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| **The Asan Symposium:** **“Celebrating Korea-US Relations: 140 Years and Beyond”** |

**SEOUL**, June 3, 2022 – The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>) and Embassy of the United States of America in Seoul will co-host the *Asan Symposium: “Celebrating Korea-US Relations: 140 Years and Beyond”* on June 3, 2022 (Fri.) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Hannam-dong, Seoul. This event, attended by key figures from both countries, will mark the 140th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Korea and the United States.

Along with a congratulatory video message from former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, newly appointed South Korea’s Foreign Minister Park Jin and U.S. Embassy Chargé d’Affaires ad interim Christopher Del Corso will give a congratulatory speech. The *Symposium* will bring together more than 35 distinguished experts, policymakers, and scholars from the both countries including:

* Edwin Feulner, Founder of The Heritage Foundation
* John Hamre, President and CEO of Center for Strategic and International Studies
* Karen House, Former Publisher of the Wall Street Journal
* Paul Wolfowitz, Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense
* Sung Kim, U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy
* Joseph Yun, former U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy
* Wendy Cutler, Vice President at the Asia Society Policy Institute
* John Linton, Director of Yonsei University Health System
* Lee Hong Koo, Former Prime Minister / Former South Korean Ambassador to the U.S.
* Yoon Young-kwan, Former Foreign Minister
* Ahn Ho-Young, Former South Korean Ambassador to the U.S.
* Lee Joon-Gyu, Chairman of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies / President of Korean Council on Foreign Relations
* Kim Jong-hoon, Former Trade Minister
* Noh Jongwon, President and CMO of SK hynix
* Kim Byung Joo, Member of the Korean National Assembly / Former Deputy Commander of the ROK/US Combined Forces Command
* Youn Kun Young, Member of the Korean National Assembly
* Tae Young Ho, Member of the Korean National Assembly

The *Asan Symposium* consists of four sessions and addresses following subjects:

* Highlights from 140 Years of Bilateral Relations between Korea and the U.S
* Vision and Challenges of the ROK-US Alliance
* Economic Security and the Role of the Private Sector
* The Korean Peninsula and North Korea

\* 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.

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

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[**Appendix: Asan Symposium Agenda**]

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| **Time** | **Panel Title** | **Panelist** | **Affiliation** |
| **Opening Ceremony****09:00-10:00** | **Welcoming Remarks** | Chung Mong Joon | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| **Congratulatory Remarks** | Henry A. Kissinger | Kissinger Associates, Inc. |
| Park Jin | Foreign Minister, Republic of Korea |
| Christopher Del Corso | U.S. Embassy Seoul |
| **Keynote Address** | U.S. Senior official | - |
| **10:00-10:10** | **Break** |
| **Session 1****10:10-11:40** | **Highlights from 140 Years of Bilateral Relations between Korea and the US** | James Kim | AMCHAM Korea |
| Ahn Ho-Young | University of North Korean Studies |
| Lee Hong Koo | Seoul Forum for International Affairs |
| Lee Joon-gyu | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Na Kyung Won | Presidential Special Envoy to the Davos Forum |
| John Linton | Yonsei University Health System |
| Scott Snyder | Council on Foreign Relations |
| Joseph Yun | U.S. Institute of Peace |
| **11:50-13:20** | **Lunch** |
| **Session 2****13:20-14:35** | **Vision and Challenges of the ROK-US Alliance** | Paula Hancocks | CNN |
| Jung Seung Jo | Korea-US Alliance Foundation |
| Kim Byung Joo | The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea |
| Shim Yoon-joe | Kookmin University |
| Bruce Bennett | RAND Corporation |
| Edwin J. Feulner | The Heritage Foundation |
| John Hamre | Center for Strategic and International Studies (virtual participation) |
| Karen House | Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs |
| **14:35-14:45** | **Break** |
| **Session 3****14:45-16:00** | **Economic Security and the Role of the Private Sector** | Rexon Ryu | The Asia Group |
| Chung Chul | Korea Institute for International Economic Policy |
| Kim Jong-Hoon | Former Trade Minister |
| Noh Jongwon | SK hynix |
| Wendy Cutler | Asia Society Policy Institute |
| Anthony Kim | The Heritage Foundation |
| Troy Stangarone | Korea Economic Institute of America |
| **16:00-16:10** | **Break** |
| **Session 4****16:10 – 17:25** | **The Korean Peninsula and North Korea** | Lee Chung Min | Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; KAIST |
| Tae Yong Ho | The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea |
| Yoon Young-kwan | Seoul National University |
| Youn Kun Young | The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea |
| Sung Kim | U.S. Department of State |
| Bruce Klingner | The Heritage Foundation |
| Sue Mi Terry | Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  |
| Paul Wolfowitz | Former Deputy Secretary of Defense |
| **17:25-17:30** | **Closing Remarks** |