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Central Asia and Caucasus: Trends and Issues
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October 31-November 2, 2002

Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER)
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October 30 **Arrival**

October 31

830-900 Registration

900-915 Welcoming Address & Opening Remarks
Mohamad Ariff, Executive Director, MIER
Lau Sim Yee, Program Advisor, SPF

**Session 1: Geopolitical and Economic Issues in Central Asia and
Caucasus**

915-1045 Geopolitical Situation in Central Asia after September 11
Murat Laumulin (Kazakhstan)
Commentator: Richard Hu (China)
Q&A

1045-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1230 Regional Economic Trends and Issues in Central Asian and Caucasus
Rapporteur: Stanislav Zhukov (Russia)
Commetator: Osamu Nariai (Japan)
Q&A

1230-1400 Lunch

Session 2: Critical Economic Issues in Caucasus

1400-15:30 The Prospect for the Formation of an Economic System in the
Southern Caucasus
Professor Vladimir Papava (Georgia)
Eldar Ismailov (Azerbaijan)

Commentator: to be assigned
Q&A

15-30-1545

Coffee Break

1545-1730

Agriculture Sector in Azerbaijan: Conditions, Problems and Prospects
Ingilab Akhmedov (Azerbaijan)
Shadow Economy and Administrative Corruption, and Balance of Payments in Georgia
Otar Kandelaki (Georgia)
Commentator: to be assigned
Q&A

November 1

Session 3: East Asian Development Experiences: Implications for Central Asia and Caucasus

900-945

Rethinking East Asian Industrial Policy: Lessons from Japan and the Four Asian NIEs
Ng Chee Yuen, Senior Visiting Fellow, Centre for Management of Innovation and Technopreneurship, National University of Singapore
Commentator: Eskender Trushin, Independent Researcher, Uzbekisnta

945-1045

Industrial and Financial Policy in Korea: Institutional Change and Implications for Central Asia and Caucasus
Kap-Young Jeong, Professor of Economics, Yonsei University
Kim Ha-Kun, Professor of Economics, Yonsei University
Commentator: Eshref Trushin, The Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank
Q&A

1045-11:00

Coffee Break

Session 4: Critical Economic Issues in Central Asia

1100-1145

Caspian Oil and the World Energy Situation
Rustam Makhmudov (Uzbekistan)
Commentator: to be assigned

1145-1400

Lunch Break

Session 4: Critical Economic Issues in Central Asia

1400-16:00

Competitiveness of Kazakhstan Economy
Aigul Kosherbayeva (Kazakhstan)
Commentator: Ouyang Cherng-Shin
Q&A

Financial Sector Reform: Beyond the Currency Liberalization

Commentator: Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director, MIER

Q&A

Agrarian Reforms in Kyzgystan

Tazabekov Marat and Alina Saginbaeva

Commentator: Masahiko Gemma

Q&A

1600-1615 Coffee Break

Session 5: Membership in WTO: Challenges and Prospects

1615-1730 The Accession of Kazakhstan into the WTO

Arystan Esentugelov (Kazakhstan)

Commentator: to be assigned

Q&A

Membership in the WTO: Advantages, Costs, and Challenges of Adaptations

Eskender Trushin (Uzbekistan)

Commentator: Wang Yizhou (China)

Q&A

November 2

Session 6: Economic Forecasting Models and Economic Link Models for Enhanced Policy Research

900-1100 Economic Forecasting Models: Malaysia

Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director, MIER

Japan and ASEAN Link Models

Yoichi Nakamura, Professor, Hosei University, Japan

Q&A

1100-1115 Coffee Break

1115-1215 Colloquium with Participants

1215-1230 Closing Remarks

November 3 Departure