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Background

Since the end of the Cold War, the world has enjoyed over three decades of peace and economic prosperity. Northeast Asia has been at the epicenter of such transformation, serving as a key locomotive for global economic growth and ushering in an era characterized by the "Rise of Asia." Since the mid-2010s, however, Northeast Asia and the Pacific have been faced with unprecedented challenges at unseen speed and scope.

Today, these challenges center around the strategic competition between the U.S. and China—especially over critical technologies—incessant nuclear and missile threats from a belligerent North Korea, and the war in Ukraine. In addition, 2022 was an especially challenging time due to high inflation, rapid hikes in the price of raw materials, as well as the potential bifurcation of the global supply chain.

Against this backdrop, the Chey Institute for Advanced Studies, supported by the SK Group, proposes a bipartisan dialogue inviting the world's most influential opinion leaders, scholars, and incumbent/former high-ranking officials from the United States, Japan, and Korea. This "Trans-Pacific Dialogue" aims to address the most pressing global challenges or crises we face today, including, but not limited to, the following: U.S.-China strategic competition, the Ukraine War, the North Korean nuclear crisis, the impact of scientific innovation on geopolitical risks, the future of global supply chains and the impact of global inflation.

Agenda

Day 1 (December 5)

	Future of ROK-Japan Cooperation on Major Global Affairs		
	Moderator	Joseph YUN	Senior Advisor, U.S. Institute of Peace; Special Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations
	Opening Remarks	CHEY Tae-won	Chairman, SK Group
	Special Remarks	TOMITA Koji	Ambassador of Japan to the U.S.
Special Session		CHO Taeyong	Ambassador of ROK to the U.S.
13:00	Keynote Address	John HAMRE	President, CSIS
15:00		FUJISAKI Ichiro	President, Nakasone Peace
13:00			Institute; Former Ambassador of
			Japan to the U.S.
		KIM Sung-hwan	Former ROK Foreign Minister
		Thomas BYRNE	President, The Korea Society
	Discussants	Mira RAPP-HOOPER	Director for the Indo-Pacific, NSC
		YOON Young-kwan	Former ROK Foreign Minister
		NISHINO Junya	Professor, Keio University
		PARK Cheol-hee	Professor, Seoul National University
		MATSUKAWA Rui	Member of the House of
			Councillors

	U.SChina Strategic Competition		
	Chair	John MEARSHEIMER	Professor, University of Chicago
	Panelists	John IKENBERRY	Professor, Princeton University
Session 1		Evan MEDEIROS	Professor, Georgetown University
15:30		FUJIWARA Kiichi	Professor, University of Tokyo
17:30		LEE Chungmin	Senior Fellow, Carnegie
			Endowment for International Peace
		Evelyn FARKAS	Executive Director, McCain
			Institute
	Fireside Chat & Gala Dinner		
18:00	Fireside	SOHN Jie-ae Moderator	Ambassador for Cultural
	Chat		Cooperation
		Chuck HAGEL	Former U.S. Secretary of Defense
		John HAMRE	President, CSIS
	Welcoming Remarks	CHEY Tae-won	Chairman, SK Group

Day 2 (December 6)

	Opening Remarks	PARK In-kook	President, Chey Institute for Advanced Studies
	Congratulatory Remarks	Chuck HAGEL	Former U.S. Secretary of Defense; Chair, Trans-Pacific
Opening Ceremony			, ,
_ ′			Dialogue Advisory Committee
9:00		FUJISAKI Ichiro	President, Nakasone Peace
9:45			Institute
	Keynote Speech	Kurt CAMPBELL	Deputy Assistant to the
			President; NSC Coordinator for
			the Indo-Pacific

	Future of U.S. Global Strategy in the Wake of the Ukraine War			
Session 2	Chair	John IKENBERRY	Professor, Princeton University	
	Panelists	Stephen WALT	Professor, Harvard University	
9:45		Rexon RYU	President, The Asia Group	
11:45		YAMAGUCHI	Former Japan Minister of	
11.45		Tsuyoshi	Environment	
		CHUN Chaesung	Professor, Seoul National	
			University	
	North Korean Nuclear Crisis			
	Chair	Gary SAMORE	Former White House Coordinator	
			for Arms Control and WMD;	
			Professor, Brandeis University	
	Special	Robert GALLUCCI	Assistant Secretary of State	
	Remarks		for Political Military Affairs;	
Session 3			Professor, Georgetown	
13:00			University	
15:00	Panelists	Robert EINHORN	Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution	
		Dan PONEMAN	President, Centrus Energy Corp.	
		SUGIYAMA Shinsuke	Former Ambassador of Japan to	
			the U.S.	
		AHN Ho-young	Former Ambassador of ROK to	
			the U.S.	
		KIM Byung-Yeon	Professor, Seoul National	
			University	
	Scientific Innovation and Its Geopolitical Impact			
Session 4	Chair	Nirav PATEL	CEO, The Asia Group	
15:15	Panelists	Robert ATKINSON	President, ITIF	
16:45		KIM Jung-sang	Professor, Duke University	
		KIM Yoon	Former CTO, SK Telecom	

	Future of Global Supply Chains and Impact of Global Inflation		
	Chair	Seth JONES	Senior Vice President, CSIS
	Panelists	Robert LEACHMAN	Professor, UC Berkeley
		HIROSE Naoshi	Former Japan Vice-Minister of
Session 5			Economy, Trade, and Industry
17:00 - 18:45		KANG Kisuk	Professor, Seoul National
			University
		KWON Seokjoon	Professor, Sungkyunkwan
			University
		Dan KIM	Chief Economist and Director
			of Strategic Planning, CHIPS
			for America Office
	Reception and Dinner		
18:45	Congratulatory Remarks	Senator Jon OSSOFF	D-GA

Day 3 (December 7)

	Policy Reco	mmendations	
	Moderator	PARK In-kook	President, Chey Institute for
			Advanced Studies
	Panelists	NISHINO Junya	Professor, Keio University
		John MEARSHEIMER	Professor, University of Chicago
Session 6		CHUN Chaesung	Professor, Seoul National University
10:00		Gary SAMORE	Professor, Brandeis University
12:00		Robert ATKINSON	President, ITIF
		Seth JONES	Senior Vice President, CSIS
		KANG Kisuk	Professor, Seoul National
			University
		KWON Seokjoon	Professor, Sungkyunkwan
			University
12:00	Farewell Luncheon		

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