

International Symposium for an East Asian Community

Introduction

Led by the ASEAN member states, leaders of 18 countries including the U.S, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea gather at the East Asia Summit every year. Each time they confirm the fundamental principles of mutual respect for independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity as well as non interference in the internal affairs, renunciation of the threat or use of force. They also make sure of settlement of differences or disputes by peaceful means and effective cooperation among themselves.

However it is also true that there are radical confrontations and disputes in East Asia. Even armed conflicts are erupted sporadically. Some people fear that these confrontations and tensions between countries go to a bigger military crush or a war. In particular it is more serious in the North East Asia where no regional framework of dialogue and cooperation such as the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) among ASEAN members exists.

What people in the region want is nothing more than stability and economic social development. In fact problems like poverty, inequality, discrimination deterioration of education, infection and climate change still remain. Besides, east asian countries, having achieved remarkable economic development, are deepening relations of interdependence and mutual compensation in their trades and investments as never before.

In light of the situation in the region we must avoid lasting tensions and armed conflicts or wars.

Now, how can we create and develop regional mechanisms or frameworks for making peace in East Asia? We hope an earnest discussion by globally prominent scholars and experts on this issue.

Symposium Information

Objectives ; to discuss the prospect for building an East Asian Community of Peace Cooperation and Prosperity in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the foundation of Japan Asia Africa Latin America Solidarity Committee and the Bandung Conference

Name ; "International Symposium for building an East Asian Community of Peace Cooperation and Prosperity"

Date and Place

Reception Surtaday May 23, 2015 6:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM

Hotel Sunroute Plaza, Shinjuku-ku Tokyo

Symposium Sunday May 24, 2015

U Thant International Conference Hall (capacity 360-plus)
United Nations University International Conference Hall
5-53-70 Jinguumae Shibuya-ku Tokyo

Panelists (currently negotiating) from China, South Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam, Japan

Program

9:30 -10:00	Opening Ceremony
10:00 -12:00	First Session Panelist Speech (20 minutes each)
12:00 -13:30	Lunch
13:30 -15:50	Second Session Panelists Second Speech(10 minutes each) Q and A
15:50 -16:10	Coffee Break
16:10 -17:25	Third Session Panelist's Final Comment and Discussions Moderator's Concluding Remark
17:25 -17:30	Closing Speech