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**Sept. 16, 2013 – The Asan Institute for Policy Studies to Host Asan North Korea Conference**

Seoul, South Korea – The Asan Institute will host the *Asan North Korea Conference 2013* on September 25(Wed.) – 26(Thurs.) at the institute.

The Conference will bring together leading experts and scholars on North Korean issues including its nuclear capability, external relations and the North Korean regime.

High-level key speakers include:

* Bruce Bennett, RAND Corporation
* Scott Snyder, Council on Foreign Relations
* Chu Shulong, Tsinghua University
* Noboru Yamaguchi, National Defense Academy of Japan
* William Newcomb, United Nations

The two-day conference consists of 8 sessions. Four sessions on Day 1 will discuss on topics such as, “North Korea’s Nuclear Capability,” “Nuclear Strategy and Deterrence,” “International Coordination on North Korea,” and “Smart Sanctions.” The second day will examine “The State of the North Korean Regime,” “North Korea’s External Relations,” “The State of the North Korean Economy,” and “Long Term Scenarios.”

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About the Asan Institute for Policy Studies

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies is an independent think tank that provides innovative policy solutions and spearheads public discourse on the core issues in Korea, East Asia and the world. Our goal is to assist policymakers to make better informed and mutually beneficial policy decisions. The Asan Institute, established in 2008, has successfully hosted a series of international conferences including the Asan Plenum, the Asan China Forum and the Asan Nuclear Forum and published a number of books such as *China’s Foreign Policy, Japan in Crisis* and *The Arab Spring.*

 **Asan North Korea Conference 2013**

**1. Host :** The Asan Institute for Policy Studies

**2. Title :** ‘Asan North Korea Conference 2013’

**3. Date and Time**

Day 1 September 25, 2013 (Wed.) 09:00 to 18:00

Day 2 September 26, 2013 (Thurs.) 09:00 to 17:30

**4. Venue :** Auditorium (1F) at the Institute

**5. Conference Agenda :**

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| **Day 1: Wednesday, September 25, 2013** |
| **Time** | **Panel Title** | **Panelist** | **Affiliation** |
| **08:30-09:00** | **Registration**  |
| **Opening Ceremony****09:00-09:30** | Welcoming Remarks | Hahm Chaibong | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Congratulatory Remarks | Lee Hong Koo  | The Seoul Forum for International Affairs |
| Keynote Address | Ryoo Kihl-Jae | Ministry of Unification |
| **Session 109:30-11:00** | North Korea’s Nuclear Capability | Lee Chung Min | Yonsei University |
| Li Bin | Carnegie Endowment for International Peace/Tsinghua University |
| Park Jiyoung | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Joshua Pollack | Science Applications International Corporation |
| Markus Schiller | Schmucker Technologie |
| **11:00-11:15** | **Coffee Break** |
| **Session 2****11:15-12:45** | Nuclear Strategy and Deterrence | Choi Kang | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Robert Manning | The Atlantic Council |
| Park Chang Kwoun | Korea Institute for Defense Analyses |
| Su Hao | China Foreign Affairs University |
| Sugio Takahashi | National Institute for Defense Studies |
| **12:45-14:00** | **Lunch** |
| **Session 3****14:00-15:30** | International Coordination on North Korea | Patrick Cronin | Center for a New American Security |
| Chu Shulong | Tsinghua University |
| Gordon Flake | Mansfield Foundation |
| Shin Beomchul | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Noboru Yamaguchi | National Defense Academy of Japan |
| **15:30-15:45** | **Coffee Break** |
| **Session 4****15:45-17:15** | Smart Sanctions | William Newcomb | United Nations |
| David Asher | Center for a New American Security |
| Kim Joongho | Export-Import Bank of Korea |
| William Newcomb | United Nations |
| Yang Xiyu | China Institute of International Studies |

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| **Day 2: Thursday, September 26, 2013** |
| **Time** | **Panel Title** | **Panelist** | **Affiliation** |
| **09:00-09:15** | **Registration**  |
| **Session 5****09:15-10:45** | The State of the North Korean Regime | Yoo Ho Yeol | Korea University |
| Ken Gause | CNA |
| Jin Qiangyi | Yanbian University |
| Kim Keun Sik | Kyungnam University |
| Andrei Lankov | Kookmin University |
| **10:45-11:00** | **Coffee Break** |
|  **Session 6****11:00-12:30** | North Korea’s External Relations | Kim Hankwon | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Cha Du-hyeogn | Korea Foundation |
| Narushige Michishita | National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies |
| Wei Zhijiang | Sun Yat-sen University |
| Alexander Zhebin | Institute of Far Eastern Studies, RAS |
| **12:30-14:00** | **Lunch** |
| **Session 7****14:00-15:30** | The State of the North Korean Economy  | Nick Eberstadt | American Enterprise Institute/The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Lee Suk | Korea Development Institute |
| Nick Eberstadt | American Enterprise Institute/The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Zhang Dongming | Liaoning National University |
| Zhang Huizhi | Jilin University |
| **15:30-15:45** | **Coffee Break** |  |  |
| **Session 8****15:45-17:15** | Long Term Scenarios | Jo Dongho | Ewha Womans University |
| Bruce Bennett | RAND Corporation |
| Go Myong-hyun | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Jo Dongho | Ewha Womans University |
| Scott Snyder | Council on Foreign Relations |
| **17:15-17:30** | **Closing Remarks** |