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## About the Trans-Pacific Dialogue (TPD)

The Trans-Pacific Dialogue (TPD) is an annual track-1.5 dialogue organized by the Chey Institute that brings together scholars, policymakers, and opinion leaders from the U.S., Japan, and Korea to discuss pressing global issues and challenges. The dialogue focuses on fostering collaboration and generating innovative solutions to critical geopolitical, geoeconomic, and technological challenges in the trans-Pacific region. Through a series of panel discussions and debates, experts explore the intersection of regional and global dynamics, with an emphasis on the strategic cooperation between these three nations to address mutual challenges.

A primary focus of the dialogue has been the intensifying competition between the U.S. and China, exploring issues such as technological rivalry, economic decoupling, and the broader implications of their strategic competition for global order. It has also touched on key topics including North Korean denuclearization, the future of U.S.-Japan-Korea trilateral cooperation, and the evolving role of scientific innovation in shaping geopolitical landscapes. The dialogue examines how emerging technologies like AI, quantum computing, and semiconductors are reshaping global power structures, while also addressing the need for multilateral cooperation to secure technological leadership.

In addition to security and technological issues, the TPD has also addressed economic challenges, particularly the future of global supply chains and the growing influence of China and Russia. Panelists have debated strategies to rebuild and strengthen supply chains in critical sectors such as semiconductors and electric vehicle batteries, while also assessing the implications of global inflation on economic stability. A key theme throughout the dialogue has been the importance of sustained collaboration among the U.S., Japan, and Korea to enhance competitiveness and promote stability in the region.

Overall, the TPD serves as a critical platform for shaping regional and global policy by encouraging open discussions on how to address the most pressing challenges of our time. Through its collaborative approach, the dialogue fosters a deeper understanding of complex issues and promotes strategies for creating a more secure, stable, and prosperous future for the trans-Pacific region and beyond.

# Program

Feb. 21 (Fri.) – 22 (Sat.), 2025  
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## Day 1 (Feb. 21)

Opening Ceremony		
12:30 - 13:30	Introduction	<b>KIM Yoosuk</b> <i>President, Chey Institute for Advanced Studies</i>
	Welcoming Remarks	<b>CHEY Tae-won</b> <i>Chairman, SK Group;</i> <i>Chairman, Chey Institute for Advanced Studies</i>
	Congratulatory Remarks	<b>Chuck HAGEL</b> <i>Former U.S. Secretary of Defense; Former Senator, Nebraska (R)</i>
		<b>HAYASHI Yoshimasa</b> <i>Chief Cabinet Secretary of Japan</i>
		<b>CHO Hyun-dong</b> <i>ROK Ambassador to the U.S.</i>
		<b>YAMADA Shigeo</b> <i>Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.</i>
	Keynote Speech	<b>Robert O' BRIEN</b> <i>Member, President's Intelligence Advisory Board;</i> <i>Former U.S. National Security Advisor</i>
Session 1: Where Is U.S. Foreign Policy Headed in 2025?		
13:30 - 15:30	Chair	<b>LEE Chung Min</b> <i>Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>
	Session Keynote	<b>Todd YOUNG</b> <i>Senator, Indiana (R)</i>
		<b>Andy KIM</b> <i>Senator, New Jersey (D)</i>

13:30 - 15:30	Panelists	<b>Victor CHA</b> <i>President, Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Department and Korea Chair, CSIS; D.S. Song-KF Chair and Professor in Government, Georgetown University</i>
		<b>KIM Jaechun</b> <i>Professor, Sogang University</i>
		<b>John MEARSHEIMER</b> <i>R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago</i>
	Discussants	<b>SUGIYAMA J. Shinsuke</b> <i>Former Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.</i>
		<b>KIM Gunn</b> <i>Member of ROK National Assembly (People Power Party)</i>
		<b>Evan MEDEIROS</b> <i>Penner Family Chair in Asia Studies, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University</i>
15:30-15:45	Break	
Session 2: Trilateral Energy Cooperation		
15:45 - 17:15	Chair	<b>YU Jeong Joon (JJ)</b> <i>Vice Chairman, SK Group</i>
	Session Keynote	<b>Dan SULLIVAN</b> <i>Senator, Alaska (R)</i>
		<b>KIM Sung-han</b> <i>Professor, Korea University; Former ROK National Security Advisor</i>
	Panelists	<b>Ann BLUNTZER</b> <i>Executive Director, Hamm Institute for American Energy</i>
		<b>TERAZAWA Tatsuya</b> <i>Chairman, The Institute of Energy Economics</i>
		<b>Stephen COMELLO</b> <i>Senior Vice President, EFI Foundation</i>
	Discussants	<b>Jane NAKANO</b> <i>Senior Fellow, CSIS</i>
		<b>TANAKA Nobuo</b> <i>CEO, Tanaka Global</i>
		<b>Dan PONEMAN</b> <i>Distinguished Fellow, Atlantic Council; Former Deputy Secretary of Energy</i>
		<b>LEE Jae-Seung</b> <i>Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Korea University</i>

17:15 - 17:45	Reception	
17:45 - 18:30	Fireside Chat	<b>SOHN Jie-Ae</b> <i>Professor, Ewha Womans University</i>
		<b>Kurt CAMPBELL</b> <i>Chairman, The Asia Group; Former Deputy Secretary of State</i>
		<b>SASAE Kenichiro</b> <i>President, Japan Institute of International Affairs; Former Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.</i>
		<b>PARK Jin</b> <i>Former ROK Minister of Foreign Affairs</i>
18:30 -	Gala Dinner	



Day 2 (Feb. 22)

Opening		
10:00 - 10:30	Special Remarks on AI	<b>CHEY Tae-won</b> <i>Chairman, SK Group;</i> <i>Chairman, Chey Institute for Advanced Studies</i>
Session 3: “The Quest for the Ultimate AI Infrastructure: Hardware, Software, and Beyond”		
10:30 - 12:00	Chair	<b>KIM Yoon</b> <i>President &amp; CSO, Twelve Labs</i>
	Panelists	<b>Eric BRECKENFELD</b> <i>Director of Technology Policy, NVIDIA</i>
		<b>SEOK Mingoo</b> <i>Professor, Columbia University</i>
		<b>CHOI Joon</b> <i>Executive Vice President, SK Hynix</i>
		<b>LEE Jongmin</b> <i>Head of Future R&amp;D, SK Telecom</i>
		<b>Anshu ROY</b> <i>CEO, Rhombus</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	
Session 4: “Strategic Competition in the Age of AI”		
13:00 - 14:30	Chair	<b>Joe WANG</b> <i>Senior Advisor, Special Competitive Studies Project</i>
	Session Keynote	<b>Ylli BAJRAKTARI</b> <i>President &amp; CEO, Special Competitive Studies Project</i>
	Panelists	<b>Mike KUIKEN</b> <i>Commissioner, US-China Economic and Security Review Commission</i>
		<b>Carrie FILIPETTI</b> <i>Executive Director, Vandenberg Coalition</i>
		<b>Robert STRAYER</b> <i>President, The Critical Minerals Forum</i>
	Discussants	<b>James LANDAY</b> <i>Co-Director, Stanford Institute for Human-centered Artificial Intelligence</i>
		<b>SUZUKI Kazuto</b> <i>Professor, University of Tokyo</i>
		<b>Jae LEE</b> <i>Founder &amp; CEO, Twelve Labs</i>

14:30 - 15:00	Break	
Session 5: Security Challenges and the Future of U.S. Alliances in East Asia		
15:00 - 17:00	Chair	<b>Christopher JOHNSTONE</b> <i>Managing Principal, The Asia Group</i>
	Session Keynote	<b>KONO Taro</b> <i>Member of the House of Representatives; Former Japanese Minister of Defense; Foreign Affairs; Digital Transformation</i>
		<b>WI Sunglac</b> <i>Member of ROK National Assembly (Democratic Party); Former ROK Ambassador to Russia</i>
	Panelists	<b>KANG Kyung-wha</b> <i>President &amp; CEO, Asia Society; Former ROK Minister of Foreign Affairs</i>
		<b>MICHISHITA Narushige</b> <i>Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies</i>
		<b>Stephen WALT</b> <i>Professor, Harvard University</i>
	Discussants	<b>Kathleen STEPHENS</b> <i>Former U.S. Ambassador to ROK</i>
		<b>NISHI Masanori</b> <i>Former Japanese Vice Minister of Defense</i>
		<b>AHN Ho-Young</b> <i>Former ROK Ambassador to the U.S.</i>
17:00 - 17:15	Break	
17:15 - 18:00	Wrap-Up	
18:00 -	Dinner	

## Participants *(In alphabetical order)*



**AHN Ho-Young** is currently a Chair Professor at Kyungnam University. He was a career diplomat who formerly served as ROK Ambassador to the United States. Previously, he served as 1st Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Deputy Minister for Trade at MOFA, ROK Ambassador to Belgium and the Korean Mission to the European Union. He holds an Honorary Doctorate in political science from Kyungnam University, an M.A. from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and a B.A. in political science from Seoul National University.

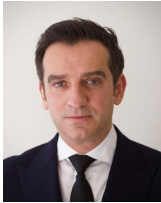


**AHN Seryoung** is a Korean diplomat currently serving as Economic Minister at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Washington, DC since February 2024. Before starting her second tour in the United States, she was Director-General for International Economic Affairs (2022-2024) in Seoul, in which she oversaw Korea's participation in multilateral fora such as G20, APEC, and OECD. Throughout her career, she has been responsible for various economic and trade issues, including the KORUS FTA negotiations. She previously served as Director for North American and European Union Economic Affairs, and undertook overseas missions, including in El Salvador, Germany and Chennai, India.



**AKIYAMA Masahiro** currently serves as President of Akiyama Associates and as Chairman of the Society of Security and Diplomatic Policy Studies. President Akiyama's professional career in government spans a number of senior positions, including Head of the Banking Investigation Division and Director-General of Tokyo Customs. After moving to the Defense Agency in 1991, he served as Director-General of the Defense Policy Bureau, the

Finance Bureau, and as the Administrative Vice-Minister of Defense before resigning from the agency in 1998.



**Ylli BAJRAKTARI** is President and CEO of the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP). Mr. Bajraktari previously served as Executive Director of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence and as Chief of Staff to National Security Advisor LTG H.R. McMaster. Earlier in his career, he held a variety of leadership roles under the Deputy Secretary of Defense and served as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He holds an M.A. from Harvard University and a B.A. from George Washington University.



**Ruth BERRY** is the Head of Technology Policy for Government Affairs at NVIDIA. Prior to this role, she spent over a decade at the U.S. Department of State, serving most recently as Senior Policy Advisor in the Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Information and Communications Policy. In 2021-2022, she served as the Director for Digital Technology Policy and International Economics at the National Security Council. She holds an M.A. from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in international relations from Lewis and Clark College.



**Ann BLUNTZER** is Executive Director at the Hamm Institute for American Energy at Oklahoma State University. A business-minded educator, Dr. Bluntzer specializes in nurturing leaders within the energy sector. She has been a faculty member at Texas Christian University since 2013, where she also served as Executive Director of the Ralph Lowe Energy Institute, Associate Professor of Professional Practice and Management, Executive Education Professor at the Neeley School of Business, and Director of the Energy MBA and Evening Graduate Programs. She holds a Ph.D. in Organizational Management and Education Administration from the University of South Carolina.



**Eric BRECKENFELD** is Director of Technology Policy at NVIDIA, leading policy efforts on semiconductor supply chains and artificial intelligence. Previously, he worked at the Semiconductor Industry Association, where he assisted with the passage and early implementation of the 2022 CHIPS and Science Act. He also served as a subject matter expert at DARPA, an AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow for the White House's National Nanotechnology Initiative, and a National Research Council Fellow at the Naval Research Laboratory. He holds a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a B.S. in physics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



**Kurt CAMPBELL** is Chairman and Co-Founder of The Asia Group. Most recently, Dr. Campbell served as U.S. Deputy Secretary of State. Prior to his role as Deputy Secretary, he was Coordinator for Indo-Pacific Affairs at the NSC and Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. He is a former CEO and Co-Founder of the Center for a New American Society and was awarded the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award for his advancement of a comprehensive U.S. strategy in Asia. He received his Ph.D. in international relations from Brasenose College at Oxford University and B.A. from the University of California, San Diego.



**Eric CANTOR** is Vice Chairman and Managing Director at Moelis & Company and serves as a member of its board of directors. He advises clients on issues spanning the intersection of public policy and industry. Mr. Cantor, who has more than 30 years of political and business experience, was formerly United States Representative from Virginia from 2000-2014. A Republican, Cantor served as House Majority Leader from 2011 to 2014, and as House Minority Whip from 2009 to 2011. He holds a M.S. in real estate development from Columbia University, a J.D. from the College of William and Mary, and a B.A. from the George Washington University.



**Victor CHA** is President of the Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Department, and Korea Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Dr. Cha is also a Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Government at Georgetown University. He previously served on the Defense Policy Board as an advisor to the Secretary of Defense and was Head of U.S. Delegation at the Six-Party Talks in Beijing. He received two Outstanding Service commendations during his tenure at the NSC. He holds a Ph.D., MIA, and B.A. in political science from Columbia University.



**CHEY Tae-won** is Chairman of the Chey Institute for Advanced Studies and Chairman and CEO of SK Group, a global conglomerate with nearly 150 affiliates spanning energy, ICT, semiconductors, and bio industries. He also serves as Chairman of the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Korea's largest business organization, representing over 190,000 member companies. Under his leadership, KCCI plays a key role in trade promotion, economic diplomacy, and fostering international cooperation. Additionally, he is Chairman of the 2025 APEC CEO Summit, which will be held in Korea.



**CHO Hyun-dong** is Korean Ambassador to the United States. Since joining MOFA in 1985, Amb. Cho served various key roles, including Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination, Deputy Chief of Mission of the ROK embassy in the U.S., and Minister Counselor at the ROK Embassy in India. Prior to his current role, he held the position of First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs. He also served as the representative of the Korea Investment Promotion Office for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).



**CHOI Byung-il** is Professor Emeritus at Ewha Womans University and Vice President of the UN Korean Association. He is a former Dean of the Graduate School of International Studies at Ewha Womans University. A renowned expert in international trade, Prof. Choi served as Korea's chief negotiator for the WTO telecom talks and contributed to the Korea-U.S. and Korea-EU telecom agreements. He also served as President of the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) and Korea Economic Research Institute (KERI). He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University and a B.A. in economics from Seoul National University.



**CHOI Hyung Du** is a member of the Korean National Assembly, representing the Masanhappo District. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Science, ICT, Broadcasting, and Communications Committee and as a member of the Emergency Measures Committee. Previously, he was a spokesperson for the National Assembly and held key roles in the Presidential Office as well as the Office of the Prime Minister, including Secretary of the President for Public Relations Planning. He holds an M.A. in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, and a B.A. in sociology from Seoul National University.



**CHOI Joon** is Executive Vice President in charge of global growth strategy at SK Hynix. Dr. Choi joined SK Hynix in 2021 as Head of Marketing after serving as Chief of Staff to the SK Group Chairman. Since joining SK Group in 2012, he has assumed various roles in developing global investment opportunities and business development. Prior to joining SK Group, he was a partner at Booz & Company. He received his Ph.D., MBA and M.S. in management information systems, as well as a B.S. in business administration, from Boston University.



**Stephen COMELLO** is Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at Energy Futures Initiative (EFI) Foundations, where he also serves as Executive Director of the Nuclear Scaling Initiative and Co-Managing Director of the Energy Futures Finance Forum. Prior to this role, Dr. Comello was a faculty member at Stanford Graduate School of Business, where he co-led the Rapid Decarbonization Initiative. He holds a Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering from Stanford University, and M.A. and B.A. in mechanical and industrial engineering from the University of Toronto.



**Toby DALTON** is Senior Fellow and Co-Director of the Nuclear Policy Program at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He previously served in senior roles at the U.S. Department of Energy and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Dr. Dalton's work focuses on non-proliferation and nuclear security, with a regional focus on South and East Asia. His publications include, *Not War, Not Peace?* (Oxford University Press, 2016) and *The Nonproliferation Regime is Breaking* (*Foreign Affairs*, 2022). He holds a Ph.D. from George Washington University, an M.A. from the University of Washington, and a B.A. from Occidental College.



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**Edwin FEULNER** is the Founder and former President of the Heritage Foundation. Dr. Feulner formerly served as Executive Director of the Republican Study Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, and a B.A. from Regis University. He also attended London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) prior to his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh.



**Carrie FILIPETTI** is the Executive Director of the Vandenberg Coalition who formerly served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cuba and Venezuela in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Prior to this position, she served as a Senior Policy Advisor for the United States Mission to the United Nations (USUN), where she advised U.S. Ambassador Nikki R. Haley on issues related to counterterrorism, the Middle East, and the Western Hemisphere. She holds a B.A. in religious studies from the University of Virginia.



**Charles A. FLYNN** is a retired U.S. Army General who last served as Commanding General of U.S. Army Pacific from 2021 to 2024. General Flynn previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Training of the Army Staff. He is the younger brother of Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn, President Donald Trump's first National Secu-

rity Advisor. He received an M.A. in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College and an M.S. in joint campaign planning and strategy from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University.



**FUJISAKI Ichiro** is President of the American Japan Society. Amb. Fujisaki previously served as Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. and Japanese representative to the United Nations and World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva. His other posts within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs include Deputy Director-General for Asian Affairs, Director-General for North American Affairs, Deputy Foreign Minister, and personal representative of the Japanese Prime Minister for the G8 Summit.



**Cory GARDNER** is a former U.S. Senator who represented Colorado from 2015 to 2021. In late 2024, Senator Gardner was named Chairman of the Board of the Senate Leadership Fund. During his time as Senator, he was selected to serve as Chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. He also served on powerful Senate Committees including the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Prior to being elected to the Senate, he represented Colorado's 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2011 to 2015.



**Chuck HAGEL** served as the 24th U.S. Secretary of Defense. Mr. Hagel's current commitments include service on the Board of Trustees of RAND Corporation, Centennial Scholar at Georgetown Walsh School of Foreign Service, Distinguished Statesman at Atlantic Council, Chairman of the Veteran's Justice Commission, Board of Governors of PBS, and Board of Visitors of West Point Military Academy. He also served two terms in the U.S. Senate, representing Nebraska, during which he was a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Intelligence Committees. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Omaha.



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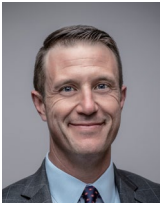
**HAYASHI Yoshimasa** is Chief Cabinet Secretary of Japan and concurrently holds the post of Minister in charge of the abduction issue. Mr. Hayashi previously held five cabinet positions which include Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2021 to 2023, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology from 2017 to 2018, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries from 2012 to 2014 and in 2015, Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy in 2009, and Minister of Defense in 2008. He holds a M.P.A. from Harvard Kennedy School and a L.L.B. from University of Tokyo.



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**IN Namsik** is Director-General for Strategic Region Studies at Korea National Diplomatic Academy's IFANS. Professor In's academic expertise focuses on Middle Eastern and Islamic affairs, as well as U.S. foreign policy towards the Middle East. He has served on various policy advisory boards, including Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Additionally, he has been an active board member of several academic associations, including Korean Association of International Studies, Korean Association of Middle East Studies, and Korean Association of Islamic Studies. He holds a Ph.D. in Middle East politics from Durham University and an M.A. in political science from Yonsei University.



**Christopher JOHNSTONE** is Managing Principal at The Asia Group. Previously, Mr. Johnstone served as Senior Advisor and Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). He also served in government for 25 years in a variety of senior positions with a focus on U.S. policy toward Japan and the Indo-Pacific. He served twice on the NSC, as Director for East Asia and Director for Japan and Oceanian Affairs. In the Office of the Secretary of Defense, he led offices with responsibility for South and Southeast Asia and East Asia. He has an MPA from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and a B.A. from Swarthmore College.



**KANG Kyung-hwa** is President and CEO of the Asia Society. President Kang served as the first female Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2017 to 2021. A veteran diplomat for the Korean Foreign Ministry and the United Nations, she has held senior leadership positions in Seoul, New York, and Geneva. In addition, she served as Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Ewha Womans University and is Distinguished Professor at the Institute for Global Engagement & Empowerment at Yonsei University. She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in international and intercultural communication from the University of Massachusetts, and a B.A. in political science and diplomacy from Yonsei University.



**Andy KIM** is a U.S. Senator from New Jersey. Before his election to the Senate, he represented New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for three terms, serving parts of Burlington, Ocean, Mercer, and Monmouth Counties. Senator Kim has an extensive background in public service, working across bipartisan administrations at USAID, the Pentagon, the State Department, and the NSC. He also served as an advisor to Generals Petraeus and Allen in Afghanistan. He holds a D.Phil. and a M.Phil. from Magdalen College, Oxford, and a B.A. from the University of Chicago.



**Anthony KIM** is a Research Fellow, Editor of the *Index of Economic Freedom*, and Manager of Global Engagement for the Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom at the Heritage Foundation. Previously, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Dr. Edwin Feulner, Founder of the Heritage Foundation. As an editor, he manages the production of the Heritage Foundation's annual *Index of Economic Freedom*. He holds an M.A. from George Washington University and studied economics at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.



**KIM Byung-Yeon** is Distinguished Professor in the Department of Economics and Director of the Institute for Future Strategy and the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies at Seoul National University. His research interests lie in the field of transition economics focusing on North Korea, Russia, and China. He has received the National Academy of Sciences Academic Award, the SNU Award for Distinguished Researcher, and the T. S. Ashton Prize. He has served as a member of various government committees including the National Economic Advisory Council, Policy Advisory Committee for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Unification. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oxford, and his M.A. and B.A. from Seoul National University.



**KIM Chang-beom** is currently Vice Chairman and CEO of the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI). Mr. Kim previously served as an Advisor to the Center for Strategic and Cultural Studies (CSCS). He also served as the Korean Ambassador to Indonesia, the European Union, and Belgium. Throughout his 38-year career in the foreign service, he made significant contributions to strengthening Korea's partnerships with the EU and ASEAN, particularly through summit meeting preparations and advancements in trade, investment, and people-to-people exchanges. He holds an M.A. from Johns Hopkins SAIS and a B.A. from Seoul National University.



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