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| **The Asan Plenum 2024:**  **“Future of Asia: Prosperity and Security”** |

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies (<http://en.asaninst.org/>) will host the Asan Plenum 2024 on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Grand Hyatt Seoul under the theme “Future of Asia: Prosperity and Security.” Despite facing numerous challenges, Asia has continued to prosper. However, the region still confronts both longstanding and emerging issues, including North Korea’s ongoing nuclear threat and conflicts among competing power blocs. This year’s Asan Plenum discusses strategies for Asia to preserve peace and sustain prosperity amidst these challenges.

At the Asan Plenum, Honorary Chairman Chung Mong-Joon will deliver a welcoming speech. This will be followed by congratulatory remarks by Kim Hong Kyun, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, and Dr. Edwin Feulner, the founder of the Heritage Foundation. Dr. Kurt Campbell, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, is scheduled to deliver the keynote speech via video.

This year’s Plenum will feature more than 50 international experts on foreign policy and security, including Paul Wolfowitz, former U.S. Secretary of Defense and former President of the World Bank; Karen House, former publisher of The Wall Street Journal; John Hamre, Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Strategic and International Studies; James Steinberg, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of the State; Randall Schriver, former Deputy Secretary of State; Jia Qingguo, Professor at Peking University; Kim Sung-han, Professor at Korea University and former National Security Advisor; and Morimoto Satoshi, former Defense Minister of Japan.

The Asan Plenum 2024 will feature seven sessions exploring responses to security risks that threaten Asia’s prosperity. Participants will discuss key issues affecting Asian security and prosperity, including the changing security architecture in Asia, the region’s economic order, new security challenges, arms race, Asia’s flashpoints, North Korea’s nuclear threat, and the implications of the 2024 U.S. presidential election.

\* 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.

**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** | Kim Hong Kyun | Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROK |
| Edwin Feulner | The Heritage Foundation |
| **Keynote Speech** | Kurt Campbell  (Video Speech) | U.S. Department of State |
| **10:00-10:10** | **Break** | | |
| **Plenary**  **Session 1**  **10:10-11:30**  ***Grand Ballroom I+II*** | **Changing Security Architecture**  **in Asia** | Sohn Jie-ae | Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROK |
| Michael Green | University of Sydney |
| Jia Qingguo | Peking University |
| Kim Sung-han | Korea University |
| Nakabayashi Mieko | Waseda University |
| James Steinberg | Johns Hopkins University |
| Sugiyama Shinsuke | Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan |
| **Special Session**  **11:30-12:30**  ***Grand Ballroom I+II*** | **The 2024 U.S. Presidential Election** | Yoon Young-kwan | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Edwin Feulner | The Heritage Foundation |
| Karen House | Harvard University |
| Tago Atsushi | Waseda University |
| Paul Wolfowitz | Stanford University |
| **12:30-13:30**  ***Namsan I+II*** | **Luncheon**  -Luncheon Speech: James Steinberg, Johns Hopkins University | | |
| **Concurrent Session 2-1**  **13:30-14:45**  ***Grand Ballroom I+II*** | **Protectionism or Free Trade?** | Anthony Kim | The Heritage Foundation |
| Matthew Goodman | Council on Foreign Relations |
| Kim Jong-Hoon | Former Member of the National Assembly, ROK |
| Clark Packard | Cato Institute |
| Suzuki Kazuto | University of Tokyo |
| Zha Daojiong | Peking University |
| **Concurrent Session 2-2**  **13:30-14:45**  ***Grand Ballroom III*** | **Emerging Security Issues: Space, Cyber and New Challenges** | Lee Chung Min | Carnegie Endowment for International Peace |
| Jeanne Choi | U.S. Department of State |
| Michael Cunningham | The Heritage Foundation |
| Peter Dean | University of Sydney |
| Diana Myers | Former Fellow, RAND Corporation |
| Yang Uk | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |
| Zhu Feng | Nanjing University |
| **14:45-14:55** | **Break** | | |
| **Concurrent Session 3-1**  **14:55-16:10**  ***Grand Ballroom I+II*** | **New Arms Race: Russia, China, North Korea and Japan** | Timothy Martin | *The Wall Street Journal* |
| Tilman Ruff | International Physicians for the Prevention of  Nuclear War |
| Randall Schriver | The Project 2049 Institute |
| Shin Beomchul | Former Vice Minister of National Defense, ROK |
| Tokuchi Hideshi | Research Institute for Peace and Security |
| Yao Yunzhu | Beijing Xiangshan Forum |
| **Concurrent Session 3-2**  **14:55-16:10**  ***Grand Ballroom III*** | **Flashpoints in Asia: Taiwan Strait and South China Sea** | Duyeon Kim | Center for a New American Security |
| Jimbo Ken | Keio University |
| Ellen Kim | Center for Strategic and International Studies |
| Patricia Kim | Brookings Institution |
| Kim Young-Ho | Korea National Defense University |
| Wang Junsheng | Chinese Academy of Social Sciences |
| **16:10-16:20** | **Break** | | |
| **Plenary**  **Session 4**  **16:20-17:40**  ***Grand Ballroom I+II*** | **North Korea’s Nuclear Threat** | Sue Mi Terry | Council on Foreign Relations |
| Ahn Ho-Young | Kyungnam University |
| Naoko Aoki | RAND Corporation |
| Bruce Bennett | RAND Corporation |
| John Everard | Former UK Ambassador to DPRK |
| Morimoto Satoshi | Former Minister of Defense, Japan |
| Su Hao | China Foreign Affairs University |
| **Closing Ceremony**  **17:40-17:55**  ***Grand Ballroom I+II*** | **Concluding Observations** | John Hamre | Center for Strategic and International Studies |
| **Closing Remarks** | Yoon Young-kwan | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies |