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## The Asan Conference on Myanmar and North Korea “Myanmar’s Liberalization and North Korea”

- The Asan Institute for Policy Studies will host the Asan Conference on Myanmar and North Korea titled, “Myanmar’s Liberalization and North Korea,” on March 26<sup>th</sup> (Tues) at the institute’s 1<sup>st</sup> floor auditorium.
- With its third nuclear test and threats to nullify the armistice agreement, North Korea is jeopardizing the security, peace and stability of the peninsula and East Asian region. To ensure the region’s security and peace, experts agree on helping North Korea to open door, liberalize economy and become a more rational player.
- For a single-day conference in Seoul, policy and reform experts will take an in-depth look at Myanmar’s top-down, domestically initiated political and economic reform processes to find out whether this model can also be applied in case of North Korea.
- Some notable speakers for the conference include Professor David Steinberg of Georgetown University and Mr. Ko Ko Hlaing from the office of the President in Myanmar. Professor David Steinberg who is an expert on Burma-Myanmar, the Korean peninsula, Southeast Asia and US policy in Asia, will deliver the keynote speech. He previously served as the USAID Director for the Philippines, Thailand and Burma Affairs at the U.S. State Department. Mr. Ko Ko Hlaing is the Chief Advisor to the President of Myanmar. Before becoming the president’s chief advisor, he had a long and distinguished military career.
- It will be a 2-hour long 3-session conference in English from 9AM to 610PM. Lunch will be provided.

***The Asan Conference on Myanmar and North Korea***  
**"Myanmar's Liberalization and North Korea"**

1. **Host** : The Asan Institute for Policy Studies  
(President, Dr. Hahm Chaibong, [www.asaninst.org](http://www.asaninst.org))
2. **Title** : Myanmar's Liberalization and North Korea
3. **Date and Time** : March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Tues) 09:00 – 18:10
4. **Venue** : 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium at the Asan Institute  
(Address: 1-176 Shinmunro 2-ga, Jongno-gu, Seoul)
5. **Conference Agenda** :
  - **09:00 – 09:10 Opening Remarks**  
(Dr. Hahm Chaibong, President of the Asan Institute)
  - **09:10 – 09:45 Keynote Speech**  
(Professor David Steinberg, Georgetown University)
  - **10:00 – 12:00 Panel 1**  
『Myanmar Reforms and North Korean Regime Stability』
  - **13:50 – 15:50 Panel 2**  
『Myanmar Reforms and Lessons for Engaging North Korea』
  - **16:10 – 18:10 Panel 3**  
『Myanmar's Opening and North Korea's Status Quo』

## Key Speakers

### **Professor David Steinberg**

- Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies, Georgetown University
- Specialist on Burma-Myanmar, the Korean Peninsula, Southeast Asia and US Policy in Asia
- Former Representative of the Asia Foundation in Korea, Hong Kong, Burma and Washington, D.C.
- Former Distinguished Professor of Korea Studies, Georgetown University
- Former President of the Mansfield Foundation
- Former Director for the Philippines, Thailand and Burma Affairs, USAID (US State Department)

### **Ko Ko Hlaing**

- Chief Political Advisor to the President of Myanmar
- Renowned journalist and TV commentator in Myanmar
- Co-founder of Myanmar Development Resources Institute
- Decades of military service with the rank of Lt. Colonel