

**Program for
2015 PECC Singapore Conference
“Achieving Inclusive Economic Growth in the New Normal”
Co-Organized by SINCPEC & PPECC, 26-27 February 2015**

Overview

The Philippines takes on the chairing of APEC at a time of tremendous change in the regional and international economy. The recovery from the Global Financial Crisis remains fragile and to a large extent dependent on extraordinary economic stimulus. During the APEC leaders' meeting in Beijing, key decisions were taken to make progress on key elements of the regional agenda, including on a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and improving connectivity. The challenge is how regional economies can implement these plans to ensure that regional growth is not only sustainable but also inclusive.

Thursday, 26 February 2015	
1930 – 2130	<p>Welcome Dinner for speakers, moderators, panellists and representatives of PECC economies</p> <p>Distinguished Welcome Dinner Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Roberto R. Romulo, <i>Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs & Former Chair</i>, Philippine Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (PPECC) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Tan Khee Giap, <i>Chairman</i>, Singapore National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (SINCPEC)
Friday, 27 February 2015	
0830 – 0900	Registration of participants
0900 – 0930	<p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Tan Khee Giap, <i>Chairman</i>, Singapore National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (SINCPEC) • Mr Jusuf Wanandi, <i>Co-Chairman</i>, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) • Ambassador Antonio I. Basilio, <i>Chairman</i>, Philippine Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (PPECC)
0930 – 0950	<p>Opening Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Arsenio Balisacan, <i>Director General</i>, National Economic and Development Authority, Republic of the Philippines
0950 – 1000	<p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ian Buchanan, <i>Chairman</i>, Australian Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (AUSPECC)
1000 – 1015	Coffee Break
1015 – 1120	<p>Session 1: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in a Changing Global Context: Risks and Opportunities</p> <p>APEC 2015 will take place in a rapidly changing regional and global context. Several mega-trends are changing not only the shape of the global economy but also the way in which economic interactions take place. Energy prices have slumped increasing uncertainty in international markets, income inequality is on the rise and with it the risk of increased trade protectionism, while middle class consumption in the region's emerging economies are; and rapid technological advances and adoption present both risks and opportunities for future economic growth.</p>

1015 – 1020	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, <i>Chairman</i>, Chilean National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CHILPEC)
1020 – 1040	<p>Lead Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Narongchai Akrasanee, <i>Minister of Energy and Chairman</i>, Thailand National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (TNCPEC)
1040 – 1110	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Il Houg Lee, <i>President</i>, Korean Institute for International Economic Policy & <i>Chairman</i>, Korea National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (KOPEC) • Mr Doug McKay, <i>Vice President Asia Pacific</i>, International Government Relations, Shell Eastern Petroleum (Pte) Ltd • Speaker from Japan National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (JANCPEC)
1110 – 1120	<p>Q&A Session</p>
1120 – 1300	<p>Lunch</p>
1140 – 1200	<p>Distinguished Luncheon Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Cesar Purisima, <i>Secretary of Finance</i>, Republic of the Philippines (TBC)
1200 – 1210	<p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Stephen Cheung, <i>Chairman</i>, Hong Kong Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (HKCPEC)
1300 – 1405	<p>Session 2: Inclusive Growth: Building Capacity at Individual and Community Levels</p> <p>In 2010 APEC leaders adopted a growth strategy to provide a comprehensive long-term framework for promoting high-quality growth in the region. The Growth Strategy focused on the five desired attributes of balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative, and secure growth. How much progress has been made on the strategy? What additional actions should APEC economies take to ensure quality growth in the future?</p>
1300 – 1305	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Denis McNamara, <i>Chairman</i>, New Zealand Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (NZPECC)
1305 – 1325	<p>Lead Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Laura Q. Del Rosario, <i>SOM Chair 2015</i>
1325 – 1355	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Education Model: Ms Indranee Rajah, Singapore <i>Minister of State for Education</i> • Dr Djisman Simandjuntak, <i>Chairman</i>, Executive Board of Prasetya Mulya Foundation; <i>Chairman</i>, Board of Directors, Center for Strategic and International Studies Foundation, Jakarta & <i>Chairman</i>, Indonesian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (INCPEC) • The Challenge of Building Resilient Communities in the Ring of Fire: Joey Salceda, <i>Governor of Legaspi</i>, or someone from Urban Land Institute (TBC)
1355 – 1405	<p>Q&A Session</p>
1405 – 1510	<p>Session 3: Connectivity and Regional Economic Integration: Reaping the Benefits of Economic Integration</p> <p>In 2013 APEC leaders stated that seamless physical, institutional, and people-to-people connectivity are critical prerequisites in attaining the APEC community vision. By connecting the region's developed and emerging growth centers around and across the Pacific Ocean and within APEC's archipelagic and continental regions. In 2014, APEC leaders endorsed a detailed Blueprint for Connectivity. What actions should APEC economies take to implement the Blueprint?</p>
1405 – 1410	<p>Moderator:</p>

1410 – 1430	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, <i>Chairman</i>, Malaysia National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (MANCPEC)
1430 – 1500	<p>Lead Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Adrian Cristobal, <i>Undersecretary</i> for Trade and Industry, Republic of the Philippines <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Mari Pangestu, Center for Strategic and International Studies Mr Li Shan, <i>Chief International Business Adviser</i>, China Development Bank Mr Hugh Stephens, <i>Vice Chairman</i>, Canadian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CANCPEC) & <i>Executive-in-Residence</i>, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada
1500 – 1510	Q&A Session
1510 – 1525	Coffee Break
1525 – 1630	<p>Session 4: Financing Inclusive Growth</p> <p>Since 2010 regional economies have emphasized the need for inclusive growth – which includes ensuring that the benefits of the economic integration process are more spread out. The challenges are multifaceted – from the lack of infrastructure to connect second and third tier cities to the need to reform and broaden the education system and providing sufficient but sustainable social safety nets. This session will tackle the financial aspects of inclusive growth strategies.</p>
1525 – 1530	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Alan Bollard, <i>Executive Director</i>, APEC Secretariat
1530 – 1550	<p>Lead Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Peter Seah, <i>Chairman</i>, DBS Group Holdings & DBS Bank
1550 – 1620	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mark Rathbone, <i>Leader</i>, Asia Pacific Capital Projects & Infrastructure, PwC Singapore Mr Mario Artaza, <i>Chief Representative</i>, Hong Kong Representative Office, Banco Security Mr Zhou Qiangwu, <i>Executive Deputy Director General</i>, Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center Beijing Office, Ministry of Finance, China
1620 – 1630	Q&A Session
1630 – 1735	<p>Session 5: Making Regional Economic Integration More Inclusive</p> <p>Regional economic integration initiatives are gaining pace – the ASEAN Economic Community is due to be completed by the end of 2015, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership is supposed to be concluded by the end of the year and the TransPacific Partnership may gain momentum from President Obama's request for Trade Promotion Authority. While these initiatives promise large economic gains, the challenge is to ensure that businesses, especially small and medium enterprises are prepared to benefit from them.</p>
1630 – 1635	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambassador Tang Guoqiang, <i>Chairman</i>, China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNCPEC)
1635 – 1655	<p>Lead Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mustapa Mohamed, <i>Minister</i> of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia (TBC)
1655 – 1725	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMEs in Global Value Chains: Dr David Hong, <i>President</i>, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER) & <i>Chairman</i>, Chinese Taipei Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (CTPECC) Global Value Chains and Imperatives for Regional Integration Initiatives: Professor Christopher Findlay, University of Adelaide & <i>Vice-Chairman</i>, Australian Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (AUSPECC) European Experience: Dr Filippo di Mauro, <i>Senior Adviser</i>, Research Department, European Central Bank

1725 – 1735	Q&A Session
1735 – 1745	Conference Closing Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambassador Donald Campbell, <i>Co-Chairman</i>, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)
1745 – 2000	Conference Dinner
1745 – 1815	Cocktail Reception
1830 – 1850	Distinguished Dinner Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore Minister (TBC)
1850 – 1900	Q&A Session Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Charles E. Morrison, <i>President</i>, East West Center
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