

The Asan Plenum 2019, “Korea’s Choice”

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SEOUL, April 4, 2019 – The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>) will host the *Asan Plenum 2019* on April 23 (Tue.) – 24 (Wed.) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Hannam-dong, Seoul. The title of this year’s *Plenum* is “Korea’s Choice.”

James Steinberg, Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, will deliver the keynote address. The *Plenum* will bring together over 100 distinguished experts, policymakers, scholars, and members of the media including:

- Edwin Fuelner, Founder of The Heritage Foundation
- Paul Wolfowitz, Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense and President of the World Bank
- Marc Knapper, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State, Former Chargé d’affaires at U.S. Embassy Seoul
- Alexander Vershbow, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and Deputy Secretary General of NATO
- Sue Mi Terry, Senior Fellow, Korea Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

This year’s *Asan Plenum* addresses the myriad challenges and choices facing Korea today. The ongoing U.S.-China competition for global leadership raises crucial strategic dilemmas for South Korea—especially when one is its longstanding ally and the other its predominant trading partner. Meanwhile, countries in East Asia including South Korea remain hesitant about deepening strategic ties with Japan in the absence of lasting reconciliation, whilst rising nationalism continues to test the viability and endurance of international cooperation around the globe. South Korea faces difficult choices within its borders as well amidst the current impasse over denuclearization and overcoming the major challenges that lie ahead. The choices Korea makes will have consequences for the future of the peninsula, the region, and beyond.

To discuss these issues and many more, the *2019 Asan Plenum* will feature four plenary and eleven panel sessions. In addition, the book launch for the English translation of the late Hyundai Group Founder Chung Ju-yung’s memoir, *Born of This Land: My Life Story*, will be held during the *Plenum*.

The *Asan Plenum* is a yearly gathering of the world’s leading experts and scholars. In addressing the most pressing global issues, the *Asan Plenum* aims to impact the policy making process and enable the international community to better deal with the challenges it faces.

*** Interview requests with speakers:**

Please send us **the attached interview requests form** in ‘**Appendix 3**’ to communications@asaninst.org by **17:00 on Friday, April 12th, 2019**.

*** Press Registration and Badge:**

- Please be advised that, due to security reasons, only credentialed members of the press who RSVP by **Friday, April 19th** to communications@asaninst.org will be allowed admission.

- Also note that only 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.

-Due to limited space, members of the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Unification press corps will be given priority admission. We ask for your understanding.

* For participants list, panel descriptions, and up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.asanplenum.org.

* All sessions will be conducted in English with simultaneous Korean interpretation.

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Asan Plenum 2019

“Korea’s Choice”

1. **Host :** The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>)
2. **Title:** “Korea’s Choice”
3. **Date & Time:** April 23-24, 2019
 - Day 1 : 09:30~22:30
 - Day 2 : 09:00~17:00
4. **Venue:** The Grand Hyatt Hotel, Seoul, Korea
5. **Plenum Agenda**

Day 1: Tuesday, April 23, 2019	
Opening Ceremony 09:30-10:25	
Plenary Session I 10:30-12:00	G1 or G2?
Session 1 13:00-14:30	ROK-U.S. Alliance
	U.S.-Japan Alliance
	NATO
Plenary Session II 14:45-16:15	Collective Memory or Collective Future?

Book Launch 12:15-13:25	Born of This Land: My Life Story
Night Sessions 21:00-22:30	North Korea's Choice: Nuclear Issue
	North Korea's Choice: Economic Reform
Day 2: Wednesday, April 24, 2019	
Plenary Session III 09:00-10:30	Nationalism or Internationalism?
Session 2 10:45-12:15	Is Democracy in Crisis?
	Immigrants or Refugees?
	Values or Interest?
Session 3 13:30-15:00	Free Trade or Fair Trade?
	Arms Control
	Technology Competition or Cooperation?
Plenary Session IV 15:15-16:45	CVID or "Peaceful" co-existence?
16:45-17:00	Closing Remarks

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Asan Plenum 2019: Participants from overseas

U.S.

- James B. Steinberg, Former Deputy Secretary of State; Former Vice President, Brookings Institution; Professor of Social Science, International Affairs, Syracuse University
- Edwin J. Feulner, Founder and Former President, The Heritage Foundation
- Paul Wolfowitz, Former Deputy Secretary of Defense; Former President, World Bank; Former Professor of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University; Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute (AEI)
- Marc Knapper, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State, Former Chargé d'affaires at U.S. Embassy Seoul
- Alexander Vershbow, Former US ambassador to the Republic of Korea; Former Deputy Secretary General of NATO
- Sue Mi Terry, Senior Fellow for Korea at The Center for Strategic and International Studies(CSIS)

China

- Zhu Feng, Executive Director of the China Center and Professor of International Relations, Nanjing University
- Gao Fei, Vice President, China Foreign Affairs University

Japan

- Fujisaki Ichiro, Former Ambassador to the U.S. and UN; President, Nakasone Peace Institute (NPI)

- Yamaguchi Noboru, Professor, International University of Japan; Former Commanding General of the JGSDF Ground Research and Development Command
- Fukagawa Yukiko, Deputy Dean and Professor, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University
- Soeya Yoshihide, Professor of Political science, Keio University

Others

- Yaacob Bin Ibrahim, Advisor, Singapore Institute of Technology; Former Minister in the Ministries of Communications and Information
- Pascal Boniface, Director, French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS); Professor of international relations at the Institute for European Studies in the University of Paris-8
- Volker Stanzel, Former German Ambassador to China and Japan; Vice President, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)
- Hazel Smith, Professor, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) and Cranfield University
- Chu Yun-han, Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica
- Aleksandra Gliszcznska, Assistant Professor, Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences
- Linda Jakobson, Chief Executive Officer, China Matters
- Ian Anthony, Programme Director, European Security, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Appendix 3**Interview Request Form for Asan Plenum 2019**

*** 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 23th or 24th
1	Evans J.R. Revere					
2	Jonathan D. Pollack					
3	Kato Yoichi					
4	Gilbert Rozman					
5	Jennifer Lind					
6	Fukagawa Yukiko					
7	Furukawa Katsuhisa					
8	T.J. Pempel					
9	Hazel Smith					
10	Alexander Vershbow					
11	Volker Stanzel					
12	Tai Ming Cheung					
13	Wang Dong					
14	Martin Fackler					
15	Kent Calder					
16	Soeya Yoshihide					
17	Abe Nobuyasu					
18	Gerald L. Curtis					
19	James Steinberg					
20	David Harris					
21	Philip Stephens					
22	Linda Jakobson					
23	Aleksandra Gliszczynska-Grabias					
24	Douglas Paal					
25	Karen House					

26	Jeanne Choi					
27	Sue Mi Terry					
28	Ian Anthony					
29	Fujisaki Ichiro					
30	Kestutis Paulauskas					
31	Gordon Flake					
32	Yamaguchi Noboru					
33	Nishino Junya					
34	Karl Friedhoff					
35	Jay Song					
36	Troy Stangarone					
37	Jung Pak					
38	Evelyn Goh					
39	Mely Caballero-Anthony					
40	Richard McGregor					
41	John Park					
42	Neil Ruiz					
43	Thomas Byrne					
44	Brooke Smith-Windsor					
45	Pascal Boniface					
46	Ross Tokola					
47	Kathryn Botto					
48	Paul Wolfowitz					
49	Ladan Boroumand					
50	Patrick Messerlin					
51	Scott Snyder					
52	Tami Overby					
53	Bruce Klingner					
54	Lee Chung Min					
55	Shawn Ho					

For the complete list of participants and their bios, please visit

http://en.asaninst.org/events_category/asan-plenum/sub_category/participant-biographies/