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The Asan Plenum 2024: “Future of Asia: Prosperity and Security”

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>) will host the Asan Plenum 2024 on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Grand Hyatt Seoul under the theme “Future of Asia: Prosperity and Security.” Despite facing numerous challenges, Asia has continued to prosper. However, the region still confronts both longstanding and emerging issues, including North Korea’s ongoing nuclear threat and conflicts among competing power blocs. This year’s Asan Plenum discusses strategies for Asia to preserve peace and sustain prosperity amidst these challenges.

At the Asan Plenum, Honorary Chairman Chung Mong-Joon will deliver a welcoming speech. This will be followed by congratulatory remarks by Kim Hong Kyun, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, and Dr. Edwin Feulner, the founder of the Heritage Foundation. Dr. Kurt Campbell, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, is scheduled to deliver the keynote speech via video.

This year’s Plenum will feature more than 50 international experts on foreign policy and security, including Paul Wolfowitz, former U.S. Secretary of Defense and former President of the World Bank; Karen House, former publisher of The Wall Street Journal; John Hamre, Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Strategic and International Studies; James Steinberg, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of the State; Randall Schriver, former Deputy Secretary of State; Jia Qingguo, Professor at Peking University; Kim Sung-han, Professor at Korea University and former National Security Advisor; and Morimoto Satoshi, former Defense Minister of Japan.

The Asan Plenum 2024 will feature seven sessions exploring responses to security risks that threaten Asia’s prosperity. Participants will discuss key issues affecting Asian security and prosperity, including the changing security architecture in Asia, the region’s economic order, new security challenges, arms race, Asia’s flashpoints, North Korea’s nuclear threat, and the implications of the 2024 U.S. presidential election.

* 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.

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

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Agenda

Time	Panel Title	Panelist	Affiliation
Opening Ceremony 09:00-10:00 <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	Welcoming Remarks	Chung Mong Joon	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
	Congratulatory Remarks	Kim Hong Kyun	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROK
		Edwin Feulner	The Heritage Foundation
	Keynote Speech	Kurt Campbell (Video Speech)	U.S. Department of State
10:00-10:10	Break		
Plenary Session 1 10:10-11:30 <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	Changing Security Architecture in Asia	Sohn Jie-ae	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROK
		Michael Green	University of Sydney
		Jia Qingguo	Peking University
		Kim Sung-han	Korea University
		Nakabayashi Mieko	Waseda University
		James Steinberg	Johns Hopkins University
		Sugiyama Shinsuke	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
Special Session 11:30-12:30 <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	The 2024 U.S. Presidential Election	Yoon Young-kwan	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
		Edwin Feulner	The Heritage Foundation
		Karen House	Harvard University
		Tago Atsushi	Waseda University
		Paul Wolfowitz	Stanford University
12:30-13:30 <i>Namsan I+II</i>	Luncheon -Luncheon Speech: James Steinberg, Johns Hopkins University		

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Concurrent Session 2-1 13:30-14:45 Grand Ballroom I+II	Protectionism or Free Trade?	Anthony Kim	The Heritage Foundation
		Matthew Goodman	Council on Foreign Relations
		Kim Jong-Hoon	Former Member of the National Assembly, ROK
		Clark Packard	Cato Institute
		Suzuki Kazuto	University of Tokyo
		Zha Daojiong	Peking University
Concurrent Session 2-2 13:30-14:45 Grand Ballroom III	Emerging Security Issues: Space, Cyber and New Challenges	Lee Chung Min	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
		Jeanne Choi	U.S. Department of State
		Michael Cunningham	The Heritage Foundation
		Peter Dean	University of Sydney
		Diana Myers	Former Fellow, RAND Corporation
		Yang Uk	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
		Zhu Feng	Nanjing University
14:45-14:55	Break		
Concurrent Session 3-1 14:55-16:10 Grand Ballroom I+II	New Arms Race: Russia, China, North Korea and Japan	Timothy Martin	<i>The Wall Street Journal</i>
		Tilman Ruff	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
		Randall Schriver	The Project 2049 Institute
		Shin Beomchul	Former Vice Minister of National Defense, ROK
		Tokuchi Hideshi	Research Institute for Peace and Security
		Yao Yunzhu	Beijing Xiangshan Forum
Concurrent Session 3-2 14:55-16:10 Grand Ballroom III	Flashpoints in Asia: Taiwan Strait and South China Sea	Duyeon Kim	Center for a New American Security
		Jimbo Ken	Keio University
		Ellen Kim	Center for Strategic and International Studies
		Patricia Kim	Brookings Institution
		Kim Young-Ho	Korea National Defense University

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		Wang Junsheng	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
16:10-16:20	Break		
Plenary Session 4 16:20-17:40 <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	North Korea's Nuclear Threat	Sue Mi Terry	Council on Foreign Relations
		Ahn Ho-Young	Kyungnam University
		Naoko Aoki	RAND Corporation
		Bruce Bennett	RAND Corporation
		John Everard	Former UK Ambassador to DPRK
		Morimoto Satoshi	Former Minister of Defense, Japan
		Su Hao	China Foreign Affairs University
Closing Ceremony 17:40-17:55 <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	Concluding Observations	John Hamre	Center for Strategic and International Studies
	Closing Remarks	Yoon Young-kwan	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies