

# International Conference on Institution Building in Asia for Peace and Development

Asian Peace Science Network, Japan International Cooperation Agency Research  
Institute and Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry  
Tokyo, 28-29 August 2009

## I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

Asian Peace Science Network (APSN) was formally established when its first annual International Conference was held in Bali-Indonesia on 2-3 August 2008, with the strong initiative of Professor Walter Isard at Cornell University, the founding father of Peace Science Society (International). APSN is intended to be a medium for scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers of all countries interested in Asian affairs to promote action for peace, security, and economic development in Asia. The first conference at Bali-Indonesia was successfully held with diverse participants of academics, professionals and bureaucrats from Asia, Europe and the United States.

The second annual International Conference of APSN will be held in Tokyo on 28-29 August 2009. This year's event will be organized with the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency Research Institute (JICA-RI) and the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI). The common theme of the Conference is "Institution Building in Asia for Peace and Development."

It is well-known that East Asia has successfully attained the regional economic integration mostly in a de facto manner through market mechanisms, becoming a highly integrated *export platform* or a so-called *world factory*. This itself is a great achievement, even in the context of the long history of mankind. However, recent experiences including the Asian financial crisis in 1997 and the current global financial crisis have shown that for the further promotion of peace and development in Asia, developing region-wide political-economic institutions is indispensable. All Asian countries now commonly face a number of region-wide problems of critical importance, including the stability of financial and monetary system, further promotion of free trade and investment, support of less developed countries/regions, environmental and resource-energy problems, building regional infrastructures, as well as the issues of regional security. Furthermore, in comparison with EU and NAFTA, Asia is a region with vast diversity in many aspects such as income level, stage of economic

development, political regime, religion and culture, ethnicity/race, and languages. To promote successfully the conditions for peace and development in Asia given such diversities, while surrounded by complex international relations, Asia needs to develop effectively the region-wide political and economic institutions by taking into account the multi-dimension of potential conflicts.

Against the backdrop of the current global financial-economic crisis, in the Tokyo conference the participants will discuss how and what kinds of region-wide institutions are to be built for the further promotion of peace and development in Asia. To this end, academic knowledge of scholars will be combined with the experiences of practioners and policy-makers, and the multi-dimensional nature of relevant issues will be examined, measured and exposed to scrutiny through the presentations and active discussions by all participants.

On the first day (August 28), an open international symposium entitled “Institution Building in East Asia beyond the Global Crisis” will be held, in which keynote lectures will be presented by distinguished scholars, followed by a panel discussion. On the second day (August 29), we will have the international workshop on “Global Economic Crisis and Institution Building in East Asia for Peace and Development”, in which five separate but related topics will be discussed intensively by scholars and practioners.

## **II. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

### **Organizing institutions:**

Japan International Cooperation Agency Research Institute (JICA-RI)  
Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)

### **Coordinators:**

Walter Isard (Cornell University)  
Iwan Azis (Cornell University)  
Keiichi Tsunekawa (JICA-RI)  
Masahisa Fujita (RIETI; Konan University)

## **III. DATE AND TIME**

Day 1: 28 August 2009, 13:00 – 18:30

Day 2: 29 August 2009, 9:00 – 18:30

#### IV. PROGRAM

Day 1: 28 August 2009

**International Symposium: Institution Building in East Asia beyond the Global Crisis**

[For the preliminary program of Day 1, please see the attachment.]

Day 2: 29 August 2009

**International Workshop: Global Economic Crisis and Institution Building in East Asia for Peace and Development**

[For the preliminary program of Day 2, please see the attachment.]

#### V. VENUE

International Conference Hall, JICA-RI

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