

The 13th SPF ISSYK-KUL FORUM
on
CENTRAL ASIA & SOUTH CAUCASUS
Strategic Dimensions and Internal Situation

Organized by
The Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan
Asian Dialogue Society
and
The International Centre Goa

November 5-6 2007
Dona Paula, Goa, India

Sunday, November 4

Arrival of Participants and Registration

Afternoon: Free

19:30 Opening Reception/Dinner (Laran)

Monday, November 5

9.00 am **OPENING**
*Introduction: **Lau Sim Yee,**
Acting Programme Advisor,
Sasakawa Peace Foundation*

*Welcome: **M Rajaretnam,**
Director & Chief Executive,
The International Centre Goa*

9:10 am **SESSION I: CENTRAL ASIA AND SOUTH CAUCASUS IN A
CONTEXT OF “BIG MIDDLE EAST” CRISIS**
*Chairperson: **Mohamed Ariff,**
Executive Director,
Malaysian Institute of Economic Research, Malaysia*

“Big Middle East” and Central Asia
Murat Laumulin,
*Chief Researcher,
The Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, Kazakhstan*

*Comment: **Farkhad Tolipov,**
Professor,
The National University of Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan*

9:45- 10.00 Q&A

10.00-10:20 **“Big Central Asia”: Idea and Reality**
Fatima Kukeeva,
*Professor,
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan*

Comments: **Farkhad Tolipov, Murat Laumulin**

- 10:40-11:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:00 **“*The Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Achievements & Problems*”**
Murat Laumulin
- 11:20 Comment: **Farkhad Tolipov**
- 11:20-11:40 Q&A
- 11:40-12:10 **“*South Caucasus Between the West and the World of Islam*”.**
Vadim Dubnov,
New Times Magazine, Russia
- 12:10 Comment: **Gaiane Novikova,**
Director,
Center for Strategic Analysis Spectrum,
Armenia
- 12:30 Q&A
- 12:50-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-14:30 **“*Islam in the Political Realities of Central Asia and Azerbaijan*”**
Irina Zviagelskaya,
Senior fellow,
Institute of Oriental Studies, Russia
- Comment: **Anatoly Kosichenko,**
Professor,
Russia
- 14:50-15:10 Q&A

**SESSION II: CENTRAL ASIA AS THE SUPPLIER OF
HYDROCARBON RESOURCES**

Chairperson: **Osamu Miyata**,
Associate Professor,
Faculty of International Relations,
University of Shizuoka, Japan

- 15:10-15:40 **“China & India: Energy Policy in Eurasia”**
Stanislav Zhukov,
Leading Research Fellow
Institute of World Economy and International Relations,
Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
- 15:40-16:00 Comments: **Tan Kim Song**,
Professor,
Singapore Management University,
Singapore
- Rajeev Anantaram**
Senior Fellow,
ICRIER, India
- 16:00-16:15 Q & A
- 16:15-16:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 16:30-16:50 **“Kazakhstan’s Hydrocarbon Capacity: Reserves, Explorations,
Extraction”**
Jaroslav Razumov,
Weekly "Panorama"
Kazakhstan
- 16:50-17:00 Comment: **Mohamed Ariff**,
- 17:00-17:30 Q & A
- 17:30 End of First Day
- 19:00-21:00 Reception Dinner
(Zeebop, Utorda Beach)
Bus leaves the Centre at 6 pm

Tuesday, November 6

***SESSION III: CONTEMPORARY SITUATION IN
CENTRAL ASIA: THE GENERAL OUTLOOK***

Chairperson: **Temuri Yakobashvili**,
*Executive Vice President,
Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies,
Goergia.*

- 9:00-9:30 ***“India and the New Great Game in Central Asia”***
Anita Sen Gupta,
*Fellow,
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies,
Kolkata, India*
- 9:30-9:50 Comment: **Stanislav Zhukov**
- 9:50-10:00 Q & A
- 10:00-10:30 ***“Improving Service Delivery at Local Levels: A Conceptual
Framework and Some Examples”***
Migara O. de Silva,
*Senior Economist,
World Bank Institute, USA*
- 10:30-10:50 Comments: **Adam Albion**,
USA
- Eshkender Trushin**,
*Researcher,
World Bank, Uzbekistan*
- 10:50-11:10 Q & A
- 11:10-11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

- 11:30-12:00 **“*Terrorism in Central Asia: Perception and Realities*”**
Lessya Karataeva,
Professor,
Kazakhstan University, Kazakhstan
- 12:00-12:20 Comments
- 12:20-12:40 Q & A
- 12:40-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 ***SESSION IV: INSIDER PERSPECTIVE FROM THE
REGION: REACTIONS / COMMENTS***
Chairperson: **B S Malik**
President,
*Centre for Studies in International Relations and
Development (CSIRD), India*
- 14:00-15:40 Presentations of Participants from the Region
- Georgia
Temuri Yakobashvili,
Executive Vice President,
Georgian Foundation for Strategic and Interiational Studies,
- Armenia
Gayane Novikova
- Azerbaijan
Gubad Bairamov,
Chairman,
Economic Research Center,
- Fuad Rasulov,**
Director,
CEBRE

Kazakhstan
Malik Augan,
*Associate Professor of the Chair,
Department of International Relations Al Farabi Kazakh
National University*

15:40-16:30 *General Discussion*

16:30 *Concluding Remarks*
Organizers

19:30-Onwards Farewell Dinner
 Bus leaves the Centre at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 7
Free Day

Thursday, November 8
Departure