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Program

International Workshop on

“Central Asia and China: Economic Relations, Current Situation and Prospects”

July 11-12, 2006

Siam City Hotel

477 Si Ayuthaya Rd., Phayathai, Bangkok

Organizers

**The Sasakawa Peace Foundation
Asian Dialogue Society**

- July 10, 2006** Arrival of Participants
- July 11, 2006**
- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00-09:30 **Welcoming Address and Opening Remarks**
M. R. Sukhumbhand Paribatra, Chairman, Asian Dialogue Society
Mr. Yoshihiko Kono, Executive Director, SPF
- Session 1 Central Asia: Contemporary Geopolitical Context**
Chairman : Lau Sim Yee, SPF
- 09:30-10:00 Globalization and the Geopolitics of Central Asia: Discourse and Dynamics
Speaker: Prof. Gregory Freeze, Brandies University, USA
- 10:00-10:10 Discussant: Richard Hu, Hong Kong
- 10:10-10:40 Q&A, Comments/Discussions
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- Session 2 Central Asia and China: Economic Relations**
Chairman: Prof. Zhao Huasheng, Fudan University, China
- 11:00-11:30 Central Asia and China: Economic Relations
Speaker: Dr. Stanislav Zhukov, IMEMO, Russia
- 11:30-11:40 Discussant: Dr. Tan Kim Song, Singapore
- 11:40-12:10 Q&A, Comments/Discussions
- 12:10-13:30 Lunch Break
- Session 2 (Cont.)**
- 13:30-14:00 China's Economic Policy in Central Asia
Speaker: Prof. Sun Zhuangzhi, China
- 14:00-14:10 Discussant: Karlygash Yezhenova, Kazakhstan
- 14:10-14:40 Q&A, Comments/Discussions
- 14:40-15:10 **Session 3 Free Trade and FTA: Challenges and Prospects for Central Asia and South Caucasus Regions"**
Chairman: Prof. Armen Yeghiazaryan, Armenia
Speaker: Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Trade Policy Section, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok
- 15:10-15:40 Q&A, Comments/Discussions

- 15:40-16:00 Tea/Coffee Break
- 16:00-16:30 **Session 4 Central Asia and China: Views from the Central Asia**
Chairman: Prof. Konstantin Syroexhkin, Kazakhstan State University
- Kazakhstan and China
Speaker: Dr. Aigul Kosherbaeva, Kazakhstan
- 16:30-17:00 Q& A, Comments/Discussions
- 17:00 Adjourn
- 19:00 Welcome Dinner at Suan Pakkad Palace
Host: M. R. Sukhumbhand Paribatra, Chairman, Asian Dialogue Society

July 12, 2006

- Session 4 (Cont.) Central Asia and China: Views from the Central Asia**
Chairman: Prof. Konstantin Syroexhkin, Kazakhstan State University
- 09:00-09:30 Kyrgystan and China
Speaker: Alina Saginabeva, AKI Press Editor-in-Chief, Kyrgystan
- 09:30-10:00 Q&A, Comments/Discussions
- 10:00-10:30 Uzbekistan and China
Speaker: Komil Ahmetov, Independent Consultant, Uzbekistan
- 10:30-11:00 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 Q&A, Comments/Discussions
- 11:30-12:00 Tajikistan and China
Speakers: Parviz Mulloджanov, Moheddin Kabiri, Tajikistan
- 12:00-12:30 Q&A, Comments/Discussions
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30-14:30 **Session 5 Central Asia and South Caucasus: A View from Southeast Asia**
Moderator: Ms. Clara Joewono, CSIS, Indonesia
Speaker: Kavi Chongkittavorn, Assistant Group Editor, The Nation.
- 14:30-15:00 Overall Discussions
- 15:00-15:30 Tea/Coffee Break
- 15:30-16:30 **Session 6 Imperatives for Economic Take-off in Central Asia:**

Observations from East Asia

Moderator: Prof. Kim Hakun

Panelists: Chen Ming Yu, Malaysia
Sulochana Nair, Malaysia
Gemma Masahiko, Japan
Nguyen Van Ngai, Vietnam
Richard Hu, Hong Kong

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| 16:30-17:00 | Overall Discussions |
| 17:00-17:30 | Concluding Session: Preparing for the 12 th SPF Issyk Kul Forum
Moderators: Dr. Stanislav Zhukov, Mr. M. Rajaretnam |
| 17:30 | Closing Remarks |
| 17:45 | Adjourn |
| 19:00 | Farewell Dinner |
| July 13 | Departure of Participants/Optional City Tour |
| July 14 | Departure of Participants |