

DECEMBER 3-4
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DAY 1

DAY 2

Asia Pacific Initiative Forum 2021



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2:00pm JST

Opening Address of the Asia Pacific Initiative Forum 2021

FUNABASHI Yoichi / *Chairman, Asia Pacific Initiative*

Keynote Speeches

2:15pm JST

The Asian path of sustainability and harmony with the environment

Kengo KUMA / *Architect, University Professor and Professor Emeritus, the University of Tokyo*

3:00pm JST

☕ Break

Keynote Speeches

3:15pm JST

The Honourable Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali / *Senior Minister, Minister of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia*

3:45pm JST

☕ Break

Session

4:00pm JST

What civil society's engagement in Afghanistan tells us about sustainable transformation and diversity

The long term engagement of Asian civil societies in Afghanistan is a testament to how sustainability and diversity are core principles in engaging in a multi-decades crisis. We explore why these values may relate more broadly to long-term visions of business in Asia.

Speakers:

YAMAMOTO Eri

/ Secretary General and Country Director for Afghanistan office, Shanti Volunteer Association

Maria Helen Dabu

/ Secretary-General, Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE)

Abdul Bashir Khaliqi

/ Former director, Afghan National Association For Adult Education (ANAFAE)

Moderator:

KOBAYASHI Lin

/ Co-Founder and Chair of the Board, UWC ISAK Japan

5:00pm JST

📺 Break

5:15pm JST

A conversation on harnessing digital platforms for societal transformation in the next 10 years

Digital platforms in Asia are scaling to be major contributors to Asia's economy and at the same time, improving economic resiliency and inclusivity to the wider society. The conversation will deep dive into the vision of the top leaders on how digital platforms will play a role in the societal transformation in Asia and as a result, continue to scale their business.

Speakers:

ISHIKURA Yoko

/ Chief Officer, Digital Agency, Japan

Patrick Cao

/ President of GoTo

Moderator:

SUGA Chizuru

/ Director for Digital Economy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Government

6:00pm JST

📺 End of Day I Program

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*Two sessions will be held at the same time from 1:00pm JST to 4:00pm JST.

1:00pm JST

Opening and Welcome Remarks

MIYAGAWA Makio / APIF President, Asia Pacific Initiative

1:10pm JST

Session A

A1

A-1: A conversation on the ground-breaking impact of mobilizing capital in Asia's energy transformation

This conversation will address the profound impact of raising and deploying capital for infrastructural reforms that will drive Asia's transformation for prosperity embraced with sustainability in general, and specifically climate change.

Speakers:

Sujoy Bose / Managing Director & CEO, NIIF

MAEDA Tadashi / Governor, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

Moderator:

John EHARA / Co-Founder, UNISON CAPITAL Inc.

A2

A-2: Digitalizing Asian financial markets

This conversation will address the transformation of financial markets. Would digitalization accelerate links of stock markets in Asia, stabilizing the regional financial markets and boosting its economic revitalization.

Speakers:

Prasarn Trairatvorakul / Chairman of the Board, The Stock Exchange of Thailand

MIKE Kanetsugu / Chairman, MUFG

Moderator:

MIYAGAWA Makio / President, APIF

2:00pm JST

☕ Break

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2:10pm JST

Session B

B1

B-1: Transformation of industrial sectors through Vertical Digital Platforms

This panel will discuss how digital platforms have brought about extraordinary transformation to vertical industries and its supply chain in multiple sectors and geographical regions. The feedback loop of data accumulation that further enhances the capability of these digital platforms to empower the industry players in different ways such as credit provider is truly promising. As a result of the transformation, we will further explore how new collaborations can emerge in the newly transformed landscape of traditional industries.

Speakers:

MATSUMOTO Yasukane / Founder & CEO, Raksul Inc.

Pamitra Wineka / Co-founder & CEO, Tanihub Group

Tan Yinglan / Founding Managing Partner, Insignia Ventures Partners

Moderator:

SUZUKI Satoko / Associate Professor, Hitotsubashi University Business School

B2

B-2: Transformation by climate change sustainability standards and rule-making in Asia

This session goes straight to the game changer that climate change sustainability standards brings and how the Asian business world can leverage this new rule-making to enhance corporate performance and bring benefit to the wider society. The session will unravel why Asia is in an advantageous position to prosper with these standards.

Speakers:

Ravi Chidambaram / CEO, RIMM Sustainability Pte Ltd.

HOSONO Kyohei / Director & COO, Dream Incubator Inc.

Moderator:

MIYAJI Yu / Staff Writer, The Asahi Shimbun

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Session C

C1

C-1: Transformation by Start-ups and venture capitalists rising to social challenges

This session will introduce the rising phenomenal actions of entrepreneurs and venture capitalists, in engaging with the most pressing social challenges, ensuring the impact reaches the last-mile and individuals where help is most needed. It will look at the different strategies that leaders have deployed to adapt to changes and avoid pitfalls.

Speakers:

- Mohit Bhatnagar** / *Managing Director, Sequoia Capital*
- Prakash Prashanth** / *Partner, Accel*
- NAKAMURA Toshi** / *Co-Founder & CEO, Kopernik*

Moderator:

- MUKOYAMA Jun** / *Fellow, Asia Pacific Initiative*

C2

C-2: The rising power of finance to empower individuals, small business, women

This session will address the advancement of microfinance and evolving digital technology to empower micro-businesses and individuals, especially women. The extent of population that this empowerment reaches is profound in Asia and builds the foundation of a ground level transformation of living standards and economy of Asia.

Speakers:

- SHIN Taejun** / *Founder and CEO, Gojo & Company*
- Andi Taufan Garuda Putra** / *Chief Executive Officer, PT. Amarta Mikro Fintek*
- Swapnil Neeraj** / *Principal, IFC (World Bank Group), Singapore*
/ *Board Member, Microfinance Enhancement Facility (MEF), Luxembourg*

Moderator:

- Ryu Kawano Suliawan** / *Head of Business Solutions, GoTo Financial*

4:00pm JST

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4:10pm JST

Session D

Unlocking Asia's sustainable transformation and prosperity through gender equality

The session will deep dive on the transformation occurring from the rise of women's entrepreneurship in Asia and why higher women representation in management enables businesses to create higher enterprise value. One can argue that this trend will increase given a wider range of values from corporations and service providers are being demanded to meet the diverse market needs. Equally of importance, why more balanced gender representation is needed to integrate sustainability mechanisms into corporate visions and strategies.

Speakers:

Ankiti Bose

/ CEO & Co-Founder, Zilingo

Pranapda Chirathivat

*/ Founder & CEO, Siam Motors Co., Ltd.
/ Siam Music Yamaha Co., Ltd./ Dragonfly 360*

Moderator:

MURAKAMI Yumiko

/ General Partner, MPower Partners

5:00pm JST

Closing of the Asia Pacific Initiative Forum 2021

FUNABASHI Yoichi

/ Chairman, Asia Pacific Initiative