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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**

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| **Time** | **Panel Title** | **Panelist** | **Affiliation** |
| **Opening Ceremony**  **09:00-10:00**  *Grand Ballroom I+II* | **Welcoming Remarks** | Chung Mong Joon | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| **Congratulatory Remarks** | 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 |
| **Keynote Address** | John R. Bolton | Former U.S. National Security Advisor;  Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations |
| **10:00-10:10** | **Break** | | |
| **Plenary Session 1**  **10:10-11:40**  *Grand Ballroom I+II* | **World in Turbulence** | 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 |
| **11:40-13:10**  *Grand Salon*  *Namsan I+II* | **Luncheon**  - Luncheon Speech: Paul D. Wolfowitz, Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense | | |
| **Concurrent**  **Session 2-1**  **13:10-14:25**  *Grand Ballroom I+II* | **State of Alliances** | Jakob Hallgren | Swedish Institute of International Affairs |
| Choi Byung Hyuk | Council on Korea-U.S. Security Studies |
| 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 |
| **Concurrent Session 2-2**  **13:10-14:25**  *Grand Ballroom III* | **Flashpoints in the**  **Indo-Pacific** | 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 |
| **14:25-14:35** | **Break** | | |
| **Plenary Session 3**  **14:35-15:50**  *Grand Ballroom I+II* | **Future of Alliance** | 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 |
| **15:50-16:00** | **Break** | | |
| **Plenary Session 4**  **16:00 – 17:15**  *Grand Ballroom I+II* | **Dealing with North Korea Nuclear Threat** | 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 |
| **17:15-17:20** | **Closing Remarks** | | |