

**DECEMBER 4-5**  
**APIF 2020**

**DAY 1**

**DAY 2**

# **Asia Pacific Initiative Forum 2020**



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**2:00pm JST** **Opening Address of the Asia Pacific Initiative Forum 2020**

**FUNABASHI Yoichi** / *Chairman, Asia Pacific Initiative*  
**MIYAGAWA Makio** / *APIF President and API Senior Fellow*

**Special message**

**SUGA Yoshihide** / *Prime Minister of Japan*

**2:15pm JST** **Keynote Speeches**

**Collaboration for Sustainable and Inclusive Prosperity**

**Tharman Shanmugaratnam** / *Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies, Republic of Singapore*

**Digital Social Innovation**

**Audrey Tang** / *Digital Minister, Executive Yuan, Taiwan*

**2:55pm JST**  **Break**

**3:10pm JST** **Special Report on COVID-19 from Japanese Team**

**SHIOZAKI Akihisa** / *Attorney, Partner, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu*

**3:30pm JST**  **Break**

**3:40pm JST** **Session A : The Asian Response to COVID-19**

**A-1 : Comparisons of COVID-19 Counter-Measures**

Nations around the world have struggled to contain the pandemic, but it has been clear that some strategies were more effective than others. This session offers a comparative look at the countermeasures that countries in Asia have adopted, such as movement restrictions, government relief measures, and vaccine development.

Speakers:

**Gabriel Leung** / *Dean of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong*  
**SHIOZAKI Akihisa** / *Attorney, Partner, Nagashima Ohno and Tsunematsu*  
**Sopon Iamsirithaworn** / *Director, Division of Communicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control, Thailand*

Moderator:

**TAKAO Minori** / *Anchor, NHK World News*

**A-2 : Balancing Contagion Prevention and Reopening Economies**

After months of economic disruption due to the ongoing pandemic, Asia has been mustering its energy to reopen and continue onto the next lap of growth. How should businesses navigate the delicate balance between lives and livelihoods, and adapt to a "new normal"? The panel aims to cover this question from the Asian regional level, and other unique perspectives.

Speakers:

**Ajay Chaturvedi** / *Entrepreneur, Author & Philosopher; Founder, HarVa and KFN*  
**Bernise Ang** / *Chief Alchemist, Zeroth Labs*  
**Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Mohd. Munir Abdul Majid** / *Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Malaysia*

Moderator:

**INAGAKI Kana** / *Tokyo Correspondent, Financial Times*

4:25pm JST

 Break

4:35pm JST

## Session B : Digitalisation in the Post-Corona Era

### B-1 : Digitalisation and Social Structural Changes

Following the need for nimble and well-informed responses to COVID-19, governments have recognised the value and necessity of digital transformation. This session sets up a conversation between leading experts on digitalisation in Japan and India to explore the structural changes, opportunities and challenges that digitalisation represents for businesses and societies.

Speakers:

**MURAI Jun** / Dean, API Institute of Geo-economic Studies and API Senior Fellow; Distinguished Professor, Keio University

**Nandan Nilekani** / Co-founder and Chairman, Infosys and Founding Chairman UIDAI(Aadhaar)

Moderator:

**SUGA Chizuru** / Head of the World Economic Forum Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution Japan

### B-2 : “Mobile as a Lifeline” – Digital Services for Inclusive Growth

COVID-19 and its economic fall-out has seen “Mobile as a Lifeline” as a social development and providing essential services to businesses and consumers across the socioeconomic spectrum. Recognising that mobile devices provide a near-universal touchpoint, entrepreneurs have built innovative platforms with high untapped growth and offer new digital services in finance, healthcare and agriculture - all through people’s mobile phones.

Speakers:

**Prasad Kompalli** / Co-founder and CEO, MFine

**Ranjith Mukundan** / Co-founder and CEO, Stellapps Technologies Private Limited

**Ryu Kawano Suliawan** / Head of Merchants, Gojek

Moderator:

**SATO Teruhide** / Founder and CEO, BEENEXT Capital Management Pte. Ltd.

### B-3 : “Do Digital Yourself” – Empowering Individuals and SMEs

SMEs, the backbone of our economies, have struggled tremendously in the face of the recent widespread disruption to business. One emerging growth strategy is the development of highly accessible digital services and networks of collaboration so as to enable “Do Digital Yourself”. Through such services, individuals and SMEs can leverage vast resources to catalyse business growth, even in the most challenging of circumstances. This session explores e-commerce, crowd-sourcing and other networks as instruments of empowerment.

Speakers:

**Sampad Swain** / CEO and Co-founder, Instamojo Technologies pvt Ltd

**TSURUOKA Yuta** / CEO, BASE Inc.

**YOSHIDA Koichiro** / CEO, CrowdWorks, Inc.

Moderator:

**MIYAJI Yu** / Staff Writer, The Asahi Shimbun

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1:00pm JST **Opening and Welcome Remarks**

**FUNABASHI Yoichi** / *Chairman, Asia Pacific Initiative*

1:10pm JST **Keynote Speeches**

**Revisiting Asian Values for Business and Society**

**Victor L. L. Chu** / *Chairman and CEO, First Eastern Investment Group;  
Co-Founder, Peach Aviation*

**Sustainability Transformation, Global Game Change for Growth and Competitiveness**

**MIZUNO Hiromichi** / *Special Advisor to METI; Executive Fellow of Harvard Business School;  
Non-Executive Board Member of Tesla Inc*

1:50pm JST  Break

2:00pm JST **Session C : Asia's Multi-Dimensional Recovery**

**C-1 : Technology and AI for Decarbonisation**

As more than half of the global population and leading carbon emitters are located in Asia, Asian entrepreneurs should step up and assume leadership in enacting a positive impact for our climate. With a multitude of innovations in the climate technology start-up space, entrepreneurs are transforming the narratives surrounding climate change from one of stifling pessimism to exciting possibility.

Speakers:

**Abhilasha Purwar** / *Founder and CEO, Blue Sky Analytics*

**Blair Palese** / *Global Climate Editor, Climate & Capital Media*

**MAEDA Tadashi** / *Governor, Japan Bank for International Cooperation*

Moderator:

**SUZUKI Satoko** / *Associate Professor, Hitotsubashi University ICS*

**C-2 : Transforming Education after the Disruption**

Education is largely viewed as a public good and the responsibility of the government. However, in a world of increasing complexity, it has become critical for businesses to recruit talented individuals for continued growth. With revolutionary paradigms mounting growing challenges to the conventional thinking on education, a holistic transformation of education is underway. In this session, we invite the private sector to become stakeholders in nurturing our future generations.

Speakers:

**IMAMURA Kenichi** / *Head of HITOLAB, Recruit Co., Ltd.*

**Jing Pei Goh-Asmala** / *Regional Director, Asia Pacific, Teach for All*

**Kenn Ross** / *Managing Director, Asia, Minerva Project*

Moderator:

**KOBAYASHI Lin** / *Co-founder and Chair of the Board, UWC ISAK Japan*

2:45pm JST  Break

2:55pm JST

## Session D : Decoupling and Reimagining Supply Chains

### D-1 : The Decoupling and Reshaping of Supply Chains and Technologies

The disruption of supply chains due to the COVID-19 crisis has resulted in a shared realisation that there is a need for businesses to secure diversified suppliers in the region and around the world. Factoring in the decoupling dynamics shaping Asia's supply chains and technology spheres, how can businesses build resilience in processes for sustained future growth?

Speakers:

**Jareeporn Jarukornsakul** / *Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer, WHA Corporation Public Company Limited*

**SASAKI Nobuhiko** / *Chairman and CEO, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO)*

**Truong Gia Binh** / *Chairman, FPT Corporation*

Moderator:

**KONDO Naka** / *Senior Editor, The Economist Intelligence Unit*

### D-2 : Moving Towards Sustainability and the Circular Economy

In the traditional economy, businesses produced goods for consumers and led to the generation of waste. The resultant ever-increasing amount of waste severely challenges the limits of our global ecosystem. To mitigate this, forward-thinking leaders from both large conglomerates and emerging start-ups have worked to build the circular economy. The future economy will be built on businesses which dare to reimagine production processes, waste disposal systems and product life-cycles.

Speakers:

**NIINAMI Tak** / *Chief Executive Officer, Suntory Holdings Ltd.*

**Regula Schegg** / *Managing Director, Asia, Circulate Capital*

**Sahar Mansoor** / *Founder and CEO, Bare Necessities Zero Waste India Pvt Ltd*

Moderator:

**Abhilasha Purwar** / *Founder and CEO, Blue Sky Analytics*

3:40pm JST

 Break

3:50pm JST

### Special message

**H.E. Mr. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan** / *Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment of Republic of Indonesia*

### Closing Address of the Asia Pacific Initiative Forum 2020

**FUNABASHI Yoichi** / *Chairman, Asia Pacific Initiative*