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Presents

THE KL CONFERENCE, 2023

“Building an Asian Common Market of Shared Prosperity”

17th June 2023

★ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Towards an Asian Common Market of Shared Prosperity

Venue: Royale Chulan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023

0830 to 0900 Hours

Arrival and registration at the Chulan View, 13th floor, Royale Chulan Hotel

0900 to 1030 Hours

INAUGURAL SESSION

"Building an Asian Common Market of Shared Prosperity"

Welcoming Speech & Introductory Remarks

Mr. Sathya Moorthy, Chairman of CESDAsia

Keynote Address

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Inaugural Address

Mr. KJ Alphons, Former Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (India)

Special Address

Mr. Moses Manoharan, Chairman of Global Dialogue Forum

Special Address

Dr. Yuan Bing, Chairman of China Development and Investment Group

1030 to 1200 Hours

SESSION 1

"Putting in place the building blocks for a shared Asian future of economic prosperity"

Chair

Ambassador Rahul Chhabra IFS (retd.), Secretary of Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs (India)

Speakers

Mr. Bunn Nagara, Director, BRICAP and Former Senior Fellow at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (Malaysia)

Mr. R Ravindran, Former Member of Parliament (Singapore)

Dr. Roy Rogers, Scholar of International Relations, University of Malaya

Question & Answer Session

1200 to 1400 Hours

Lunch for participants at Royale Chulan

1400 to 1530 Hours

SESSION 2

"Promoting bilateral trade and investment in domestic currencies within the Asian Market and beyond"

Chair

Datuk Ramesh Kodammal, Co-Chairman of ASEAN India Business Council

Speakers

Mr. Arin Jira, Vice Chairman, Federation of Thai Industries

Ms. Shanti Shamdasani, President, S. ASEAN International Advocacy and Consultancy

Dr. Peng Yang, Chairman of Fantai Technology

Question & Answer Session

1530 to 1700 Hours

SESSION 3

"Protecting the Developing World from the dictates of the world order on climate change and other environmental concerns"

Chair

Dr. Seshadri Ramanujan Chari, Member, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries, Governing Council (India)

Speakers

Dr. Rommel C Banlaoi, President, China-Philippines Friendship Association

Mr. Wang Jian, Executive Chairman, Sichuan Provincial International Corporation and Investment Promotion Association

Dr. Digby James Wren, Special Senior Advisor, International Relations Institute of Cambodia

Question & Answer Session

1700 to 1800 Hours

VALEDICTORY SESSION

"Promoting the interests of the Global South in shared values, and traditions towards enabling a reformed World Order"

Tan Sri Datuk Ong Tee Keat, Former Minister of Transport (Malaysia), and Chairman of BRICAP

Participants proceed to cocktails and dinner at Royale Chulan Coffee House.

CESDASIA

CESDAsia is an independent think-tank that focuses on Asian connectivity. It was set up in August 2022 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It aims to establish a unique platform that will enable all Asian nations to discuss their economic affairs, sustainable development, public policies, and geopolitical matters.

We work to promote and enhance a futuristic Asia by strengthening relations between Asian nations, understanding the importance of the entire Asian region for economic and sustainable growth, and expanding Asia's outreach to the rest of the world. We strive to create avenues for the people of Asia to engage in dialogue and conceive new initiatives and ideas for a better Asia, establish a permanent Asian dialogue platform in Malaysia, and advocate for a safe, sustainable, and economically vibrant Asian century.

Our team of distinguished members includes Mr. Sathya Moorthy (Chairman, CESDAsia), Datuk Lim Sue Beng (Deputy Chairman, CESDAsia), Tan Sri Datuk Ong Tee Keat (Former Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Malaysia, and Former Minister for Transport, Malaysia), Mr. Terry Ghani (Founder of Humanity.ink), Mr. Moses Manoharan (Chairman of Global Dialogue Forum, India) and Mr. Andy Zhao (Executive Vice President of the China-Asia Economic Development Association, China).

To learn more about us, please visit www.cesdasia.com.

GLOBAL DIALOGUE FORUM

Global Dialogue Forum (GDF) is an independent think tank which publishes the foreign policy journal Global Dialogue Review (GDR).

GDF, without ties to big business or government, is a non-profit trust that is carving out an intellectual space over a range of geopolitical issues concerning the Developing World, from security to the environment to the economy to law.

Having grown out of roots in a country with a colonial past, a formidable present and a greatly promising future, GDF believes it has a legitimacy to seek out and collaborate with similar societies across the world.

GDF's objectives are to engage every stakeholder in society from the state to those at grassroots levels - in unfettered debate and discussion, as well as through seminars and conferences.

Through Global Dialogue Advisory Et Advocacy, it will provide honest and authoritative assessment of country and corporate risk; and to help develop, through partnerships with teaching institutions, a generation of influencers to shape an equitable future, as well as to sensitise the vulnerable, especially women, in conflict and other contentious zones.

This work will be done mainly through the Global Dialogue Remote Learning Academy. It will also publish analyses that are sensitive to the concerns and cultures of emerging societies at the heart of GDF. To this end, it will run internship and research programmes as well as online certificate courses.

GDF has already done what no other Indian think tank has been able to do so far - regularly organise major conferences overseas, from China to the UK. In London, last November, our conference on India's suitability as a global centre for dispute resolution was in partnership with UK's premier think tank, Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs. In China, no Indian entity has ever conducted a conference on the scale GDF/GDR did in 2016, with key partners, the Communist Party, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the People's Liberation Army (PLA), whose respect for us is reflected in their participation in the annual Global Dialogue Security Summits.

GDF is well positioned in terms of those we have partnered in events, ranging from Chatham House and the School for International Arbitration, Queen Mary, University of London (QUML), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and the Indian Armed Forces Integrated Command's think tank, the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).

The Chairman of both GDF and GDR is Mr. Moses Manoharan, who had served with Reuters across the world for nearly two decades. He was also regional head of Reuters Television and an Indian television channel. He is on the board of the Delhi World Foundation that runs nearly 50 schools.