



## **ASEM Seminar on Sustainable Connectivity and Quality Infrastructure**

Mita Conference Hall (Tokyo)

12 September 2018

### **Tentative Programme**

#### **Opening Remarks (10 min) (10:00~10:10)**

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan (tbc)

Ambassador, Delegation of the EU to Japan (tbc)

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#### **10:10~11:45**

#### **First Session “Why does the world need connectivity and quality infrastructure?” (95 min)**

Theme : -Importance of establishing Quality Infrastructure as an international standard to address investment needs?

-Principles of sustainable connectivity and quality infrastructure (based on the ASEM connectivity definition of Nov 2017: openness, transparency, market principles, sustainability, equal access etc.), and the Importance and Challenges for ensuring the adherence to such principles in ASEM.

Moderator: Director, Representative office in Tokyo, EBRD(tbc)

(1)Overview of Quality Infrastructure from moderator

-What is Quality Infrastructure and why is it important?

(2) How should we meet demands for finance and increase efficiency of infrastructure investment to promote Quality Infrastructure?

Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB I)(confirmed)

(3)What are challenges to achieve sustainable development that through Quality Infrastructure, and how to link the implementation of the UN Agenda 2030 and ASEM's role in promoting sustainable connectivity?

Plamen Tonchev, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Asia Unit, Institute of International Economic Relations in Greece(confirmed)

(4)What are challenges to achieve inclusive development and promote technical transfer, employment creation and human development to/in local areas through Quality Infrastructure?

Suharso Monoarfa, member of the Presidential Advisory Council and former Minister of Public Housing, Indonesia (confirmed)

Presentation (15min each)

Discussion and Q and A (35min)

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**12:45~14:05**

**Second Session “The importance of Institutions and standards for soft Connectivity”  
(80 min)**

Theme : Possibility and challenges of promoting soft connectivity

(e.g. development of relevant laws, systems and human resources, digital connectivity)

Enhancing international cooperation between governments, regional organisations and the private sector

Moderator: Nobuko Kayashima, Director, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Research Institute (confirmed)

(1)How is institutional connectivity of trade, investment and business important between Asia and Europe, and what are challenges of it?

Representative from BDI (German Industrial Board) (tbc)

(2)How is institutional connectivity of transportation and customs important between Asia and Europe and what are challenges of it?

Benjamin Diokno, Secretary of Budget and Management, Philippines (confirmed)

(3)How is digital connectivity important between Asia and Europe and what are challenges of it?

Speaker from ROK(tbc)

Presentation (15 min each)

Discussion and Q and A (35min)

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**14:15~15:50**

**Third Session “Challenges of Promoting Quality Infrastructure and Sustainable Connectivity in and between Asia and Europe from a viewpoint of each ASEM-Sub region” (95 min)**

Theme : Efforts and Challenges of promoting Quality Infrastructure and Connectivity between Asia and Europe from a viewpoint of each ASEM-Sub region

Moderator: Chul Ju Kim, Deputy Dean, ADBI(tbc)

- (1) Speaker from European Side  
Representative of the EEAS (tbc)
  
- (2) Speaker from North-East Asian Side  
Speaker from China
  
- (3) Speaker from South West Asian Side  
T.V.Ramachandran President of Broadband India forum, India(confirmed)
  
- (4) Speaker from ASEAN Side  
Lim Chze Cheen,Head of the ASEAN Connectivity Division, ASEAN Secretariat(confirmed)

Presentation (15min each)

Discussion and Q and A (35min)

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**15:50~16:00**

**Closing Remarks (10 min)**

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