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Stability for Economic Development: Political, Social and Regional Dimensions

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 17 October Arrival of Participants

Thursday, 18 October

0830-0900 Registration

0900-0915 **Welcoming Address and Opening Remarks**
Dr. Mohamad Ariff, Executive Director, MIER
Dr. Lau Sim Yee, Program Advisor, SPF

0915-1300 **Session 1: Central Asia: Reform and
Development in 2000/2001**
Chairman: Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Senior
Economist, Central Asia and Caucasus
Program Department, ADB

A Regional Macroeconomic Overview
Dr Stanislav Zhukov, Senior Research Fellow,
Institute of World Economy and International
Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
Commentator: Dr. Eskander Trushin,
Independent Researcher, Uzbekistan

Reform and Development in Uzbekistan
Dr Durbek Akhmedov, Director, Center for
Effective Economic Policy, Uzbekistan

Reform and Development in Kazakhstan
Dr Arystan Esentugelov, Director, Institute of
Economic Research, Ministry of Economics,
Kazakhstan

Reform and Development in Kyrgyz Republic

Dr Sabyr Moldokulov, Deputy Minister,
Ministry of Finance, Kyrgyz Republic

Reform and Development in Turkmenistan
Dr Gulnar Khalova, Professor, Turkmen State
University, Turkmenistan

Reform and Development in Azerbaijan
Dr. Ali Masimov, Chairman, Popular Front
Party, Azerbaijan

General Discussion

1300-1400

Lunch Break

1400-1700

**Session 2: Economic Development in
Southeast Asia: Lessons for the Central Asia**
Chairman: Dr. Koo Sung Yeal, Dean, College
of Economics and Business, Yonsei University,
Korea

**The Developmental Role of the Governments:
The Case of Thailand**
Dr Nattapong Thongpakdee, Research
Director, International Economic Relations
Programme, Thailand Development Research
Institute (TDRI)

**The Multi-ethnic Societal Factors in
Development Process: The Case of Malaysia**
**Professor Dato' Dr Shamsul Amri
Baharuddin**, Director, Institut Alam dan
Tamadun Melayu, Universiti Kebangsaan
Malayaia

**Globalization and Development in Southeast
Asia**
Mr Martin Khor, Director, Third World
Network

**Regional Integration for Growth and
Development in ASEAN**
Dr Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director and **Mr
Lim Chze Cheen**, Research Officer, Malaysian
Institute of Economic Research (MIER)

General Discussion

Friday, 19 October

0900-1200

Session 3: Religions and Political Economy in Development

Chairman: Dr. Mohamad Ariff, Executive Director, MIER

The Central Asian Nexus: Islam and Politics
Dr Evgeniy Viktorovich Abdullaev, JDS
Fellow, Yokohama State University, Japan

Secularism and Development in Tajikistan
Dr Saodat Kuzievna Olimova, Chairperson,
The NGO "Society and Law", and Legal
Consultant of ICNL, Tajikistan

Islam in Uzbekistan: From the Struggle to "Religion Purity" to "Political Islam"
Dr Bakhtiyar Babadjanov, Senior Research
Fellow, Al-Beruni Institute of Oriental Studies,
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Islam and Economic Development in Malaysia
Professor Dr Ataul Huq Pramanik,
Department of Economics, International
Islamic University Malaysia

General Discussion

1200-1430

Lunch Break

1430-1700

Session 4: Geo-political Situation in Central Asia

Chairman: Dr. Arystan Esentugelov, Director,
Institute of Economic Research, Ministry of
Economy, Kazakhstan

Regional Security in Central Asia: Military Aspects

Dr Rustam Burnashev, Associate Professor,
Institute of Foreign Languages, Kazakhstan

The Conflict in Afghanistan: Conditions, Problems and Prospects

Dr Sultan Akimbetov, Deputy of Editor in Chief, Journal Kontinent, Kazakhstan

Bipolar Pressures: Central Asia between Russia and China

Mr. Konstantin Syroezhkin, Journal Kontinent, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Regime Building for Regional Security: The Case of ASEAN Regional Forum

Dr Chandran Jeshurun, Malaysian International Affairs Forum

General Discussion

Saturday, 20 October

0900-1230

Roundtable Discussion

Moderator: Professor Osamu Nariai, Dean, School of International Economics and Business Administration, Reitaku University, Japan

Theme: Enhancing Policy Research for Development in Central Asia

Presentator: Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Senior Economist, Central Asia and Caucasus Program Department, ADB

1200-1230

Closing Remarks

1230-1330 Lunch Break

Sunday, 21 October

Departure of Participants