy focused on the five desired attributes of balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative, and secure growth. How much progress has been made, what limitations and constraints faced by such strategy within the five desired attributes? Roadmap and Actionable Plans for SMEs in terms of potential synergies with Multinational Corporations (MNCs), Digital Financial Inclusion and E-Commerce are paramount in delivering inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth.
1300 – 1305	Moderator:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambassador Antonio I. Basilio, <i>Chairman</i>, Philippine Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (PPECC)
1305 – 1320	Lead Panellist:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Filippo di Mauro, <i>Senior Adviser</i>, Directorate General Research & <i>Chairman</i>, Competitiveness Network (CompNet), European Central Bank
1320 – 1350	Panel Discussion:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Chen-Sheng Ho, <i>Director</i>, International Affairs Department, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research Dr Tan Khee Giap, <i>Co-Director</i>, Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore & <i>Chairman</i>, Singapore National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (SINCPEC) Dr Can Van Luc, <i>Senior Advisor to the Chairman</i>, <i>Senior Executive Vice President & Director</i>, Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam JSC Training School
1350 – 1405	Q&A Session
1405 – 1510	Session 3: Infrastructure Connectivity and Equitable Economic Development: Regional versus Sub-regional and Sub-National Economic Integration and Responsive Regulatory Regimes
	In 2014, APEC leaders endorsed a detailed Blueprint for Connectivity. In terms of infrastructure connectivity by air, sea, road, rail, utilities and ICT. Comprehensive regional efforts are required to establish areas of urgent needs, which priority gaps to be addressed and what constraints are currently faced by sub-regions and sub-national economies, including remote area connectivity. Equally important are responsiveness of the regulatory regimes in facilitating policy initiatives including harmonious industrial relation, global value chains, harmonization of technical codes and standards.
1405 – 1410	Moderator:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Vo Tri Thanh, <i>Chairman</i>, Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (VNCPEC)
1410 – 1425	Lead Panellist:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Jordan Z Schwartz, <i>Director</i>, Singapore Infrastructure & Urban Development Hub, The World Bank Group

1425 – 1455	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Edward Clayton, <i>Senior Executive Director</i>, PwC Strategy& (M) Sdn Bhd Ms Felia Salim, <i>Director</i>, Kemitraan, Indonesia Mr Tan Puay Hin, <i>Senior Advisor (Group Port Design & Connectivity)</i>, PSA International Pte Ltd, Singapore
1455 – 1510	Q&A Session
1510 – 1525	Coffee Break
1525 – 1630	<p>Session 4: Enhancing People-to-People Connectivity by Promoting Common Technical Standards and Specifications, Tourism and Education Services, Improving Ease-of-Doing Business Index and Agenda for Ensuring Food Security</p> <p>In 2013 APEC leaders stated that people-to-people connectivity and industrial harmonization through common standards and specifications for cross border connectivity and investment. These are critical prerequisites in attending APEC community vision by connecting the region's developed and emerging growth hubs around and across the Pacific Ocean within APEC's archipelago and continental regions. As economic integration intensifies and facing the need of bridging the digital divide in the Asia Pacific region, further improvement of cross-border education and tourism facilitation cooperation should be pursued, and greater attention must be paid to indigenous socio-cultural sensitivity if people-to-people connectivity were to be deepened before enticing more inward looking against international trade and services. Climate change is exacerbating the risks of hunger and greater inequality in our region, APEC works on promoting food security and sustainable agriculture should be enhanced to respond to this new reality.</p>
1525 – 1530	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Djisman Simandjuntak, <i>Chairman</i>, Indonesia National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (INCPEC)
1530 – 1545	<p>Lead Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madam Pham Thi Thu Hang, <i>Secretary-General</i>, Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry
1545 – 1615	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry, <i>Member of Parliament & Member</i>, Government Parliamentary Committee for Trade and Finance, Singapore Dr Nguyen Do Anh Tuan, <i>Director</i>, Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam Mr Melvin Soh, <i>Executive Director</i>, Continental Steel Pte Ltd & Dr Jimmy Koh, <i>Managing Director</i>, Antara Koh Pte Ltd
1615 – 1630	Q&A Session
1630 – 1735	<p>Session 5: Re-evaluating and Reshaping the Common Resolve to Bogor Goals</p> <p>The Bogor Goals, set by APEC members in 1994, is the result of consensus that takes into account members' different levels of socio-economic development, set 2010 for developed members and 2020 for developing members to achieve free trade and investment. As of today, progress have been achieved in all areas but some members are struggling to cope, and new challenges have emerged. The world economic landscape have been vastly different since, with global protectionism on the rise, recovery of major engines of growth remained elusive, and export-oriented economies are finding it painful in coping with economic restructuring. Going forward, Bogor Goals must be reevaluated and reshaped to reflect changing conditions.</p>
1630 – 1635	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Denis McNamara, <i>Chairman</i>, New Zealand Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (NZPECC)
1635 – 1650	<p>Lead Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, <i>Chairman & Chief Executive</i>, Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia & <i>Chairman</i>, Malaysia National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (MANCPEC)

1650 – 1720	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Erlinda M. Medalla, <i>Senior Research Fellow</i>, Philippine Institute for Development Studies • Dr Sungil Kwak, <i>Director</i>, Korea National Center for APEC Studies, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy • Mr Jusuf Wanandi, <i>President Director</i>, The Jakarta Post Daily & <i>Senior Fellow and Co-founder</i>, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia & Dr Djisman Simandjuntak, <i>Chairman</i>, Indonesia National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (INCPEC)
1720 – 1735	<p>Q&A Session</p>
1735 – 1745	<p>Conference Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Donald Campbell, <i>Co-Chairman</i>, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)
1745 – 2030	<p>Conference Dinner @ Galleria Ballroom, Level 3, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel</p>
1745 – 1830	<p>Cocktail Reception</p>
1915 – 1935	<p>Conference Dinner Talk: “Globalization, Inclusivity & Implications to ASEAN”</p> <p>Distinguished Dinner Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Kishore Mahbubani, <i>Dean</i>, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
1935 – 1945	<p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Narongchai Akrasanee, <i>Chairman</i>, Thailand National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (TNCPEC)
1945 – 2030	<p>Concert Performance by ”Jiangsu National Orchestra”</p>
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