



# APEC High Level Conference on Structural Reform

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**APEC構造改革ハイレベル会合**



Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation

Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand  
Papua New Guinea; Peru; The Philippines; The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States; Viet Nam

**PROGRAM Day1 8 September 2004**

9:00-

**Remarks:** Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan**Remarks:** Mr. Nobuhiko Kawamoto, ABAC member, Japan; Executive Advisor, Honda Motor Co., Ltd.**9:15-10:00 Session 1: Structural Reform in the APEC Region**

To address how member economies' structural reform efforts have contributed to promoting trade and investment in the APEC region. Selected APEC member economies will present their experiences to be shared and will reveal the positive and negative aspects of structural reform.

Session Moderator

**Mr. Satoru Satoh** Japan's Senior Official for APEC, Deputy Director General, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Speakers

*Overview of Structural Reform in the APEC region*

**Prof. Robert Scollay** Director, APEC Study Center, University of Auckland, New Zealand

*Economy report: Thailand*

**Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee** Former Minister of Commerce of Thailand; Chairman, MFC Asset Management Plc.

*Economy report: Mexico*

**Dr. Elisa Mariscal** Deputy Head of International Affairs, Federal Competition Commission, Mexico

**10:00-12:30 Session 2: Promoting Regulatory Reform in APEC Economies***Leading Economy: Japan*

To exchange experiences and lessons learned from regulatory reform. Japan will present its recent program "Special zones for Structural Reform." Other economies will also present their experiences and views.

Keynote Speaker

**Mr. Kazuyoshi Kaneko** Minister of State for Regulatory Reform and Special Zone for Structural Reform, Japan

Session Moderator

**Mr. Shunichiro Ushijima** Adviser, Economic and Social Research Institute, Cabinet Office, Japan

Speakers

**Dr. Naohiro Yashiro** President, Japan Center for Economic Research

**Mr. George Shaw** Principal Officer, Economic Planning Division, Department of the Taoiseach, Ireland

Panelists

**Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee** Former Minister of Commerce of Thailand; Chairman, MFC Asset Management Plc.

**Prof. Fan Gang** Director, National Economic Research Institute, China Reform Foundation

**Mr. Tetsuo Inoue** Mayor, Yokkaichi City, Japan

**Mr. Steve French** General Manager, Competition and Consumer Policy Division, Australian Department of the Treasury

—————(10:55~11:10 Coffee Break)—————

**12:30-14:30 Lunch Break****14:30-18:00 Session 3: Corporate and Banking Sector Reform***Leading Economy: United States of America*

Session Moderator

**Dr. Choong Yong Ahn** Chair of the APEC EC (Economic Committee); President of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

**14:30-15:40 Panel 1: Successful Corporate Restructuring and Its Benefits - Case Studies**

Speaker

**Dr. Yong-Kyoon Shin** Former Executive Vice President, Korea Asset Management Corporation

Panelists

**Mr. Kazuhiko Toyama** Executive Managing Director & Chief Operating Officer, Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan

**Mr. Tomoo Tasaku** Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Financial Advisory Services, Japan

**15:40-16:50 Panel 2: Identifying Critical Functions in Effective Corporate Governance**

Speaker

**Mr. Gordon Thiessen** Chairman, Canadian Public Accountability Board and Former Governor of the Bank of Canada

Panelists

**Dr. Nik Ramlah Mahmood** Director for Market Policy and Development at the Securities Commission of Malaysia

**Prof. Joseph Fan** Professor, the Chinese University of Hong Kong; World Bank/Asian Development Bank Consultant

—————(Coffee Break)—————

**16:50-18:00 Panel 3: Banking Reform Lessons and Key Principles**

Speaker

**Dr. Kristin Forbes** Member, U.S. President's Council of Economic Advisors

Panelists

**Mr. Thierry Porte** Vice Chairman of Shinsei Bank, Limited, Japan

**Mr. Kejin Wang** Director, Policy and Legal Department, China Banking Regulatory Commission

**PROGRAM Day2 9 September 2004**

9:00-12:45

**Session 4: Promoting Structural Adjustment in APEC Economies***Leading Economy: Australia*

To demonstrate how rewards can be obtained from undertaking sometimes difficult reforms, with case studies in the agricultural and industrial sectors.

9:00-9:15

**Introduction: Why is Structural Adjustment Important?**

Session Moderator

**Mr. Steve French** General Manager, Competition and Consumer Policy Division, Australian Department of the Treasury

9:15-10:45

**Panel 1: Creating an Environment to Facilitate Structural Adjustment**

Speakers

*The Role of Competition Policy in Structural Adjustment*

**Mr. Joe Dimasi** Executive General Manager (Head), Regulatory Affairs Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

*Building a Domestic Constituency for Structural Adjustment*

**Mr. Robert Kerr** Head of Office, Australian Productivity Commission

*Deregulation and Structural Adjustment in the Context of Wider Macroeconomic Reform Processes*

**Mr. Murray Sherwin** Director General, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

—————(Coffee Break)—————

11:00-12:30

**Panel 2: Structural Adjustment in Practice - Case Studies**

Speakers

*A Government Perspective to Structural Adjustment in the Australian Automotive Industry*

**Mr. Robert Kerr** Head of Office, Australian Productivity Commission

*Structural Adjustment in the Dairy Industry - Lessons from New Zealand*

**Prof. Lewis Evans** Research Principal of the New Zealand Institute for the Study of Competition and Regulation

*Experiences with Structural Adjustment of the Australian Steel Industry*

**Dr. Robert Every** Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, OneSteel Limited, Australia

12:30-12:45

**Summary of Key Points and Concluding Comments**

12:45-14:30

**Reception**

hosted by **Mr. Masatoshi Abe**, Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan (Green Hall, 1st Floor)

14:30-16:00

**Session 5: Strengthening Investors' Confidence (Promoting Fair and Transparent Legal Environment)***Leading Economy: Japan*

The session will consist of presentations by both the business and public sectors. The session aims to promote discussions on fostering legal conditions favorable to business throughout the region.

Session Moderator

**Mr. Eiichi Hasegawa** Japan's Senior Official for APEC, Deputy Director General for International Trade Policy, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

Speakers

*Fair and Transparent Legal Environment for Businesses*

**Mr. Masayuki Oku** Deputy President, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Japan

*Structural Reform for Creating an FDI Friendly Environment*

**Dr. Wan-Soon Kim** Ombudsman, the Office of the Investment Ombudsman, Korea

Report on the Latest Law Reform

*Administrative License Law and other Commercial Law Reforms*

**Mr. Baozhong Du** Deputy Director of Administrative Law Division, Treaty & Law Department, Ministry of Commerce, China

—————(Coffee Break)—————

16:30-18:00

**Concluding Session (Roundtable Discussion): How to promote Structural Reform in the APEC Region (Queen Hall, 3rd Floor)****Closed Session: Speakers, Panelists and APEC Officials are invited to this session**

Necessary measures for promoting structural reform in the APEC region will be presented. To this end, impediments and the policy agenda for structural reform will be identified so that the role of APEC in promoting structural reform becomes clear. A recommendation to the Leaders will be considered.

Session Moderator

**Mr. Satoru Satoh** Japan's Senior Official for APEC, Deputy Director General, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Speakers

**Mr. Richard Hecklinger** Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

**Mr. Alan Bowman** Chair of the APEC CTI (Committee on Trade & Investment); Director, Asia-Pacific Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada