

**NOTICE: In search for students to provide on-site assistance for an international symposium in Bangkok on February 27**

We are looking for two individuals to provide on-site assistance for an international symposium titled "*Towards an Asian Paradigm for Advanced-Stage Development: Opportunities for Enhanced ASEAN/Japan Partnership*" (preliminary title) to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on Friday, February 27 in partnership with Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University (see the preliminary program as attached).

Applicants should be fluent in English, *including writing skills*, and have a basic knowledge of issues related to regional integration efforts in Asia as well as global and regional value-chains and infrastructure connectivity. Tasks may include on-site coordination with the Thai counterparts, assistance to speakers, and drafting of the minutes of discussion.

During the stay, there will be an opportunity to visit universities or research institutions located in Bangkok to discuss issues related to the symposium with experts.

*Any GSDM students* interested in this task might wish to contact Professor Toshiro Nishizawa ([tnishizawa@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:tnishizawa@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp)) by e-mail with the CV and a short essay up to 400 words describing the motivation to apply for the position, *no later than 18:00 on Friday, January 9. Please start the subject line with "BKK0227"* when you send an e-mail.

Depending on nationality, please check with the Embassy website [<http://www.thaiembassy.jp/rte2/>] about visa requirements.

As of December 24, 2014

International Symposium

***"Towards an Asian Paradigm for Advanced-Stage Development:  
Opportunities for Enhanced ASEAN/Japan Partnership"***

Jointly hosted by Chula Global Network and GraSPP, The University of Tokyo  
In collaboration with the Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University

Sponsored by Toshiba International Foundation (TIFO)  
as TIFO 25th Anniversary Symposium in ASEAN  
Co-sponsored by Toshiba Thai Foundation

Supported by Nation Multimedia Group

Date: February 27, 2015  
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

**Objective**

The objective of this symposium is to provide, as we approach the creation of an ASEAN Economic Community scheduled for the end of 2015, a forum for exchanging views among researchers and practitioners from ASEAN countries and Japan on how we may identify and create a new paradigm for advanced-stage development in Asia. The focus is to explore ways to maximize human capital potential as well as to enhance institutional capacity which underlines path towards such a development, and also to create a sustained and equitable society over the long term. In our joint discussions, the question of how the concept of “advanced-stage development in Asia” should be defined, operated and implemented will be of central importance.

A more recent initiative suggests that ASEAN countries already started to look beyond 2015 once the ASEAN Economic Community is in place. A longer term outlook is whether many ASEAN countries would be able to graduate from the middle-income stage and move towards a full status of developed countries and in what way ASEAN has definitely planned to use its AEC post 2015 to enhance such a development in addition to the existing domestic policy agenda. Questions abound and it is still important for each of ASEAN countries and as a whole to ponder closely this new paradigm.

On the other hand, Japan has always played a very constructive role in the ASEAN region right from the beginning up to now. No one can deny that Japan will continue to be an integral part of ASEAN's future development in a very meaningful way, but again in what way that role of Japan would continue to be in the years to come is still a big question. Fortunately, ASEAN and Japan had just celebrated their 40 years of close partnerships, so it is with big hope that this partnership will continue to be very productive and healthy as it always was.

The symposium is a joint academic service to society by Chula Global Network and the

Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), The University of Tokyo, in collaboration with Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, to promote knowledge sharing among professionals including policy makers, academia and members of the business community, as well as with the general public. It also serves for the creation of networks between public, private and community entities, locally and internationally.

### **Draft Program as of December 24, 2014**

*Names in italic are those of whose participation will be requested and confirmed.*

#### **Friday, February 27**

8:30 Registration

#### **9:00 Opening session**

Opening remarks Pirom Kamolratanakul, President, Chulalongkorn University

Welcome remarks Masahiro Kawai, Project Professor, GraSPP

Guest remarks Akihiko Uchikawa, Minister, Embassy of Japan in Thailand

9:30 Keynote speech *Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Deputy Minister of Transport*

10:00 Break

#### **10:30 Session 1 "Connectivity beyond ASEAN"**

Chair 1 Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist, ERIA

15mn Speaker 1-1 Chula Sukmanop, Inspector General, Ministry of Transport

15mn Speaker 1-2 *Charamporn, President, Thai Airways International*

15mn Speaker 1-3 *TBD (Indonesia)*

15mn Speaker 1-4 Steven CM Wong (Malaysia)

Q&A

#### **12:00 Lunch**

**13:30 Keynote speech** Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul, Minister of Tourism and Sports

#### **14:00 Session 2 "People to People"**

Chair 2 Cayetano W. Paderanga, Jr. (Philippines)

15mn Speaker 2-1 *Chutima Bunyapraphasara, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce*

15mn Speaker 2-2 Vo Tri Thanh (Vietnam)

15mn Speaker 2-3 *TBD (Cambodia)*

15mn Speaker 2-4 *TBD (Japan)*

Q&A

15:30 Break

#### **15:50 Panel session "Enhancing ASEAN-Japan partnership in a new paradigm of AEC post-2015"**

Moderator *The Nation*

Panelist 1 Cayetano W. Paderanga, Jr. (Philippines)

Panelist 2 *TBD(Indonesia)*

Panelist 3 *TBD (Cambodia)*

Panelist 4 Masahiro Kawai, Project Professor, GraSPP

Panelist 5 Vo Tri Thanh (Vietnam)

Panelist 6 Steven CM Wong (Malaysia)

Panelist 7 Somchai Satjapong, Director General of Customs Department

#### **17:20 Concluding session**

17:20 Concluding remarks Suthiphand Chirathivat, CGN

17:25 Closing remarks Toshiro Nishizawa, GraSPP

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