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**Saitama University International Symposium**



# Towards the Asian Century:

Environmental Issues, Economic Inequality, and Human Security in East Asia

Asia has become the center of growth and prosperity in the world. At the same time, the region is rife with problems such as territorial conflicts, environmental issues, economic inequalities, and human rights problems. In an Asia where people, corporations, capital, information, and even pollution transcend national borders, is it possible to establish regional governance and effective cooperation between the national governments in the region? And if so, how?

In the symposium "Towards the Asian Century", well-known experts from the United States and Korea will gather and discuss the problems East Asia is facing today, as well as the possibility of regional governance. Special focus will lie on the questions whether sustainable Asian Development without personal sacrifice is possible, and how common interests among East Asian countries can develop.

The first session "Towards the Asian Century?" will examine and discuss environmental issues, economic inequality, and human security in East Asia. The second session "Possibilities and Limits of Regional Governance in East Asia" is a panel discussion, during which members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions to the panelists..

**Date: December 17 (Tue), 2013 10:00-17:10 (Registration starts 9:30 a.m.)**

**Venue: Tokyo International Exchange Center, Heisei Plaza (International Conference Hall)**  
**(Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation will be provided)**

## Opening Ceremony

10:00-10:20 **Opening Remarks:** Haruhiko Tokuhisa (Executive Vice President, JASSO)  
Yoshihiko Kamii (President, Saitama University)

10:20-10:45 **Keynote Speech:** "From Fukushima to Global Environmental Conservation"  
Hideki Minamikawa (Former Administrative Vice-Minister, Ministry of the Environment)

## Session 1: Lectures and Symposium "Towards the Asian Century?"

### \*Environment Issues

10:45-11:15 **Peter M. Haas** (Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst / International Environmental Politics)

11:15-11:45 **Ilchung Kim** (Professor, Dongguk University / Environmental Economics)

11:45-12:15 Q & A

12:15-13:15 (Lunch Break)

### \*Economic Inequality and Human Security

13:15-13:45 **Timothy M. Shaw** (Professor, University of Massachusetts, Boston / International Political Economy)

13:45-14:15 **Jane L. Parpart** (Professor, University of Massachusetts, Boston / Development: Gender Studies)

14:15-14:45 Q & A

14:45-15:15 (Coffee Break)

## Session 2: Panel Discussion "Possibilities and Limits of Regional Governance in East Asia"

15:15-16:45 **Panelist:** Peter M. Haas, Ilchung Kim, Hwang Soonil, Timothy M. Shaw, Jane L. Parpart, Jin Seop Jang  
(Director, University of Massachusetts, Boston), Hiroki KUSANO (Associate Professor, Saitama University)

**Facilitator:** Axel Karpenstein (Associate Professor, Saitama University)

16:45-17:00 **Closing Address:** Hwang Soonil (Professor, Dongguk University)

17:00-17:10 **Symposium Adjourns:** Hiroki Yamaguchi (Executive Director and Vice President, Saitama University)

### ■ How to Register (Admission Free)

The organizers would appreciate prior registration via email or fax **by Monday, December 16, 12:00** :

E-mail: [kokusai@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp](mailto:kokusai@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp), Fax: 048-858-9675  
(Please include your name, affiliation, and a contact phone number & email address.)

Visitors that were unable to register in advance are requested to stop by the reception desk at the Tokyo International Exchange center on the day of the symposium.

For questions, contact Mr. K. Mukasa, Office of International Affairs, Saitama University Tel: 048-858-3908

### ■ Venue Information

Tokyo International Exchange Center, Heisei Plaza  
Tokyo Academic Park, 2-2-1 Aomi, Kōtō-ku, Tokyo 135-8630

#### Access:

3 minutes walk from "Fune-no-Kagakukan Sta." on the Yurikamome Line.

15 minutes walk from "Tokyo Teleport Sta." on the Rinkai Line.

A map of the area can be accessed at the following URL:  
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