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East Asian Scholars` Dialogue
With
Heads and Senior Officials of
the United Nations and International Organizations
in
Geneva, Switzerland
16-17 July 2018

Topic: ***Human Rights, Migration and Peacebuilding in a Turbulent Age***

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This is a first dialogue meeting between East Asian Scholars and senior officials of the UN and International Organizations headquartered in Geneva. We will address contemporary issues related to the protection of human rights, migration and peacebuilding situation of the globalized world and examine what East Asian countries should and can do. The participants from Japan, China, Republic of Korea and Mongolia will assemble in Geneva on Sunday, 15 July, for dialogue meetings to be held on 16 and 17 July at the Palais des Nations, the Palais Wilson and the Maison de la Paix. Organized by the ACUNS Tokyo Office and the UN Office in Geneva.

Sunday 15 July, Arrive in Geneva
(Please see the Administrative and Logistic Information)

Day 1: Monday 16 July
VENUE: UN Headquarters in Geneva, Palais des Nations
8-14, Avenue de La paix
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

8:30 Assemble at the Porte Pregny entrance situated at 14, Avenue de la paix, Geneva (Passport information needed for entry permits to be arranged by the Office of the Chef de Cabinet, UNOG)

9:00 Guided tour or just a visit to the Human Rights Chamber if the guided tour is not available (to be arranged by the Office of the Chef de Cabinet, UNOG)

10:30 Meeting with Director-General Michael Moller

Venue: Room IV, the Romanian room, on the 3rd floor of building C

"Role of the UN Office in Geneva, three clusters of UN and International Organizations in Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs, Trade and Disarmament" (Keynote speech 20 minutes)

Moderator:
Mr. David A Chikvaidze, Chef de Cabinet, UN Office in Geneva

Discussants (5 minutes each)

Japan: Professor Sukehiro Hasegawa, President, Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan

Ambassador Tadanori INOMATA, Former Ambassador to Costa Rica, Strategic Advisor of Nagasaki University

China: Professor SHENG Hongsheng, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law

Korea: Professor Changrok Soh, Ph.D. Professor of Politics and International Relations, Director of Human Rights Center, Korea University

Discussion by Participants: Questions and Answers

11:30 UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Venue: Palais de Nations meeting room

Assistant High Commissioner Volker Turk

"Contemporary issues faced by UNHCR - What can or should East Asian countries do? "(Keynote speech 20 minutes)

Discussants (5 minutes each)

Japan: Prof. Takaaki Mizuno, Professor, Kanda University of International Studies

South Korea: Professor Heung-Soon Park, Sun Moon University, Korea and former President of KACUNS (TBC)

China: Professor Zhang Guihong, Director, Center for UN Studies, Fudan University, and Vice President & Secretary-General, Shanghai UN Research Association

Student: Ms. Reina Motegi, Student, the University of Tokyo

Discussion by Participants: Questions and Answers

(please prepare in advance a question you may pose)

13:00 Lunch at restaurants and cafeteria, Palais des Nations

14:30 IOM International Organization for Migration

Director General William Swing

Venue: Room IV, the Romanian room, on the 3rd floor of building C

"Inclusive and Innovative Partnership Possible – What can, or should East Asian countries do?" (Keynote speech 20 minutes)
Multilevel partnership – Global, Regional, National and Local Challenges
Inclusive partnership – Civil society, private sector
Innovative partnership – Ethical recruitment, integration

Discussants (5 minutes each)
Japan: Aigul Kulnazarova, Professor, Tama University
Korea: Professor Taehee Whang, Yonsei University
China: Professor SHENG Hongsheng, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law

Discussion by Participants: Question and Answer Session
(please prepare a question you may pose)

16:00 ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross
Mr Dominik Stillhart, Director of Operations and
Valerie Petitpierre, Coordinator for Syria
(Venue: Room IV, the Romanian room, on the 3rd floor of building C)
"Syria: Implications of the breaches of humanitarian law – what can or should East Asian countries do?" (Keynote speech 20 minutes)

Discussants (5 minutes each)
Japan: Aigul Kulnazarova, Professor, Tama University
Yasushi KATSUMA, Professor, Waseda University
China: Professor Zhang Guihong, Fudan University
Korea: Dr. Sijeong Lim, Professor,
Mongolia: Amarsaikhan Serdari, Colonel and Chief of Special Plans Office, the General Staff HQ of the Mongolian Armed Forces
Student: Mr. Icchiku Yamada, masters student, the University of Tokyo

18:30-20:00 Free Dinner

Day 2: Tuesday 17 July
VENUE: Palais Wilson, Quai Wilson 47, 1201 Genève, Switzerland

9:30 Assemble at the Palais Wilson, Quai Wilson 47, 1201 Genève, Switzerland Bus stop: Butini

10:00 Meeting with the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Kate Gilmore

"Retreat in human rights all over the world – what can, or should East Asian countries do?"

Discussants (5 minutes each)

Japan: **Ai Kihara-Hunt,** Associate Professor, University of Tokyo and

China: Professor SHENG Hongsheng, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law

Korea: Prof. Changrok Soh, Korea University

11:30 Briefing Session on Universal Periodic Review)

Briefing on China, Japan and Korea

12:30 Lunch and move to the Palais de la paix, Chemin Eugene-Rigot 2, CH-1211 Geneva 21

VENUE: Maison de la paix

14:30 Academic session on Sustainable Development Goal 16

Topics: SDG Goal 16

Venue: Room S5, Pillar 1, Maison de la Paix

Chemin Eugene-Rigot 2, CH-1211 Geneva 21

Contemporary Peacebuilding Issues, or Any prospect for providing access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Moderator: Sukehiro Hasegawa, President, Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ) and Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Presentations by (10-15 minutes each):

- **Achim Wennmann**, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
- **Robert Watkins**, Research Associate of the Centre for Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding and Former Resident Coordinator of the United Nations Operational Activities in Bangladesh
- **Delidji Eric Degila,** Delidji Eric Degila, Research Associate at the CCDP, Senior Researcher at the Graduate Institute's Global Migration Centre (GMC) and Adjunct Professor of International Relations at Benin Ecole Nationale d'Administration, ENA
- **Mark Downes**, Assistant Director and Head of DCAF's Operations Department. He was previously head of DCAF's International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT)

15:30 Break

15:45 Discussion Session

Discussants

Japan: Yuji Uesugi, Professor, Waseda University

China: Professor SHENG Hongsheng, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law

Korea: Prof. Sijeong Lim, Professor, University of Amsterdam

Questions and answers

15:20 Concluding remarks by Professor Sukehiro Hasegawa

17:30 End of the consultation meetings and proceed to the reception

18:30 Buffet dinner reception hosted by Ambassador Junichi Ihara, Permanent Representative of Japan to United Nations and International Organizations in Geneva at his official residence

Wednesday, 18 July Asian scholars depart Geneva

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