The Moon administration has a vision and a grand strategy for the triangular relations between Seoul-ASEAN-Pyongyang (SAP): “We will expand support from the NSP (New Southern Policy) target countries to create a virtuous cycle that will help realize complete denuclearization and permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula and improve inter-Korean and US-North Korea relations”. The unique role of ASEAN states for peace in the Korean peninsula was evidenced by the Trump-Kim summits in Singapore and Hanoi. The conference will examine the challenges and prospects of this strategic triangle for peace, cooperation and development in East Asia. Especially important are the roles and perspectives of Southeast Asian countries. This conference seeks to highlight a set of triangular relations (SAP) which is important but rarely covered by the literature on geopolitics, diplomacy, economics and culture in East Asia.

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As at 23 Sep

9.00 – 9.05 am Welcome Remarks
Singapore Time
Prof Bert Hofman
Director, EAI

9.05 – 9.25 am Keynote Speech
H E Ambassador Ahn Young-jip
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Singapore

9.30 am – 10.30 am Session 1 - Triangular Relations
Chaired by Prof Bert Hofman
   Prof Park Hahn-kyu, Kyung Hee University, Republic of Korea

2. ASEAN “Centrality”, ASEAN Regional Forum, Summitries and the Korean Peninsula
   Dr Nur Shahadah Jamil, National University of Malaysia

3. Pyongyang's Relations with ASEAN States and Seoul: Not Triangular but Parallel?
   Prof Kim Sung Chull, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea

10.30 – 10.45 am Tea Break

10.45 am – 11.45 am Session 2 - ASEAN States and the Korean Peninsula (I)
Chaired by Dr Sarah Teo
   Dr Ha Anh Tuan, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam
5. **Cambodia’s “Special Relationship” with North Korea and Friendly Ties with South Korea**
   Amb Julio A Jeldres, Counsellor to the Cabinet of His Majesty the King of Cambodia

6. **Laos: Friendly Relations with Socialist and Democratic Regimes in the Korean Peninsula**
   Mr Sulathin Thiladej, Institute of Foreign Affairs, Laos

12 noon – 1.00 pm  
**Lunch**

1.00 – 2.00 pm  
**Session 3 - ASEAN States and the Korean Peninsula (II)**
   Chaired by Ms Moe Thuzar

7. **Singapore’s Relations with North and South Korea: In Pursuit of Pragmatism and Principles**
   Dr Sarah Teo, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

8. **Indonesia’s Foreign Policy Towards Seoul and Pyongyang**
   Dr Ardhiyta Eduard Yeremia Lalisaq and Mr Muhammad Arif, University of Indonesia

9. **The Philippines and the Korean Peninsula: Between Realism and Idealism**
   Prof Renato Cruz De Castro, De La Salle University, The Philippines

2.00 – 3.00 pm  
**Session 4 - Southeast Asian States and the Korean Peninsula (III)**
   Chaired by Dr Chiang Min-Hua

10. **Malaysia’s Flexible and Independent Relations with the North and South**
    Dr Hoo Chiew Ping, National University of Malaysia

11. **Thailand’s Omni-Directional Relations in the Korean Peninsula**
    Assoc Prof Pavin Chachavalpongpun, Kyoto University, Japan

12. **Myanmar between the Two Koreas in the 21st Century**
    Ms Moe Thuzar, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore

3.00 – 3.15 pm  
**Tea Break**

3.15 – 4.00 pm  
**Session 5 - States, Non-State Actors and Markets in the Triangular Relations**
   Chaired by Dr Chen Gang

13. **Human Security: North Korean Refugees, Conduit of ASEAN States and South Korean Sanctuary**
    Prof Brendan Howe, Ewha Womans University, Republic of Korea

14. **Triangular economic ties between ROK, DPRK and ASEAN**
    Dr Chiang Min-Hua, East Asian Institute, NUS

4.00 – 4.05 pm  
**Closing Remarks**
   Prof Bert Hofman
   Director, EAI

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**End of Conference**

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Thank you.
Bio profiles of speakers and moderators  
(in the order of the conference programme)

Bert Hofman, a Dutch national, is Director of the East Asian Institute at NUS and Professor of Practice at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. Before joining NUS, he was with the World Bank for 27 years, 22 of which in Asia, and 12 of which on China. Prof Hofman was the World Bank Country Director for China 2014-2019, the Country Economist 2004-2008, and the Chief Economist for the World Bank in the East Asia and Pacific region 2011-2014. He also worked on Indonesia, the Philippines, Korea and Mongolia. Before joining the World Bank, Prof Hofman worked at the Kiel Institute of World Economics, The OECD and NMB Bank (Now ING). He has extensive experience in advising governments around the region on a wide range of development issues, and published on fiscal policy, debt issues, and China’s and Indonesia’s recent economic history.

Ahn Young-jip graduated from the Seoul National University, Korea, with a Bachelor of Arts (International Relations) and holds a Master Degree in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania, USA (1992). Ambassador Ahn Young-jip was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Hellenic Republic from October 2015 to April 2018. Ambassador Ahn started his diplomatic career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in June 1987. He has held a variety of positions which include: Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative in the Korean Permanent Mission to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland (2014); Director-General for Overseas Koreans and Consular Affairs, MOFAT (2012); Deputy Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau, MOFAT (2010); Counsellor, Korean Embassy in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2007); Policy Director, Korea Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), New York, USA (2005); Director, Policy Planning and Coordination Division, MOFAT (2003); Director, Human Resources Management Division, MOFAT (2002); Assistant Secretary, Office of the President (2000); First Secretary, Korean Embassy in Nigeria (1997); Second Secretary, Korean Embassy in the United States of America (1994). He is married with one daughter and one son.

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