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## The Asan Plenum 2023: “Alliance of 70 years and Beyond”

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>) will host Asan Plenum 2023 on April 25, 2023 (Tue) at the Grand Hyatt Seoul under the theme “Alliance of 70 Years and Beyond.” This year, Asan Plenum will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the U.S.-ROK Alliance, reflect on the reasons, realities, and challenges of the alliance in a rapidly changing international environment, and discuss the new role and future of the alliance.

At the Asan Plenum, Honorary Chairman Chung Mong Joon will deliver a welcome speech, and former US National Security Advisor John Bolton is scheduled to give the keynote speech. This will be followed by congratulatory remarks from Jang Hojin, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Joy Sakurai, Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy in South Korea, Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State, and John Hamre, President and CEO of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

The event will be joined by more than 40 other diplomatic and security experts including Edwin Feulner, founder of the Heritage Foundation; Paul Wolfowitz, former U.S. Secretary of Defense and former President of the World Bank; Randall Schriver, former Deputy Secretary of State; Walter Sharp, former Commander of U.S. Forces Korea; Sung Y. Kim, U.S. Special Representative for North Korea; Karel De Gucht, former European Commissioner for Trade, Tokuchi Hideshi, President of the Japan Institute for Peace and Security Studies; Jia Qingguo, Professor at Peking University; Georgy Toloraya, Honorary Director of Center of Russian Strategy in Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.

In sessions, participants will analyze the challenges and opportunities that the alliance system is facing from various perspectives and propose the future development in the context of the rapidly changing international order such as the US-China strategic competition, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the rise of "economic security," and the North Korean nuclear issue.

\* 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
<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>09:00-10:00</b>  <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>	Chung Mong Joon	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
	<b>Congratulatory Remarks</b>	Chang Hojin	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea
		Joy M. Sakurai	U.S. Embassy in Seoul
		Henry A. Kissinger (Video Remarks)	Kissinger Associates, Inc.
	John J. Hamre (Video Remarks)	Center for Strategic and International Studies	
<b>Keynote Address</b>	John R. Bolton	Former U.S. National Security Advisor; Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations	
<b>10:00-10:10</b>	<b>Break</b>		
<b>Plenary Session 1</b> <b>10:10-11:40</b>  <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	<b>World in Turbulence</b>	Karen E. House	Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
		Yoon Young-kwan	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
		Edwin J. Feulner	The Heritage Foundation
		James B. Steinberg	School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
		Randall Schriver	Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs
		Maria Castillo Fernandez	European Union to the Republic of Korea
		Jia Qingguo	Peking University
		Ken Jimbo	Keio University
<b>11:40-13:10</b> <i>Grand Salon Namsan I+II</i>	<b>Luncheon</b> - Luncheon Speech: Paul D. Wolfowitz, Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense		
<b>Concurrent Session 2-1</b> <b>13:10-14:25</b>	<b>State of Alliances</b>	Jakob Hallgren	Swedish Institute of International Affairs
		Choi Byung Hyuk	Council on Korea-U.S. Security Studies

<i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>		Kim Byung Joo	National Assembly of the Republic of Korea
		Paul D. Wolfowitz	Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense
		Yamaguchi Noboru	International University of Japan
		Andrew Harrison	United Nations Command
<b>Concurrent Session 2-2</b> <b>13:10-14:25</b>  <i>Grand Ballroom III</i>	<b>Flashpoints in the Indo-Pacific</b>	Lee Chung Min	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; KAIST
		Ahn Ho-Young	Former Korean Ambassador to the United States
		Walter L. Sharp	Former Commander, United Nations Command, ROK-US Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea
		Kent E. Calder	School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
		Bonnie S. Glaser	German Marshall Fund of the U.S.
		Gordon Flake	Perth USAsia Centre, The University of Western Australia
		Ankit Panda	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
<b>14:25-14:35</b>	<b>Break</b>		
<b>Plenary Session 3</b> <b>14:35-15:50</b>  <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	<b>Future of Alliance</b>	Paula Hancocks	CNN
		Ha Taekeung	National Assembly of the Republic of Korea
		Park Young Sun (Virtual Participation)	Former Minister of SMEs and Startups of the Republic of Korea
		Anthony B. Kim	The Heritage Foundation
		Allison Hooker	American Global Strategies
		David Maxwell	Foundation for Defense of Democracies
		Karel De Gucht	Former European Commissioner for Trade
		Fujisaki Ichiro	Nakasone Peace Institute
<b>15:50-16:00</b>	<b>Break</b>		

<b>Plenary Session 4</b>  <b>16:00 – 17:15</b>  <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	<b>Dealing with North Korea Nuclear Threat</b>	Sue Mi Terry	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
		Tae Yong Ho	National Assembly of the Republic of Korea
		Bruce W. Bennett	RAND Corporation
		Sung Y. Kim	U.S. Department of State
		Tokuchi Hideshi	Research Institute for Peace and Security
		Georgy Toloraya	Institute of Economics of the Russian Academy of Sciences
<b>17:15-17:20</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>		