

Symposium

The Road to East Asian Community

Co-organizers

Kyoto- Nara EU Association

Association for the Study of Political Society (ASPOS) and Kansai ASPOS
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The Purpose of the Symposium

China, Taiwan, South Korea and the Russian Far East have achieved remarkable economic growth since the beginning of the 21st century. Once East Asia's sole economic powerhouse, Japan must build a more solid relationship with countries in pan-east Asia (Northeast and Southeast) currently in development. East Asian Community has been raised as one possible direction for such a task. However, the territorial disputes between Japan and China for Senkaku Islands (Diaoyutai) and between Japan and South Korea for Takeshima (Dokdo/Liancourt Rocks) have created something of a wall between South Korea, China and Japan on the diplomatic level. This wall does not merely impede the flow of pre-existing economic and cultural exchanges between the three countries (South Korea, China and Japan), but could potentially lead to disastrous events such as military conflicts between Japan and China. It is understood that the possibility for the development of East Asian Community has been halted as a result of this situation. However, despite the existing problem on a political and diplomatic level, we cannot deny the technological development that was born from the mutual cooperation and relations between Japan, Korea and China or cannot sever the flow of friendly interactions amongst citizens and researchers of the three countries. Instead, we believe that it is precisely at such times that there is a need to actively promote further exchanges. Now, we have the pleasure of inviting Professor Hyun-Chin Lim (Director of Asia Center, Seoul National University) and Professor Hongik Chung (Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University) and the opportunity to put together this symposium "The Road to East Asian Community". With the help of simultaneous interpretation system and bringing together diverse group of people from the greater Kansai region, ranging widely from university students to regular members of the community, my wish is to evoke fruitful discussions and lively debate.

Date and time: 14:30-17:30 on Monday November 26, 2012

Location: Kyoto University Clock Tower Centennial Hall

The symposium is free and open to the public

"The Road to East Asian Community" Symposium Program

Moderator

- Toru OGA (Associate Professor, Kyusyu University, Chair of International Exchange Committee ASPOS)

Opening Remarks

- Hiroyuki Mitsuishi (Professor, Senri kinran University, Vice President of Kyoto-Nara EU Association)

Keynote Speech

- Yoji Sato (President of One Asia Foundation)

Symposium

Chair: Yoshinobu Araki (Professor, Musashino University, President of ASPOS)

Presenter:

- Hyun-Chin Lim (Director of the Asia Center, Seoul National University, Dean of College of Social Sciences, Seoul National University, President of the Korean Association of Political Sociology)
"WHY BUILDING NORTH EAST ASIAN COMMUNITY? -BEYOND NATIONAL IDENTITY-"
- Hongik Chung (Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University)
"Hallyu, the Korean Wave and Asia"

Panelist:

- Kosuke Shimizu (Director of Afrasian Centre for Peace and Development Studies, Ryukoku University)
- Hiroshi Onishi (Professor, Faculty of Economics, Keio University, Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University)
- Hirotaka Watanabe (Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Faculty of the Graduate School of Global Studies)

Informal gathering

Time: 18:30 - 20:30

Location: Camphora located near the main gate of Kyoto University

Participation fee: 2000 ¥

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