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**The Asan Plenum 2016, “New Normal”**

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**SEOUL**, April 1, 2016 – The Asan Institute for Policy Studies(<http://en.asaninst.org/>) will host the *Asan Plenum* ***2016*** on April 26(Tue.) – 27(Wed.) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, Korea.

John Hamre, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), will deliver the keynote address, and Kurt Campbell, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense will present the welcoming dinner speech.

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

• Victor Cha, Senior Adviser and Korea Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

• Robert Einhorn, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution

• Gary Samore, Executive Director for Research, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University

• Zhu Feng, Executive Director of China Center for Collaborative Studies of the South China Sea,

Nanjing University

• Fukagawa Yukiko, Professor, Waseda University

This year`s conference with the theme “The New Normal” will feature four plenary sessions and 12 panels over two days. The topics of the plenary sessions are 1) The New Normal 2) The New Normal and Regional Orders 3) Non-Traditional Insecurity 4) Same Old New North Korea?

\* **Press Registration and Badge**:

- Please be advised that only credentialed members of the press who RSVPed by **April 18th** to communications@asaninst.org with details including **name, affiliation, and mobile number** will be granted for attendance due to security reasons.

- Also note 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.

- We strongly encourage all members of the media to **preregister and pick up your badge prior to arrival**at the institute.

\* **Interview requests with speakers:**

Kindly send us the attached interview requests form in **‘Appendix 2’** to communications@asaninst.org by 17:00 Friday, April 8th , 2016.

\* 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](http://www.asanplenum.org).

\* We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these security measures. Should you have specific questions, please contact us at communications@asaninst.org.

**# # #**

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (http://en.asaninst.org/) 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. It has also published a number of books such as *China’s Foreign Policy*, *Japan In Crisis*,and *The Arab Spring*. The institute has been ranked as the world top 100 think tanks by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in 2015.

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| **Appendix 1** |



***Asan Plenum 2016***

**“The New Normal”**

1. **Host :** The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>)
2. **Title:** *“The New Normal”*
3. **Date & Time:** April 26-27, 2016
	* Day 1 : 09:30~18:00
	* Day 2 : 09:00~17:00
4. **Venue:** The Grand Hyatt Hotel, Seoul, Korea
5. **Plenum Agenda**

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| **Day 1: Tuesday, April 26, 2016** |
| **Opening Ceremony**09:30-10:25 | **Welcoming Remarks**(Hahm Chaibong, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies)**Keynote Address**(John Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies) |
| **Plenary****Session I**10:30-12:00 | **The New Normal** |
| **Session 1**13:00-14:30 | Whose Rule? Which Order? |
| When Growth Falters |
| Demographic Crises |
| **Plenary****Session II**14:45-16:15 | **The New Normal and Regional Orders** |
| **Session 2**16:30-18:00 | Asia-Pacific or Indo-Pacific? |
| What is the Middle East’s “New Normal”? |
| Can the EU Return to Normal? |
| **Day 2: Wednesday, April 27, 2016** |
| **Plenary****Session III**09:00-10:30 | Non-Traditional Insecurity |
| **Session 3**10:45-12:15 | Living with Terrorism |
| Living with Climate Change |
| Living with Nuclear Insecurity |
| **Lunch & Book Launch**12:00-13:25 | Book Launch(12:30-13:25):*The Impossible State*, by Victor Cha |
| **Session 4**13:30-15:00 | The New Normal in Korea-Japan Relations |
| China Between the Two Koreas |
| Next Chapter in Korea-U.S. Relations |
| **Plenary****Session IV**15:15-16:45 | **Same Old New North Korea?** |
| **16:45-17:00** | Closing Remarks |

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| **Appendix 2** |

**Interview Request Form for Asan Plenum 2016**

**(As of April 1st)**

**\* Please note that should there be more than 4 media requests for a speaker,**

**the interview will be switched to a Roundtable or a Press Conference.**

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| **No.** | **Speakers** | **Media** | **Correspondent** | **Mobile Number** | **Email Address** | **Attendance on26th or 27th (Y/N)** |
| 1 | Victor Cha |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-1 | Book Launch *The Impossible State*by Victor Cha(12:30-13:25, Wed., Apr. 27th) | Attendance on Book Launch(Y/N): |
| 2 | John Hamre |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Robert Einhorn |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Zhu Feng |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Gary Samore |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Fukagawa Yukiko |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Douglas Paal |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Soeya Yoshihide |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Yamaguchi Noboru |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Karen E. House |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Tanaka Akihiko |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Zhang Jun |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Abe Nobuyasu |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Mely Caballero-Anthony |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Henri Barkey |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Steven Blockmans |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Yves Doutriaux |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Nicholas Eberstadt |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Christian Egenhofer |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | Reza Eslami-Somea |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Bonnie Glaser |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | Amr Hamzawy |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | Martin Heipertz |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | Carolina Hernandez |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | Stijin Hoorens |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | Joseph Kéchichian |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Suat Kiniklioglu |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | Alon Levkowitz |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | Miyake Kuni |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | T.J. Pempel |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | Evans Revere |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | Gilbert Rozman |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | Gerhard Sabathil |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | Vladimir Shopov |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | Scott Snyder |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36 | Dmitry Suslov |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | Wang Dong |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | Kurt Campbell (TBC) |  |  |  |  |  |

For the complete list of participants and their bios,

please visit <http://en.asaninst.org/events_category/asan-plenum/sub_category/participant-biographies/>