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## **The Asan Plenum 2016, “New Normal”**

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**SEOUL**, April 1, 2016 – The Asan Institute for Policy Studies(<http://en.asaninst.org/>) will host the *Asan Plenum 2016* on April 26(Tue.) – 27(Wed.) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, Korea.

John Hamre, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), will deliver the keynote address, and Kurt Campbell, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense will present the welcoming dinner speech.

The Conference will bring together distinguished experts, policymakers, scholars, and members of the media including:

- Victor Cha, Senior Adviser and Korea Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- Robert Einhorn, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution
- Gary Samore, Executive Director for Research, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University
- Zhu Feng, Executive Director of China Center for Collaborative Studies of the South China Sea, Nanjing University
- Fukagawa Yukiko, Professor, Waseda University

This year`s conference with the theme “The New Normal” will feature four plenary sessions and 12 panels over two days. The topics of the plenary sessions are 1) The New Normal 2) The New Normal and Regional Orders 3) Non-Traditional Insecurity 4) Same Old New North Korea?

**\* Press Registration and Badge:**

- Please be advised that only credentialed members of the press who RSVPed by **April 18th** to [communications@asaninst.org](mailto:communications@asaninst.org) with details including **name, affiliation, and mobile number** will be granted for attendance due to security reasons.
- Also note members of the **media with an official ASAN press badge will be permitted for entry**. You should carry your official press badge and/or press credentials and a personal ID with you while on the venue.
- We strongly encourage all members of the media to **preregister and pick up your badge prior to arrival** at the institute.

**\* Interview requests with speakers:**

Kindly send us **the attached interview requests form** in ‘**Appendix 2**’ to [communications@asaninst.org](mailto:communications@asaninst.org) by **17:00 Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

\* All sessions will be conducted in English but simultaneous interpretation will be available in sessions held in the grand ballroom I & II.

\* For participants list, panel descriptions, and up-to-date information, please visit our website at [www.asanplenum.org](http://www.asanplenum.org).

\* We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these security measures. Should you have specific questions, please contact us at [communications@asaninst.org](mailto:communications@asaninst.org).

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*Asan Plenum 2016*

**“The New Normal”**

1. **Host :** The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>)
2. **Title:** “*The New Normal*”
3. **Date & Time:** April 26-27, 2016
  - Day 1 : 09:30~18:00
  - Day 2 : 09:00~17:00
4. **Venue:** The Grand Hyatt Hotel, Seoul, Korea
5. **Plenum Agenda**

Day 1: Tuesday, April 26, 2016	
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>  09:30-10:25	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> (Hahm Chaibong, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies)  <b>Keynote Address</b> (John Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies)
<b>Plenary Session I</b>  10:30-12:00	<b>The New Normal</b>
<b>Session 1</b>  13:00-14:30	Whose Rule? Which Order?
	When Growth Falters
	Demographic Crises

<p><b>Plenary Session II</b></p> <p>14:45-16:15</p>	<p><b>The New Normal and Regional Orders</b></p>
<p><b>Session 2</b></p> <p>16:30-18:00</p>	<p>Asia-Pacific or Indo-Pacific?</p>
	<p>What is the Middle East's "New Normal"?</p>
	<p>Can the EU Return to Normal?</p>
<p><b>Day 2: Wednesday, April 27, 2016</b></p>	
<p><b>Plenary Session III</b></p> <p>09:00-10:30</p>	<p>Non-Traditional Insecurity</p>
<p><b>Session 3</b></p> <p>10:45-12:15</p>	<p>Living with Terrorism</p>
	<p>Living with Climate Change</p>
	<p>Living with Nuclear Insecurity</p>
<p><b>Lunch &amp; Book Launch</b></p> <p>12:00-13:25</p>	<p>Book Launch(12:30-13:25): <i>The Impossible State</i>, by Victor Cha</p>
<p><b>Session 4</b></p> <p>13:30-15:00</p>	<p>The New Normal in Korea-Japan Relations</p>
	<p>China Between the Two Koreas</p>
	<p>Next Chapter in Korea-U.S. Relations</p>
<p><b>Plenary Session IV</b></p> <p>15:15-16:45</p>	<p><b>Same Old New North Korea?</b></p>
<p><b>16:45-17:00</b></p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>

## Appendix 2

### Interview Request Form for Asan Plenum 2016

(As of April 1<sup>st</sup>)

**\* Please note that should there be more than 4 media requests for a speaker, the interview will be switched to a Roundtable or a Press Conference.**

No.	Speakers	Media	Correspondent	Mobile Number	Email Address	Attendance on 26th or 27th (Y/N)
1	Victor Cha					
1-1	Book Launch <i>The Impossible State</i> by Victor Cha (12:30-13:25, Wed., Apr. 27th)	Attendance on Book Launch(Y/N):				
2	John Hamre					
3	Robert Einhorn					
4	Zhu Feng					
5	Gary Samore					
6	Fukagawa Yukiko					
7	Douglas Paal					
8	Soeya Yoshihide					
9	Yamaguchi Noboru					
10	Karen E. House					
11	Tanaka Akihiko					
12	Zhang Jun					
13	Abe Nobuyasu					
14	Mely Caballero- Anthony					
15	Henri Barkey					
16	Steven Blockmans					
17	Yves Doutriaux					
18	Nicholas Eberstadt					
19	Christian Egenhofer					
20	Reza Eslami-Somea					
21	Bonnie Glaser					
22	Amr Hamzawy					
23	Martin Heipertz					
24	Carolina Hernandez					
25	Stijin Hoorens					
26	Joseph Kéchichian					
27	Suat Kiniklioglu					

28	Alon Levkowitz					
29	Miyake Kuni					
30	T.J. Pempel					
31	Evans Revere					
32	Gilbert Rozman					
33	Gerhard Sabathil					
34	Vladimir Shopov					
35	Scott Snyder					
36	Dmitry Suslov					
37	Wang Dong					
38	Kurt Campbell (TBC)					

For the complete list of participants and their bios,

please visit [http://en.asaninst.org/events\\_category/asan-plenum/sub\\_category/participant-biographies/](http://en.asaninst.org/events_category/asan-plenum/sub_category/participant-biographies/)