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# AGENDA

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- 08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION
- 09:00-09:20 WELCOME REMARKS & OPENING SPEECH  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 09:20-09:55 REMARKS BY GLOBAL LEADERS (I)  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 09:55-10:10 REMARKS BY GLOBAL LEADERS (II)  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 10:10-10:20 VIDEO GREETINGS &  
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 10:20-10:30 COFFEE BREAK  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 10:30-12:30 SESSION I: REALIZING PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS  
IN THE POST-COVID-19 WORLD  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 12:30-14:00 LUNCHEON  
*Grand Hyatt Irodori*
- 14:00-16:00 SESSION II: MITIGATING GLOBAL CHALLENGES  
THROUGH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 16:00-17:00 COFFEE BREAK  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 17:00-18:30 ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE: BUILDING RESILIENCE  
TOGETHER FOR THE NEW ERA  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom I*
- 19:00-21:00 DINNER (Invitation Only)  
*Grand Hyatt Ballroom II*

## WELCOME MESSAGE *from* TAEF CHAIRMAN

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Welcome to the 2020 Yushan Forum: Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress. As the Chairman of the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), it is my great pleasure to introduce the theme of this year's Forum: "Forging a Resilient Future Together." Established in 2017, the annual Yushan Forum is the first Taiwan-initiated regional dialogue, pioneering in promoting progressive ideas, talent cultivation, cutting-edge technologies, and social initiatives pertinent to our time.

Since President Tsai Ing-Wen launched the New Southbound Policy (NSP) in 2016, Taiwan has been strengthening its partnerships with neighboring states and like-minded countries, while deepening our commitment to peace and prosperity in the region. Taiwan's global participation has also reached an unprecedented level in the past two years. Despite the challenges ahead, Taiwan is increasingly working in tandem with international friends to address them.

Now in its 4 year, the value of Yushan Forum is even more significant to a common future as the COVID-19 has made the world a very different place. It is a valuable opportunity to have the best and the brightest people to join us at Yushan Forum, exploring the approach to realize an inclusive growth with a people-centered development model.

On behalf of the organizing team of the 2020 Yushan Forum, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to foreign as well as domestic guests. Your attendance is a testament to the importance of Taiwan's New Southbound Policy, and we are looking forward to your insights on how we can forge a resilient future together.



Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao  
Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

## *about* YUSHAN FORUM

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The 2020 Yushan Forum: Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress, organized by Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), serves as a platform for facilitating Asia regional dialogue and showcasing the achievements of governmental and non-governmental cooperation among Taiwan and its neighboring partner countries. The Forum aims to foster stronger social connectivity for Asia’s next generation by encouraging dialogues on innovative and progressive ideas and promoting partnerships of multifaceted regional linkages.

Located in Taiwan, Yushan—also known as “Mount Jade” or “Tongku Saveq” in the language of the local indigenous Bunun people—is the highest summit in East Asia. It is also a symbol of Taiwanese aspirations for excellence and warm friendship towards people from neighboring nations.

Entering its 4th year, the Yushan Forum will explore the prospect of “Forging a Resilient Future Together.” In the time of a pandemic, we emphasize the importance of building a resilient global society. Under the impact of the coronavirus, the conference will be held in both virtual and physical fashion. In addition to the opening ceremony and keynote speech, there is also a dialogue on the New Southbound Policy, a session on civil society capacity and partnership, and a roundtable dialogue.

*about* TAEF  
Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

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Established in 2018, the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), based in Taipei City, is the first policy-oriented think tank in Taiwan with a focus on Southeast Asian and South Asian affairs. In the spirit of the New Southbound Policy (NSP), the goal of TAEF is to promote comprehensive ties and strengthen partnerships between Taiwan and the 10 ASEAN countries and 6 South Asian nations as well as Australia and New Zealand through cooperation and exchanges.

TAEF is devoted to building innovative mechanisms for regional cooperation among Asian societies. It is our goal to cultivate common policy blueprints for Taiwan, ASEAN and South Asian states through frequent regional dialogue, while also highlighting the commitment and contributions of Taiwan towards developments in Asia by concreting initiatives for cooperation.

In addition, TAEF also hosts various international conferences and exchange programs. The annual signature event, “Yushan Forum: Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress,” aims to strengthen ties with partners in the region as well as like-minded states worldwide.



# SPEAKERS

OPENING  
REMARKS

H.E. Tsai Ing-Wen  
*President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)*

H.E. Malcolm Turnbull  
*Former Prime Minister, Australia*

H.E. Carl Bildt  
*Former Prime Minister, Sweden*

The Hon. Keiji Furuya  
*Member, House of Representatives, Japan*

DINNER  
SPEECH

Jaushieh Joseph Wu  
*Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
R.O.C (Taiwan)*

H.E. Anders Fogh Rasmussen  
*Former Prime Minister, Denmark  
Former Secretary General of NATO*

The Hon. Ted Yoho  
*Member, House of Representatives  
Ranking Member of Asia, the Pacific, and  
Nonproliferation Subcommittee, House  
Committee on Foreign Affairs, USA*



## H.E. Tsai Ing-Wen

*President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)*

Dr. Tsai Ing-Wen is the 15th President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Born in 1956 in Taipei City, Tsai Ing-Wen traces her family roots to Fangshan Township of Pingtung County in southern Taiwan.

Dr. Tsai began her tenure as part of Taiwan's trade negotiation delegation in the late 1980s. She was on the front lines of the process during key trade negotiations in her capacity as Chief Legal Advisor (1992-2000).

In the late 1990s, Dr. Tsai served successively as Senior Adviser to the Mainland Affairs Council (1994-1998), Senior Adviser to the National Security Council (1999-2000), and Chairperson of the Mainland Affairs Council (2000-2004), devoting her efforts to the development of cross-strait relations.

Dr. Tsai joined the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) in 2004 and became a DPP legislator at-large (2005-2006). She was then appointed to serve as vice premier (2006-2007).

Dr. Tsai represented the DPP in Taiwan's 13th-term presidential election in 2012, becoming Taiwan's first female presidential candidate. She ran again as the DPP candidate in 2016, and was elected as the nation's 14th-term president, the first female head of state in Taiwan's history. Dr. Tsai was successfully re-elected with over 8.17 million votes in 2020, the highest total in history.

Dr. Tsai obtained a Ph.D. in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1984, specializing in international trade law and competition law.



## H.E. Malcolm Turnbull

*Former Prime Minister, Australia*

Malcolm Turnbull was the 29th Prime Minister of Australia. Prior to entering politics, he enjoyed successful careers as a lawyer, investment banker and journalist.

He entered the Australian Parliament in 2004 and during that time served as the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Minister for Communications and as Prime Minister from 2015 to 2018.

During his time as Prime Minister, Turnbull delivered an economic growth agenda that led to record job creation on the back of cutting personal and company taxes. His government embarked on the largest peace-time expansion and modernisation of Australian defence forces and defence industry, including commissioning 54 new Naval vessels.

Turnbull has a deep interest in energy issues and renewable energy. He recognised the urgent need for large-scale storage to make intermittent renewables reliable and started the construction of the Snowy Hydro 2.0 pumped hydro scheme, which will be the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. He also identified the opportunity for similar pumped storage systems in Tasmania.

At a time of growing nationalist sentiment across the world, he opposed racism and division at every turn, ensuring that Australia remains the most successful multicultural society in the world.



## H.E. Carl Bildt

*Former Prime Minister, Sweden*

Carl Bildt has served as both Prime Minister (1991–1994) and Foreign Minister (2006–2014) of Sweden.

During the first period, his government initiated major liberal economic reforms, as well as negotiated and signed membership agreement with the European Union. The reform period in the early and mid-1990s is generally seen as having paved the way for the successful growth decades that followed.

Subsequently he served in international functions with the EU and UN, primarily related to the conflicts in the Balkans. He was Co-Chairman of the Dayton peace talks on Bosnia and became the first High Representative in the country. Later, he was the Special Envoy of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to the region.

Carl Bildt was an early advocate of the new ICT technologies. An 1994 email exchange between him and President Clinton was the first between heads of states/governments.

Returning as Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2006, he came to be seen as one of the most prominent and vocal European foreign ministers during those years. He was one of the initiators of EU's Eastern Partnership, and pushed the EU forward also on issues of the Middle East.

Currently he is Co-Chair of the European Council on Foreign Relations, contributing columnist to Washington Post as well as monthly columnist for Project Syndicate.



## The Hon. Keiji FURUYA

*Member of the House of Representatives, Japan*

Keiji FURUYA (born in 1952) is a Japanese politician of the Liberal Democracy Party (JAPAN), and a member of the House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature). He is also the Chairman of Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, which has 291 councilors across party lines joined in.

Keiji FURUYA served as the Chairman of the National Commission on Public Safety, the Minister of State for the Abduction Issue, the Minister in charge of Building National Resilience, and the Minister of State for Disaster Management. Keiji FURUYA also served as the Chairman for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

In recent years, Keiji FURUYA has led several delegations to visit Taiwan and openly said that JAPAN supports Taiwan to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and to be an observer in WHA. Keiji FURUYA has delivered speech at Yushan Forum in Taipei for two consecutive years (2018-2019).



## Jaushieh Joseph Wu

*Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C (Taiwan)*

Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu is currently the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan). He was formerly the Secretary-General to the President and the Secretary-General of the National Security Council. From 2007 to 2008, he was the Representative of Republic of China to the United States as the head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, D.C. Prior to holding public offices, he was an academic political scientist, finishing his PhD in political science in 1989 at Ohio State University, and served as a research fellow at the Institute of International Relations of National Chengchi University.



## H.E. Anders Fogh Rasmussen

*Former Prime Minister, Denmark  
Former Secretary General of NATO*

Anders Fogh Rasmussen has been at the centre of European and global politics for over three decades as the Secretary General of NATO, the Prime Minister of Denmark, the Danish Minister of Economic Affairs, and, last but not least, as a leading Danish parliamentarian.

Anders Fogh Rasmussen began his political career in 1978, becoming the youngest member of Parliament in Denmark at the age of 25. He was promoted to Minister of Economic Affairs in 1990 and became the Prime Minister of Denmark in 2001. He held this position until 2009 when he was appointed as the Secretary General of NATO.

On October 1st 2014, he established the geopolitical consulting firm, Rasmussen Global, with a presence throughout Europe and in Washington D.C. In June 2016, he was appointed advisor to the then-President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko and, from 2019 to 2020, he worked with Prime Minister Rama on the EU talks of Albanian accession. In 2017, he founded the Alliance of Democracies Foundation, a non-profit organization - dedicated to the advancement of democracy and free markets across the globe - which among others hosts the annual Copenhagen Democracy Summit. In April 2020, Anders Fogh Rasmussen also became Senior Advisor to Citigroup's European, Middle East and Africa business.



## The Hon. Ted Yoho

*Member, House of Representatives  
Ranking Member of Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation  
Subcommittee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, USA*

Congressman Ted Yoho represents North Central Florida's 3rd Congressional District. He was elected to the 113th Congress in November 2012, and won re-election for his fourth term in the 116th Congress.

His approach to government is guided by constitutional principles, limited government, fiscal conservatism, Personal Responsibility, and free enterprise. These principles keep Congressman Yoho focused on supporting bills that help make American strong. He has been known to stand up and challenge the status quo for the better.

Prior to serving in Congress, he was a small business owner who operated several large animal veterinary practices for 30 years. During his successful career, he established a reputation of accountability and service.





# ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE

BUILDING RESILIENCE  
TOGETHER FOR THE NEW ERA

*The roundtable discussion invites political leaders and experts with strategic or policy influence to discuss the models of regional development collaboration and global governance in the post-COVID era. This high-level strategic dialogue manifests Taiwan's successful experience of epidemic control and what Taiwan can help in the future.*

SPEAKER

H.E. Lai Ching-Te  
*Vice President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)*

MODERATOR

The Hon. Audrey Tang  
*Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan,  
R.O.C. (Taiwan)*

PANELISTS

H.E. Jusuf Kalla  
*Former Vice President, Indonesia*

H.E. Kittiratt Na-Ranong  
*Former Deputy Prime Minister, Thailand*

Han Sung-Joo  
*Chairman, The Asan Institute for Policy  
Studies, Republic of Korea*

Mei-Shiang Ho  
*Adjunct Research Fellow, Institute of  
Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica,  
R.O.C. (Taiwan)*



SPEAKER

## H.E. Lai Ching-Te

*Vice President, R.O.C.(Taiwan)*

H.E. Lai Ching-Te is the Vice President of the Republic of China (Taiwan). He received his B.S. from National Taiwan University's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and completed the Post-Bachelor Program in Medical Science at National Cheng Kung University, and then obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University.

In 1998, Dr. Lai was elected to the Legislative Yuan representing Tainan City. Leveraging his medical expertise, he played a dynamic role in the Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Committee while addressing over 100,000 local issues. He chaired the legislature's bipartisan Health, Welfare and Environment Foundation and was also part of a lobby group promoting Taiwan's World Health Organization (WHO) membership. During his legislative tenure of four consecutive terms (1999-2010), Dr. Lai was nominated as the "Best Legislator" by Citizen Congress Watch.

In 2010, Dr. Lai was elected as the mayor of Tainan City, and was later reelected in 2014, winning by a wide margin of 72% of the vote. As mayor from 2010 to 2017, Dr. Lai also actively promoted city diplomacy, working closely with Japan's government, National Diet, and private sector to promote exchanges and sister-city agreements, enhancing substantive ties in culture, tourism, sports, agriculture, and disaster relief.

Taking on new leadership responsibilities in troubling times, Dr. Lai served as Taiwan's premier from 2017 to 2019. In November 2019, Dr. Lai accepted President Tsai Ing-wen's invitation to be her vice-presidential running mate in the following year's election, helping President Tsai win re-election and the DPP retain a legislative majority.



MODERATOR

The Hon. Audrey Tang

*Minister without Portfolio  
Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)*

Audrey Tang is Taiwan's digital minister in charge of Social Innovation.

Audrey is known for revitalizing the computer languages Perl and Haskell, as well as building the online spreadsheet system EtherCalc in collaboration with Dan Bricklin.

In the public sector, Audrey served on Taiwan National Development Council's open data committee and K-12 curriculum committee; and led the country's first e-Rulemaking project.

In the private sector, Audrey worked as a consultant with Apple on computational linguistics, with Oxford University Press on crowd lexicography, and with Socialtext on social interaction design.

In the social sector, Audrey actively contributes to g0v ("gov zero"), a vibrant community focusing on creating tools for the civil society, with the call to "fork the government."



PANELIST

## H.E. Jusuf Kalla

*Former Vice President, Indonesia*

Dr. Muhammad Jusuf Kalla is an Indonesian politician and businessman who served as the 10th and 12th Vice President of Indonesia. Soon after he graduated in Economics from the University of Hasanuddin in 1967, Mr. Kalla started his career in the family business, the NV (Namlozee Venonchamp) Hadji Kalla, now widely known as the Kalla Group.

Dr. Kalla joined the Provincial People's Representative Council (DPRD) of South Sulawesi in 1965 as well as several other legislative positions. In 1999, he was appointed by President Abdurrahman Wahid as the Minister of Industry and Trade. From 2001 to 2004, he served as the Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare under President Megawati Soekarnoputri. As the running mate of Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Dr. Kalla won the 2004 Presidential election, and was sworn in as the Vice President (2004-2009). In the 2014 presidential election, he declared himself as the running mate for Joko Widodo and won the election serving as the Vice President for the second term (2014-2019).

Dr. Kalla has also played an active leadership role in various organizations. He now concurrently serves as the Chairman of the Indonesian Mosques Council and Chairman of the Indonesian Red Cross.

Dr. Kalla played a key role in the Moluccan and Poso conflicts and also in the peace negotiation in Aceh, resulting in the Helsinki Agreement which ended the prolonged conflict in Aceh in 2005.



PANELIST

**H.E. Kittiratt Na-Ranong**

*Former Deputy Prime Minister, Thailand*

Mr. Kittiratt Na-Ranong received his BA degree in economics from the Chulalongkorn University in 1980. He later studied an MBA at the Sasin Graduate Institute of Business Administration.

Before becoming a politician, he had been a veteran business manager in Thailand. Mr. Kittiratt held the position of managing director of the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) for five years. Afterwards, he became the director of the Thai Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). He was the vice director of the Sasin Graduate Institute and the president of the Shinawatra University.

From August 2011 to May 2014, he held the position of Deputy Prime Minister in Yingluck Shinawatra's cabinet. In the meantime, he led the Ministry of Commerce until January 2012 and then served as Finance Minister until May 2014.

After the post in government, he returned to his professional field and became the Chairman of the board of directors of KTBST (Krung Thai Bank Securities) Holding PCL.



PANELIST

## Han Sung-Joo

*Chairman*

*The Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Republic of Korea*

Han Sung-Joo is a Professor Emeritus at Korea University. Prof. Han previously served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs (1993-94), UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Cyprus (1996-97), a member of the UN Inquiry Commission on the 1994 Rwanda Genocide (1999), Chairman of the East Asia Vision Group (2000-2001), Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States (2003-2005), and Acting President of Korea University (2002, 2006-2007)

Prof. Han is a graduate of Seoul National University (1962) and received a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley (1970). Previously, he taught at City University of New York (1970-78) and was a visiting Professor at Columbia University (1986-87) and Stanford University (1992, 1995). He was also a Distinguished Fellow at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (1986-87).

His English publications include *Korean Diplomacy in an Era of Globalization* (1995), *Korea in a Changing World* (1995), *Changing Values in Asia* (1999), and *ON THE BRINK (A Korean Diplomat's Journey for Peace)* (2018). He has many publications in Korean, including *Nam Gwa Puk, kurigo Sekye (The Two Koreas and the World)* (2000).



PANELIST

Mei- Shiang Ho

*Adjunct Research Fellow  
Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica, R.O.C.  
(Taiwan)*

Dr. Ho, Mei-Shang served as an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Institute of Biomedical Science of the Academia Sinica. Dr. Ho has held multiple academic positions. She was formerly a Research Fellow (2006-2015) and Associate Research Fellow (1992-2006) at the Institute of Biomedical Science of the Academia Sinica. She also held a faculty position as an Adjunct Associate Professor at the School of Public Health at the National Taiwan University (1995-2015). Dr. Ho has published 96 papers on public health on academic journals.

Dr. Ho received a M.D. from Indiana University in 1981 and a M.P.H. from Harvard School of Public Health in 1985.



# SESSION I

## REALIZING PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS IN THE POST-COVID-19 WORLD

*This session presents policies, arguments, and partnerships that Taiwan and its regional partners have adopted to counter the impact of the global pandemic. It also demonstrates Taiwan's substantial contribution to the development of regional partnerships in the post-COVID era by exploring the achievements and diverse partnership networks accumulated under the flagship programs of the New Southbound Policy implemented by the incumbent administration.*

- S P E A K E R     The Hon. John Chen-Chung Deng  
*Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan,  
R.O.C. (Taiwan)*
- MODERATOR     Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao  
*Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation,  
Taiwan*
- PANELISTS     Clete R. Willems  
*Former Deputy Director  
National Economic Council,  
The White House, USA*
- Tadao Yanase  
*Senior Executive Vice President  
Chief Strategy Officer Member of the Board,  
NTT, Inc., Japan*
- Chern-Chyi Chen  
*Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs,  
R.O.C. (Taiwan)*
- Janette Loreto-Garin  
*Former Secretary, Department of Health,  
the Philippines*
- Pham Xuan Thu  
*Vice Director, National Institute of  
Vocational Education and Training  
(NIVET), Ministry of Labour - Invalids  
and Social Affairs (MOLISA), Vietnam*
- Trinh Khac Quang  
*Senior researcher (former President)  
Vietnam Academy of Agricultural  
Sciences (VAAS), Ministry of Agriculture and  
Rural Development (MARD), Vietnam*



SPEAKER

## The Hon. John Chen-Chung Deng

*Minister without Portfolio  
Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)*

Minister without Portfolio John Chen-Chung Deng plays a leading role in Taiwan's New Southbound Policy. As Chief Trade Negotiator and head of the Office of Trade Negotiations, MOEA, he has been instrumental in expanding Taiwan's economic ties with international partners. He has held a number of prominent positions in the government. Prior to his current position, he was Minister of Economic Affairs (2014-2016), Minister without Portfolio, and Governor of Fujian Province (2014).

Minister Deng was also Deputy Secretary General of the National Security Council (from 2009 - 2014); Deputy Minister of the MOEA; Chief Representative of the Office of Trade Negotiations, MOEA; Deputy Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States and Deputy Minister of the Mainland Affairs Council.

He holds a law degree from Soochow University and an LLM from George Washington University in the USA.



MODERATOR

Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao

*Chairman*

*Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation, Taiwan*

Prof. Hsing-Huang Michael Hsiao is Chairman of Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation and Chairman of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the National Chengchi University. Prof. Hsiao is also Chair Professor of Hakka Studies at the National Central University. He served as National Policy Advisor to the President of Taiwan between 1996 and 2006, and is currently Senior Advisor to the President of Taiwan. Prof. Hsiao was a Distinguished Research Fellow at the Institute of Sociology in Academia Sinica, Taiwan, and was Professor of Sociology at the National Taiwan University and National Sun Yat-Sen University.

His areas of specialization include middle class, civil society and democratization in Asia, environmental movements, sustainability and risk society and comparative Hakka studies in Taiwan and Southeast Asia.



PANELIST

## Clete R. Willems

*Former Deputy Director  
National Economic Council, The White House, USA*

Mr. Clete Willems is a partner of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. He has extensive experience working for the US Government. The most recent public office he held was serving in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economics, Deputy Director of the National Economic Council and part of the National Security Council. Earlier, he had been a Special Assistant to the President for International Trade, Investment, and Development. Before his appointment to the White House, he had served as Chief Counsel for Negotiations, Legislation, and Administrative Law at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. He had also been a Legal Advisor to the U.S. Mission to the WTO and an Assistant General Counsel at USTR. From 2007 to 2009, Mr. Willems had worked as the Legislative Director for former Representative Paul Ryan and on the Hill Budget Committee.



PANELIST

## Tadao Yanase

*Senior Executive Vice President  
Chief Strategy Officer Member of the Board, NTT, Inc., Japan*

Mr. Yanase currently serves as the Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer Member of the Board at Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation (NTT), and Senior Advisor at McKinsey & Company, Inc. Before taking up the current post, Mr. Yanase held several positions. He served as the executive secretary to Prime Minister Abe and Aso, which is now known as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. He had also served as the Director General of METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry). Mr. Tadao Yanase holds a bachelor's degree in law from Tokyo University and a master's degree from Yale University in economics.



PANELIST

## Chern-Chyi Chen

*Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)*

Mr. Chern-Chyi Chen serves as the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Mr. Chen joined the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) in 1989 and over the past 31 years has held multiple senior positions within the Ministry and served at Taiwan's representative offices in Washington, DC, Geneva, Singapore and Brussels.

He was formerly the Director General of the Bureau of Foreign Trade (March-August 2020), the Deputy Representative at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (2017-2020), and the Deputy Director General of the Bureau of Foreign Trade (2016-2017).

In his capacity as the Economic Division Director at the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium from 2013 to 2016, Mr. Chen is responsible for promoting Taiwan's bilateral trade relations with the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg. From 2007 to 2013, he was a Negotiator responsible for legal affairs and trade rules at the Office of Trade Negotiations (OTN). He assisted the Chief Negotiator in dealing with bilateral trade initiatives such as the U.S.-Taiwan Trade & Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) consultations.



PANELIST

## Janette Loreto-Garin

*Former Secretary  
Department of Health, the Philippines*

Dr. Janette Loreto-Garin is an advocate of universal health coverage, quality healthcare services, and access to safe, effective, and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.

As former Secretary of Health, Dr. Janette Garin introduced systems and innovative programs that were seen to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), curb fraud in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and most importantly, bridged public health to how it will impact every Filipino family.

She was chosen in 2011 as one of the Top 100 Inspiring People of the World by Women Deliver, a New York-based organization. In June 2016, she was conferred with the Order of Lakandula, the highest honors given by the Philippine President, citing the important contributions she has made to Public Health.

In this global health crisis brought about by COVID-19, Dr. Janette pushes for a landmark law that seeks to crush COVID-19 by establishing a Pooled Baseline PCR testing for the vulnerable members of our society.

A scholar, physician, public health champion—Dr. Janette Garin is a feisty and genuine fiscalizer that personifies what true public service should be.



PANELIST

## Pham Xuan Thu

*Vice Director  
National Institute of Vocational Education and Training  
(NIVET), Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs  
(MOLISA), Vietnam*

Having worked in the field of vocational education for 20 years, Mr. Thu is now the Vice Director of National Institute of Vocational Education and Training (NIVET), a prestigious research institute committed to conducting fundamental, strategic, and applied science researches in the field of vocational education and training in Vietnam. He is responsible for conducting fundamental science research, developing vocational education contents, programs, and methods, developing training equipment and materials, designing vocational training standards, and establishing the vocational training assessment system.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education.



PANELIST

## Trinh Khac Quang

*Senior Researcher (former President)  
Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS), Ministry of  
Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), Vietnam*

Dr. Trinh Khac Quang served as a Senior Researcher at the Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS). He has formerly held multiple positions in the field of agricultural research, subsequently including the President (2014-2017) and the Vice President (2013-2014) of VAAS, the Director General of Fruit and Vegetable Research Institute (FAVRI) of VAAS (2008-2013), the Deputy Director General of Department of Science, Technology and Environment (1998-2007), and Researcher of Field Crops Research Institute (1980-1998).

Dr. Trinh obtained Ph.D. degree (2000) from Vietnam National University of Agriculture. His research interests cover participatory variety selection and food security compliance. He led multiple research projects on breeding, plant protection, and bio-safety. Due to his expertise, Dr. Trinh was appointed advisory member of a committee in Food and Fertilizer Technology Center from 2015 to 2016.



# SESSION II

## MITIGATING GLOBAL CHALLENGES THROUGH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

*This session highlights the achievements of the cooperation among civil society organizations, explores potential new areas for future cooperation, and searches for effective communication mechanisms and collaborative initiatives to establish resilience in the post-COVID era.*

MODERATOR     Alan H. Yang  
*Executive Director, Taiwan-Asia  
Exchange Foundation, Taiwan*

PANELISTS     Jyotsna Mohan  
*Regional Coordinator, Asia Development Alliance*

Osama Bin Noor  
*Co-founder, Youth Opportunities, Bangladesh*

I-Chung Lai  
*President, The Prospect Foundation, Taiwan*

Patrick Mendis  
*Distinguished Visiting Professor  
National Chengchi University, Taiwan*

Uniform Lin  
*CEO, STARTBOARD, Taiwan*

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Dr. Alan Hao Yang is Executive Director of Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF). He also serves as Deputy Director of the Institute of International Relations (IIR) and Executive Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at National Chengchi University, Taiwan. He teaches at the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies (GIEAS) on Southeast Asia regionalism and Sino-Southeast Asian relations. Dr. Yang engages in track II diplomacy as the Executive Director of the Secretariat of Taiwan Participatory Group to the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP Taiwan).

His research interests cover ASEAN regionalism, disaster governance, border politics and resistance politics in Southeast Asia. Dr. Yang has published more than 70 journal articles on China-ASEAN relations, international relations of Southeast Asia, international political economy in the Asia-Pacific in international referred journals such as *Pacific Affairs*, *Pacific Review*, *Issues & Studies*, *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, *China Brief*.



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## Jyotsna Mohan

*Regional Coordinator  
Asia Development Alliance*

Jyotsna Mohan holds a Ph.D degree from the school of social science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She worked as Asst Prof. in Statistics and Social science before joining the civil society sector. She has been working on policy advocacy for various socio-economic and environmental issues for the past 17 years and has been associated with the beyond 2015 campaign since its inception with specialization on governance, accountability, and linking human rights with development and democracy.

She has authored various reports on development and finance, in south-south cooperation, G20 issues apart from representing the country and the region (Asia) at various regional and global platforms exemplifying a strong civil society voice from the global south.

She has been working as a regional coordinator for Asia Development Alliance, a regional CSO platform for national CSOs in Asia and TAP Network for the past three years focusing on enabling and regulatory environment for the civil society, governance and accountability. As a regional coordinator, she has been documenting CSO-government engagement mechanism in the VNR process for the last 4 years. Apart from collecting and documenting various country reports, she focused on the Asia-Pacific in observing the challenges, gaps and opportunities in SDGs implementation, review and monitoring process and co-authored reports on Goal 16. Some of her contributions in the past few years include *VNR Fact Sheet for Asia--Pacific- 2020*, *Realising the potential of goal 16 of the 2030 agenda to Promote and Protect civic space*, *Empowering Civil Society for National Reporting and Action on SDG 16*.



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## Osama Bin Noor

*Co-founder  
Youth Opportunities, Bangladesh*

Osama Bin Noor is a young social entrepreneur and the co-founder of Youth Opportunities which is a global platform aimed at empowering youth by connecting local youth to their global counterparts, while bring the opportunity providers closer to the seekers. Youth Opportunities wins National Mobile Application Award 2016 from ICT Division, Government of Bangladesh.

In 2016, Noor was awarded as Queen's Young Leaders for his social entrepreneur initiative. He has received the award from Her Majesty, the Queen Elizabeth II at the Buckingham Place. Noor got enlisted as the Forbes 30 Under 30 Social Entrepreneur in Asia. Real Leaders magazine has named Osama Bin Noor in their list of 100 Visionary Leaders Under 30. He is the only Bangladeshi selected for this list by Real Leaders magazine.

Noor became Associate Fellow of The Royal Commonwealth Society and Fellow of Yunus & Youth. He also worked with national and international varies organization to empower youth in last 8 years. Osama's activities got featured on BBC during Commonwealth Day program and also presented in Buckingham Palace.

During his Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree, he has completed his one-year long leadership training from Cambridge University called "Leading Change".



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## I-Chung Lai

*President  
The Prospect Foundation, Taiwan*

Dr. I-Chung Lai is currently the President of The Prospect Foundation. Prior to that, he was also the Executive Director for DPP Mission in the United States from 1999 to 2000, a Special Assistant for Policy to the Taiwan Representative to Japan from 2000 to 2003, and the Vice President of the Taiwan Thinktank from 2013 to 2016. From 2006 to 2008, he subsequently served as the Director General for the Department of China Affairs and the Director General for the Department of International Affairs in the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). He received his Ph.D. degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and was a Visiting Researcher at Cornell University.



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## Patrick Mendis

*Distinguished Visiting Professor  
National Chengchi University, Taiwan*

Dr. Patrick Mendis, a former American diplomat and a military professor in the NATO and the Pacific Commands, is a Taiwan fellow of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China. He is also a distinguished visiting professor of global affairs at the National Chengchi University and a senior fellow at the Taiwan Center for Security Studies in Taipei. Dr. Mendis has until recently served as a distinguished visiting professor of Sino-American relations at the Yenching Academy of Peking University and as a commissioner of the United States National Commission for UNESCO at the US Department of State. He is an alumnus of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. After his government service, he served as the vice president of academic affairs at the Osgood Center for International Studies and a visiting foreign policy scholar at Johns Hopkins University's Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, where he authored two books: *Trade for Peace* and *Commercial Providence: The Secret Destiny of the American Empire*.



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## Uniform Lin

*CEO*

*STARTBOARD, Taiwan*

Mr. Lin is the founder and CEO of STARTBOARD, specializing in science, engineering, and law.

After serving as a patent engineer in one of the top 10 law and patent firms in Taiwan, he served as a project manager at Global Brand Management Association (GBMA). Subsequently, he worked for Louis Group - Patent and Law Firm as the business development manager, serving over 100 clients and expanding the business to the Thai market.

With an aspiration to help people from Southeast Asia and India to start their own business in Taiwan, Mr. Lin founded STARTBOARD in 2017, which is the first ASEAN-Indian startup incubator in Taiwan. STARTBOARD has served nearly 30 Southeast Asian and Indian entrepreneurs, mentoring their business from zero to one; it also partners with many international accelerators, organizations, and government offices in 6 countries across the ASEAN and India.



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## Margaret Shiu

*Founder / Chairperson  
Bamboo Curtain Studio, Taiwan*

Margaret Shiu was born in Hong Kong, graduated in economic development from UC Berkeley, Calif. Shiu worked as an economist until she changed her career path on arrival to Taiwan in 1976. She is an installation interactive process artist and the winner of the Taipei Fine Arts Museum sculpture award and the co-winner of the Taishin Art Award, with works collected by public museums worldwide.

As the founder of the Bamboo Curtain Studio, an alternative space and a creative cluster, she has been promoting the artists' participation in many issues including cultural, social and environmental development. In the past 25 years, it has hosted at least 500 local and international artists. It also serves as a platform for the collaboration with non-art institutes in innovating cross-disciplinary ideas that can make a positive contribution to society.

Margaret's vision is to promote art for global understanding and local sustainability, via sharing, connecting, and co-creating new practices to showcase the value of art to society. Margaret is an active member of various international networks, and has worked closely with the international NPOs such as global warming networks, the global Green art Lab Alliance, and advocates for the practice of Eco-Art in fulfilling the UN mission of SDGs. She also supports creative talents proactively in partnership with the Taiwan Ministry of Culture and Taipei city government.

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