

Conference Program

MONDAY: April 24, 2006

All day Arrival of participants

19:00 **Welcome Dinner Reception in Honor of International Participants**, Hosted by Dr. Haruhisa Handa, Founding Chairman, Asia Economic Forum; Chancellor, University of Cambodia; President and Founder, International Foundation for Arts and Culture

Venue: Hotel Le Royal

TUESDAY: April 25, 2006

07:30-08:30 Registration

08:30 Arrival of Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister, Royal Government of Cambodia

08:30-10:15 **Opening Session of the 2nd Asia Economic Forum**

National Anthem

Opening Remarks by Dr. Haruhisa Handa, Founding Chairman, Asia Economic Forum; Chancellor, University of Cambodia; President and Founder, International Foundation for Arts and Culture

Keynote Address: "Bridging Development Gaps in East Asia: Challenges and Opportunities" by Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister, Royal Government of Cambodia

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 **Plenary Session I: Leadership and Strategic Vision for Development in East Asia**

Chair: Mr. Robert Glofcheski, Chief Economist, UNDP Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam

Speakers:

H.E. Keat Chhon, Senior Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance, Cambodia

H.E. Katherine Marshall, Vice President, The World Bank

H.E. Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Jakarta

H.E. Akio Kawato, Senior Research Fellow, the Japan Forum on International Relations Member and Senior Research Fellow, the Council on East Asian Community Ex-Ambassador of Japan in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan

Ms. Wang Yan, Director of Foreign Affairs Office; Deputy Director of East Asian Studies Center, China Foreign Affairs University

Open discussion

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 **Plenary Session II: Reform, Governance and Security**

Chair: H.E. Dr. Aun Porn Moniroth, Chairman, Supreme National Economic Council (SNEC);
Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy and Finance; and Economic Advisor to the Prime
Minister

Speakers:

The Hon. David K. Malcolm AC QC, Professor of Law, The University of Notre Dame Australia

H.E. Jose T. Almonte, Former National Security Adviser, Republic of the Philippines

Professor Din Merican, Visiting Professor, University of Cambodia

Open discussion

15:00-15:20 Coffee break

15:20-17:20 Plenary Session III: Capacity Building and Human Resource Development

Chair: Dr. Haruhisa Handa, Founding Chairman, Asia Economic Forum; Chancellor, University of Cambodia; President and Founder, International Foundation for Arts and Culture

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Nath Bunroeun, Under Secretary of State, National EFA Coordinator, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Cambodia

Dr. Sofian Effendi, Rector, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia

Professor Simon Tay, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs, Singapore

H.E. Son Koun Thor, Vice Chairman of Supreme National Economic Council; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Rural Development Bank

Mr. Bounnheuang Songnavong, Deputy Director-General of the Institute of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao People's Democratic Republic

Open discussion

WEDNESDAY: April 26, 2006

08:30-10:00 Plenary Session IV: Technology, Capital Formation and Foreign Direct Investment

Chair: Oknha Kith Meng, Chairman, Phnom Penh Chamber of Commerce

Speakers:

Tan Sri Dato' Mohd Ramli Kushairi, Chairman, South Malaysia Industries Berhad

Dr. Vong Sandap, Managing Director, Cambodian National Insurance Company (CAMINCO)

Mr. Nguyen Dac Thanh, Economist, Economics Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam

Dr. Kang Chan Dararot, Head of Economic Unit, Cambodia Institute of Development Study

Open discussion

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Plenary Session V: Grassroots Empowerment, Rural Development and Poverty Reduction

Chair: H.E. Ou Orhat, Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning, Cambodia

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, Secretary-General, Ministry of Economy and Finance; Secretary-General, Supreme National Economic Council, Cambodia

Professor Le Thac Can, Professor, Hanoi National University, and Director, Vietnam Environment and Sustainable Development Center

H.E. Ngy Chanphal, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Rural Development

Open discussion

12:00-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:00 Plenary Session VI: Bridging Development Gaps in East Asia: Future Direction and Plan of Action

Chair: Dr. Michael Haas, Former Professor of Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Chairman of the International Academic Advisory Board of the University of Cambodia

Speakers:

Dr. Makio Miyagawa, Director, The Japan Institute of International Affairs, Japan

H. E. Pich Chhun, Member of the Economic, Social & Cultural Observation Unit (OBSES), Office of the Council of Ministers

Ms. Wang Yan, Director of Foreign Affairs Office; Deputy Director of East Asian Studies Center, China Foreign Affairs University

H.E. Jose T. Almonte, Former National Security Adviser, Republic of the Philippines

Tan Sri Dato' Mohd Ramli Kushairi, Chairman, South Malaysia Industries Berhad

Open discussion

15:00-15:20 Coffee break

15:20-15:45 Closing Sessions

Remarks by Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General, Asia Economic Forum; President, University of Cambodia; Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Closing Remarks by Dr. Haruhisa Handa, Founding Chairman, Asia Economic Forum; Chancellor, University of Cambodia; President and Founder, International Foundation for Arts and Culture

THURSDAY: April 27, 2006

Departure of international participants