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The Asan Plenum 2015, “Is the U.S. Back?”

- April 28-29, the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Seoul

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies will host the *Asan Plenum 2015* on April 28(Tue.) – 29(Wed.) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Karen Elliott House will deliver the keynote address, and Foreign Affairs Minister Yun Byung-se will present the welcoming dinner speech.

The Conference will bring together distinguished experts, policymakers, scholars, and members of the media including:

- Sydney Seiler, Special Envoy for Six-Party Talks, U.S. Department of State
- James Steinberg, Former Deputy Secretary of State
- Bruce Bennett, Senior Defense Analyst, RAND Corporation
- Alexis Dudden, Professor, University of Connecticut
- H.R.H. Prince Turki Al Faisal, Chairman, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies
- Salam Fayyad, Former Prime Minister, Palestine
- Guy Sorman, Editor, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research

The Plenum will feature four plenary sessions and 12 panels over two days.

The topics of the plenary sessions are 1) Is the U.S. Back? 2) Limits of U.S. Power? 3) G2 or G1? U.S.-China Relations 4) Korean Peninsula: The End Game.

* Pls. be advised that only credentialed members of the press who **RSVPed** by April 17th to communications@asaninst.org with details including name, affiliation, and mobile number will be granted for attendance due to security reasons.

* Kindly refer ‘**Appendix 2**’ for **Interview Requests** with speakers and it should be sent to aforementioned communications department.

* All sessions will be conducted in English but simultaneous interpretation will be available in sessions held in the grand ballroom I & II.

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

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, The Arab Spring, Escape From Camp 14 and The Orphan Master's Son. The Asan Insitute for Policy Studies ranked 6th in "Top 45 Think Tanks in China, India, Japan and the Republic of Korea" and was the only domestic think tank that was selected in the "Best Think Tank Conference" by Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Appendix 1



Asan Plenum 2015

“Is the U.S. Back?”

- Host :** The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>)
 - Day 1 : 09:30~18:15
 - Day 2 : 09:30~16:30
- Title:** *“Is the U.S. Back?”*
- Date & Time:** April 28-29, 2015
 - Day 1 : 09:30~18:15
 - Day 2 : 09:30~16:30
- Venue:** The Grand Hyatt Hotel, Seoul
- Plenum Agenda**

Day 1: Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Opening Ceremony 09:30-10:10	Welcoming Remarks (Hahm Chaibong, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies) Opening Remarks (Chung Mong Joon, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies) Keynote Address (Karen E. House, Pepperdine University)
Plenary Session I 10:15-11:30	Is the U.S. Back?
Session 1 12:30-13:45	Geopolitics of Shale
	Geopolitics of Finance
	Revolution in Military Affairs

Plenary Session II 14:00-15:15	Limits of U.S. Power?
Session 2 15:30-16:45	Terrorism
	Cyberwar
	Nonproliferation
Plenary Session III 17:00-18:15	G2 or G1? U.S.-China Relations
Day 2: Wednesday, April 29, 2015	
Special Session 09:30-10:30	Keynote Address (HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal Bin Abdulaziz, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies)
Session 3 10:45-12:00	Reordering U.S.-Russia Relations
	Reordering the Middle East
	Reordering East Asia
Lunch 12:00-13:20	Lunch and Book Launch (The Battle of Bretton Woods by Dr. Benn Steil)
Session 4 13:30-14:45	Never Been Worse? Korea-Japan Relations
	Could Be Worse: China-Japan Relations
	Never Been Better? Korea-U.S. Relations
Plenary Session IV 15:00-16:15	Korean Peninsula: The End Game
16:15-16:30	Closing Remarks

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Appendix 2**Interview Request Form for Asan Plenum 2015**(As of April 9th)

*** Please note that should there be more than 4 media who wish to interview a speaker, it will be either Round Table or Press Conference.**

#	Speakers	Media	Correspondent	Time & Date	Attendance on 28 th or 29 th (Y/N)
1	Sydney Seiler				
2	Guy Sorman				
3	Alexis Dudden				
4	Bruce Bennett				
5	Edwin Feulner				
6	Douglas H. Paal				
7	Evans Revere				
8	Bonnie Glaser				
9	Edward Chow				
10	James Acton				
11	Hugh White				
12	Benn Steil				
13	Jia Qingguo				
14	Nishino Junya				
15	Gil Rozman				
16	Chen Weidong				
17	Joseph Kéchichian				
18	Sakata Yasuyo				
19	Philip Andrews-Speed				
20	Mikkal Herberg				
21	Sven Jurschewsky				
22	Svitlana Kobzar				
23	Dmitry Suslov				
24	Karen E. House				

Appendix 3

Key Participants

- **Sydney Seiler** (Special Envoy for Six-Party Talks, U.S. Department of State)
- **Karen E. House** (Professor, Pepperdine University)
- **H.R.H. Prince Turki Al Faisal** (Chairman, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies)
- **Bruce Bennett** (Senior Defense Analyst, RAND Corporation)
- **Alexis Dudden** (Professor, University of Connecticut)
- **Edwin J. Feulner** (Chairman, Asian Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation)
- **Salam Fayyad** (Founder and Chairman, Future for Palestine)
 - Former Prime Minister, Palestine
- **Douglas H. Paal**
(Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)
 - Former director of Asian Affairs, senior director and special assistant to the president, National Security Council
- **Guy Sorman** (Editor, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research)
- **James Steinberg** (Dean, Maxwell School, Syracuse University)
 - Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State (principal deputy to Secretary Clinton)
 - Former Deputy National Security Advisor to President Clinton
- **Scott Snyder** (Senior Fellow and Director, Council on Foreign Relations)
- **Yamaguchi Noboru** (Professor, International University of Japan)

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

http://en.asaninst.org/events_category/asan-plenum/