

The 11th SPF-Issyk-Kul Forum

**“CENTRAL ASIA AND SOUTH CAUCASUS:
GROWING POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY, TENSIONS”**

Organizers

Center for international Studies, India
Information and Resource Center, Singapore
The Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

At the
International Centre,
Dona Paula, Goa
India

November 9-10, 2005

Tuesday, 8 November

PM: Arrival of Participants in Goa. Check-in at The International Centre, Dona Paula
19:00 Welcome Reception for participants and Guests
Venue: The “Spirit of Allison”, River Cruise on the Mandovi

Wednesday 9 November

8:30 Registration

9:00-9:45 **Welcome Address and Opening Remarks**

M. Rajaretnam, Director, Information Resource Center
Lau Sim Yee, Program Advisor, Sasakawa Peace Foundation
Dr. V A Pai Panandker, Trustee of the International Centre

Keynote Speech

Honorable Pratapsingh Rane
Chief Minister, Goa, India

09:45-10:15 Tea/Coffee and Group Photograph

SESSION 1
GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION OF CENTRAL ASIA AND THE SOUTH CAUCASUS
Chairman: Dr. V A Pai Panandker, Trustee- The International Centre, Goa

- 10:20-10:40 **Russia's Policy**
Dmitri Trenin,
Director of Research, Carnegie, Moscow, Russian Federation
- 10:40-11:00 Q&A, Discussion
- 11:00-11:20 **China's judgments and perspectives on geopolitical situation in Central Asia in context of the "color revolutions"**
Zhao Huasheng,
Director, Center for Russia and Central Asia Studies & Center for Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Fudan University (TBC)
- 11:20-11:40 Q&A, Discussion
- 11:40-12:00 **Central Asia , South Caucasus and India**
Lt Gen (Dr) B.S.Malik,
Chairman, Center for Studies in International Relation and Development
- 12:-12:20 Q&A, Discussion
- 12:20-12:40 **Central Asian Countries Attitudes and Perspectives**
Dosym Satpaev,
Head of Political Research Center, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 12:40-13.00 Q&A, Discussion
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch (international Centre)

SESSION 2
**INTERNAL DYNAMICS IN CENTRAL ASIA AND SOUTH CAUCASUS:
CHALLENGES OF SOCIO-POLITICAL STATUS QUO**

Chairman: Archil Gegeshidze, Senior Fellow, Georgian Foundation of International Studies, Georgia

- 14:00-14:20 **Fundamental Causes and Tendencies of political Changes in Central Asia & South Caucasus**
Dmitry Furman,
Institute of Europe, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russian Federation
- 14:20-14:40 Q&A, Discussion
- 14:40-15:00 **Pre-election Situation in Kazakhstan**
Karlygash Ezhenova,
Development Consultant, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 15:00-15:20 Q&A, Discussion

- 15:20-15:40 **New Leadership in Kyrgyzstan: Political & Economic Changes**
Alina Saginbaeva,
Editor, AKI Press Analytical Magazine, Kyrgyz Republic (TBC)
- 15:40-16:00 Q&A, Discussion
- 16:00-16:20 Tea/Coffee Break
- 16:20-16:40 **Stability in Tadjikistan: Is it Real or Myth?**
Parviz Mullođjanov
Tadjikistan
- 16:40-17:00 Q&A, Discussion
- 17:00-17:20 **Political Situation in South Caucasus: An Overview**
Vadim Dubnov,
Deputy Chief, New Times Magazine, Russian Federation
- 17:20-17:40 Q&A, Discussion
- 17:40-18:00 General Discussions
- 17:30-21:30 **Dinner**
Venue: The International Centre

Thursday 10 November

SESSION 3

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA AND SOUTH CAUCSUS

Chairperson: Eskender Trushin, Researcher, Uzbekistan

- 9:00-9:20 **Economic Recovery in Diverging Central Asia: Driving Forces, Structure, and Constrains**
Stanislav Zhukov,
Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World Economy and international Relations, Russian Federation
- 9:20-9:40 Q&A, Discussion
- 9:40-10:00 **Changes in Economic Policy of Uzbekistan**
Ilkhom Karimov,
Chairman, Tashkent Business Club, Uzbekistan
- 10:00-10:20 Q&A, Discussion
- 10:20-10:40 Tea/Coffee Break
- 10:40-11:00 **Current Economic Situation in South Caucasus An Overview**
Levon Barkhudaryam,
Chairman of the Board, Armimpex Bank, Armenia

- 11:00-11:20 **Economic Development in Azerbaijan**
Gubad Bairamov,
Associate Professor, Azerbaijan State Economic University (TBC)
- 11:20-11:40 **Potential for Economic Development: Linkages between India, Central Asia and South Caucasus**
Ramgopal Agarwala,
Senior Consultant, RIS and Consultant, World Bank
- 10:40-12:00 Q&A, Discussion
- 12:00-12:30 General Discussions
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

SESSION 4

Moderator: M. Rajaretnam, Director, Information and Resource Center

- 14:00-15:30 **Panelists:**
Stanislav Zhukov, Russian Federation
Mya Than, Myanmar
Eskender Trushin, Uzbekistan
Mohamad Ariff, Malaysia
Albion Adam, USA
Kim Hak-Un, South Korea

15:30-16:00 Tea/Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 **General Discussions**

CLOSING SESSION

17:00-17:30 **Concluding Remarks**
M. Rajaretam
Lau Sim Yee

18:30-21:00 Dinner
Venue: International Centre

Friday 11 November

Free Day. Sightseeing/Shopping

6 pm **Farewell Dinner:**
Venue: Taj Exotica Resort, Benaulim, South Goa

Saturday 12 November

Departure