
EAI Seminar
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Golden Jubilee of ASEAN-Japan Partnership

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9.00 am to 12.10 pm (Singapore Time)

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The year 2023 marks the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation. This seminar will assess the achievements and challenges of this partnership in the past five decades. It will also anticipate future challenges and opportunities in the effort to strengthen ASEAN-Japan partnership for mutual benefits and a more stable, vibrant and prosperous Indo-Pacific. The seminar gathers a stellar cast of Japanese and Southeast Asian scholars who will offer multiple perspectives on this enduring and future-oriented partnership.

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| 9.00 – 9.05 am
<i>Singapore Time</i> | Welcome Remarks
Prof Bert HOFMAN
Director, East Asian Institute, NUS |
| 9.05 – 9.15 am | Keynote Address
His Excellency Ambassador Hiroshi ISHIKAWA
Ambassador, Embassy of Japan in Singapore |
| 9.15 – 10.30 am | Panel 1 - <u>Assessing ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation</u>
Moderated by Prof Bert HOFMAN Director, East Asian Institute, NUS
<i>Time allocation: 12 mins for each speaker</i> |
| 1. | Recommendations of the Government of Japan's Expert Panel for the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation
Prof OBA Mie Kanagawa University |
| 2. | Assessing Two Golden Jubilees: ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation and 1977 Fukuda Doctrine
Dr LAM Peng Er East Asian Institute, NUS |
| 3. | Japanese ODA (Official Development Assistance) and OSA (Official Security Assistance) to Southeast Asia
Assoc Prof KIBA Saya Kobe City University of Foreign Studies |
| 4. | Strategic Cooperation between Japan and Southeast Asia amid Superpower Rivalry
Prof SHOJI Tomotaka Regional Studies Department, National Institute for Defense Studies |
| 5. | Japan's Peacebuilding in Southeast Asia
Prof Miyoko TANIGUCHI Miyazaki Municipal University |

Q & A

10.30 am – 12 noon **Panel 2 – Assessing ASEAN-Japan Partnership: Southeast Asian Perspectives**
Moderated by Prof SHOJI Tomotaka
Regional Studies Department, National Institute for Defence Studies
Time allocation: 12 min for each speaker

6. **A Filipino Perspective**
Dr Carmina Yu UNTALAN | OSIPP, Osaka University
7. **An Indonesian Perspective**
Assoc Prof Shofwan Al Banna CHOIRUZZAD | Universitas Indonesia
8. **A Singaporean Perspective**
Assoc Prof Bhuhindar SINGH | RSIS, Nanyang Technological University
9. **A Malaysian Perspective**
Dr Nur Shahadah JAMIL | University of Malaya
10. **A Thai Perspective**
Prof Kitti PRASIRTSUK | Thammasat University
11. **A Vietnamese Perspective**
Ms HOANG Thi Ha | ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute

Q & A

12 noon – 12.10 pm **Closing Remarks**
Dr LAM Peng Er | Principal Research Fellow and Head of Korea Centre,
East Asian Institute, NUS

End of Seminar

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for the video recording on YouTube. Thank you.

Bio profiles of speakers and moderators

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Prof Bert HOFMAN is the director of the East Asian Institute and Professor in Practice at the Lee Kuan Yew School, both at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Before joining NUS in 2019, he worked at the World Bank for 27 years, including as country director for China and chief economist for East Asia. He also worked at the Kiel Institute of World Economics, the OECD and ING Bank. He has extensive experience in advising governments on economic development issues and published widely on fiscal policy, decentralisation, debt, trade and Asian economies.



His Excellency Ambassador Hiroshi ISHIKAWA is a career diplomat with 35 years of experience in the Japanese Foreign Service. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador of Japan to Singapore, Ishikawa was deputy minister in the Foreign Minister's Secretariat. He had also served as director-general of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department, director of the First China and Mongolia Division, director of the First North America Division and director of the National Security Policy Division. Ambassador Ishikawa had also served overseas postings to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and the Embassy of Japan in China.



Prof OBA Mie is professor at Kanagawa University. She obtained her MA and PhD in Advanced Social and International Studies from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tokyo. Her major is international relations and the politics in East Asia and Asia-Pacific. She specialises in the development of regionalism in this region as well as theories of regional integration and regionalism. She was an Academic Associate, US-Japan Relationship Programme, Weatherhead Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University (2006-2007). She has written several articles and books, including "Towards an Equal Partnership" *East Asia Forum*, Vol. 15, No. 3, 2023; "Japan's Quest for an Autonomous Role in East Asian Regionalism: Strengthening its US Alliance and Balancing China's Rise", in Lam, Peng Er and Purnendra Jain eds, *Japan's Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: Continuity and Change*, Lexington Books/ Rowman & Littlefield, 2020; "Further Development of Asian Regionalism: Institutional Hedging in an Uncertain Era", *Journal of Contemporary East Asian Studies*, 2019; "TPP, RCEP, and FTAAP: Multilayered Regional Economic Integration and International Relations", *Asia-Pacific Review*, Vol. 23, Issue 1, 2016; *Higashi Ajia no Katashi: Chitsujokeisei to Togo wo meguru niche-bei-cyu-asean No Kosa (The Making of East Asia: Order, Integration and Stakeholders)*, Chikura-Shobo, 2016; *Jusoteki-Chiiki toshiteno Ajia: Tairitsu to Kyozon no Kozu (Asia as a Multi-layered Region: Co-existence in Conflicts)*, Yuhikaku (2014); and *Ajia Taiheiyo Chiiki Keisei heno Dotei: Kyokai-Kokka Nichi-Go no Aidentiti Mosaku to Chiiki-Shyugi (The Invention of the Asia Pacific Region: A History of Regionalism and Search for Identity by Japan and Australia as Liminal Nations)*, Minerva Shobo (2004). She received The 21st Ohira Masayoshi Memorial Prize (2005) and 11th Nakasone Yasuhiro Incentive Award (2015). She was the chairperson, Expert Panel for the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation (until 2023.2).



Dr LAM Peng Er obtained his PhD from Columbia University and is a political scientist. His publications have appeared in international journals such as the *Pacific Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *Asian Affairs*, *Japan Forum* and *Government and Opposition: An International Journal of Comparative Politics*. Lam's latest single-authored book is *Japan's Peace Building Diplomacy in Asia: Searching for an Active Political Role* (New York and London: Routledge, 2009). Other books include *South Korea's New Southern Policy: A Middle Power's International Relations with Southeast Asia and India* (London and New York: Routledge, 2023) edited, *Contemporary Korea-Southeast Asian Relations: Bilateral and Multilateral* (London: Routledge, 2022) edited, *Japan's Relations with Southeast Asia: The Fukuda Doctrine and Beyond* (London and New York: Routledge, 2013) edited, *Japan's Relations with China: Facing a Rising Power* (New York and London: Routledge, 2006) edited and *Green Politics in Japan* (London: Routledge, 1999). He is an executive editor of the *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* (a journal of the Japan Association of International Relations published by Oxford University Press), *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding* (Journal of the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University) and *East Asian Policy* (an open access journal of the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).



Assoc Prof KIBA Saya is associate professor at Kobe City University of Foreign Studies. Her major fields of interest are Southeast Asian studies, civil-military relations and security sector governance.



Prof SHOJI Tomotaka is director, Regional Studies Department, National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Tokyo. He has worked as a researcher at NIDS since 2002. His areas of expertise include security and international relations in Southeast Asia. He received his PhD in international relations from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tokyo. His recent papers in English include "ASEAN Political Security Community: Development of Multilateral Cooperative Frameworks and Further Challenges" (*Security and Strategy*, January 2023) and "Nexus of the East and South China Seas: A Japanese Perspective" (Leszek Buszynski and Do Thanh Hai eds., *Maritime Issues and Regional Order in the Indo-Pacific*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).



Prof Miyoko TANIGUCHI is a professor of International Politics/Relations and Peace Studies at Miyazaki Municipal University, a special researcher at Asia-Pacific Research Center, Waseda University in Japan, and a former senior adviser on peacebuilding at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). She received her PhD degree in Human Security from the University of Tokyo. Over the last 20 years, Taniguchi has worked at various government agencies as an expert on conflict resolution, mediation/reconciliation, peacebuilding, reconstruction in conflict-affected countries, and security in the Indo-Pacific. She has also published numerous academic articles and policy papers based on her extensive fieldwork, including *Assisting Peacebuilding: Mindanao Conflict and Road to Peace* (Nagoya University Press, 2020), "The Role of Adaptive Peacebuilding in Japan's Assistance of the Mindanao Peace Process in the Philippines", in de Coning, C, et al. (eds) *Adaptive Peacebuilding. Twenty-first Century Perspectives on War, Peace, and Human Conflict* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2023), "Adapting from Outsider to Insider Mediation in the Bangsamoro Peace Process, Southern

Philippines”, In de Coning, C, et al. (eds) *Adaptive Mediation and Conflict Resolution* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022). She recently received several academic awards, including the Asia Pacific Academic Award from the Asian Affairs Research Council in 2020.



Dr Carmina Yu UNTALAN is a visiting researcher at the Osaka School of International Public Policy, where she also obtained her PhD. She was a former postdoctoral Fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden University. Her primary research is on Mindanao and Okinawa's significance in the international relations of the Pacific. Her other projects include rethinking small state agency from the local perspective and analysing the ambiguity of the “Indo-Pacific” concept. She has published in *Review of International Relations*, *International Political Sociology*, *East Asian Policy* and *Development*. She also contributed chapters to *The Niche Diplomacy of Asian Middle Powers* (Lexington Books, 2021) and *Human-Animal Interactions in Anthropocene Asia* (Routledge, 2023).



Assoc Prof Shofwan Al Banna CHOIRUZZAD is an associate professor at the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Indonesia. He also serves as the executive secretary of the University's ASEAN Study Centre. His research interests are issues on the entanglements between multiple scales of governance: global, regional, national and local. Shofwan looks at how local and national political economic dynamics continuously and mutually interact with the evolution in global and regional orders. His works have appeared in various academic and popular platforms, including *Asia Europe Journal*, *Asian Perspective*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, *Forest Policy and Economics*, *Asian Politics & Policy*, *Indonesia*, *Good Governance Africa*, *Global*, *Nikkei Asia*, *The Jakarta Post*, *Kompas* and *Media Indonesia*. Apart from academic works, he also frequently assists policymakers in the formulation of better policies and strategies. Shofwan also hosts a popular podcast for Indonesian youth on Indonesian perspectives on international relations, Podcast Bebas Aktif and co-founds Kontekstual Media.



Dr Nur Shahadah JAMIL is a PhD holder in Strategic and Security Studies, National University of Malaysia (UKM). Her PhD dissertation titled, *Evolution in China's South China Sea Policy Process: A Neoclassical Realism Explanation*, focuses primarily on explaining how structural factors and elites' perception (after being filtered by relevant domestic considerations) contribute to the evolution of China's South China Sea Policy and the patterns of pluralisation in the policy process from 1949 to 2017. Dr Shahadah is also one of the recipients for Taiwan Fellowship Award in 2017 and has conducted her four-month research in National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. Her research concentrates mainly on China's foreign policy, South China Sea, Southeast Asian responses to Belt and Road Initiative and East Asian Security. Dr Shahadah is currently serving as a senior lecturer at the Institute of China Studies (ICS), University of Malaya (UM) and can be contacted via email at shahadah@um.edu.my.



Assoc Prof Bhubhindar SINGH is associate professor at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University. At RSIS, he is the associate dean (Academic Affairs) and head, Graduate Studies. Bhubhindar's latest book is *Reconstructing Japan's Security: The Role of Military Crisis* (Edinburgh University Press, 2020) and the latest journal article is *Japan's Smart Power Strategy and Securing the US-led Order* (*Contemporary Politics*, 2023).



Prof Kittti PRASIRTSUK (PhD UC Berkeley; MA Keio University) is Professor of international relations at the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, an advisory committee for the International Studies Centre (ISC) at the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and used to serve as a strategic committee at the Thai Ministry of Defence. Apart from a visiting professor at UC Berkeley, teaching “International Relations in Southeast Asia”, his work experiences include Vice Rector for International Affairs and Director at the Institute of East Studies. He also served as an advisory committee member, representing Thailand, at the Asia Centre under the Japan Foundation (2015-2021). He has been invited to speak at Nikkei Forum, Beijing Forum, Jeju Forum, the Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), and ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, and Columbia University, among others. He authored “Thailand’s Blue Security” (in Lee-Brown, forthcoming), “From Japan Inc. to the FOIP: the Evolving Role of Japanese Businesses in Japan’s Southeast Asia Policy” (in Ciorciari and Tsusui, 2021) “ASEAN’s Looming Anxiety” (in Rozman 2020) and “An Ally at the Crossroads: Thailand in the U.S. Alliance System” (in Wesley 2017). His recent interest is on soft power and public diplomacy. Kittti has recently been selected as a CPD-SIF Southeast Asia Fellow at the USC Centre on Public Diplomacy.



Ms HOANG Thi Ha is Senior Fellow and Co-coordinator of the Regional Strategic and Political Studies Programme at ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute. Before the current position, she was Lead Researcher (Political-Security) at the ASEAN Studies Centre of ISEAS. Her research interests include major powers in Southeast Asia and political-security issues in ASEAN, especially South China Sea disputes, ASEAN human rights cooperation, ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific discourse and ASEAN’s institutional building. Ms Hoang joined the ASEAN Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam in 2004. She then moved on to work at the ASEAN Secretariat for nine years, with her last post being Assistant Director, Head of the Political Cooperation Division. Ms Hoang holds an MA in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.