

Pacific Rim Policy Exchange



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Tuesday, October 13, 2009

6:00 - 8:00 PM **Welcome reception and registration**, Brunch Restaurant

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

7:00 AM **Registration**, Pacific 3 Ballroom Foyer

7:30 AM **Breakfast**, Pacific 3 Ballroom

8:00 AM **Welcome**, Pacific 3 Ballroom

8:15 – 9:30 AM **Panel One** – *Land Reform in the Pacific Rim*, Pacific 3 Ballroom
Moderator: Kelsey Zahourek, Property Rights Alliance, USA
1. Keliang Zhu, Rural Development Institute, China
2. Barun Mitra, Liberty Institute, India
3. Kriengsak Chareonwongsak, Senior Fellow at Harvard University, Thailand

9:30 – 9:45 AM **Break**

9:45 – 11:15 AM **Panel Two** – *Access to Medicines*, Pacific 3 Ballroom
Moderator: Tim Wilson, Institute for Public Affairs, Australia
1. Nonoy Oplas, Minimal Government, Philippines
2. Philip Stevens, International Policy Network, United Kingdom

11:15 – 11:30 AM **Break**

11:30 – 12:45 PM **Panel Three** – *International Intellectual Property Challenges*, Pacific 3 Ballroom
Moderator: Martin Krause, CIIMA-ESEADE, Argentina
1. Alan Moran, Institute for Public Affairs, Australia
2. Tim Wilson, Institute for Public Affairs, Australia
3. Troy Modlin, Philip Morris International, Hong Kong

12:45 – 1:00 PM **Break**

1:00 - 3:00 PM **Lunch**- *Remarks by Grover Norquist. Americans for Tax Reform, USA*
Ocean 11-13, Level 2

6:00 PM **Reception**, Ocean Gallery, Level 2

7:00 PM **Dinner- Featuring Keynote Speaker: William McGurn, News Corporation**, Ocean 11-13, Level 2

Thursday, October 15, 2009

- 7:30 AM **Breakfast**, Pacific 3 Ballroom
- 8:00 AM **Welcome**, Pacific 3 Ballroom
- 8:15 – 9:30 AM **Panel Four – *International Tax Competition***, Pacific 3 Ballroom
Moderator: Chris Butler, Americans for Tax Reform, United States
1. Dan Mitchell, CATO Institute, United States
2. Sinclair Davidson, RMIT University, Australia
3. Peter Wong, Lion Rock Institute, Hong Kong
- 9:30 – 9:45 AM **Break**
- 9:45 – 11:15 AM **Panel Five – *Removing Barriers to Trade***, Pacific 3 Ballroom
Moderator: Alec van Gelder, International Policy Network, United Kingdom
1. Chris Derry, Waycross Partners, LLC, USA
2. Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Malaysia Think Tank, Malaysia
- 11:15 – 11:30 AM **Break**
- 11:30 – 12:45 PM **Panel Six – *Income tax reform in Asia - Replace income taxes by consumption taxes***, Pacific 3 Ballroom
Moderator: Bjorn Tarras-Wahlberg, World Taxpayer Associations, Sweden
1. Masuru Uchiyama, Japanese for Tax Reform, Japan
2. Raymond Ho, Momentum 107, Hong Kong
3. Kim Suntaek, Korean Taxpayer Association, Korea
- 12:45 – 1:00 PM **Break**
- 1:00- 3:00 PM **Lunch- Viewing of film “*Not Evil Just Wrong*,”** Ocean 11-13, Level 2
- 6:00PM **Reception**, Madame Butterfly (offsite)
- 7:00PM **Dinner - Featuring Keynote Speaker: Dr Iftekhar Chowdhury, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for South Asian Studies**, Madame Butterfly (offsite)

Asia-Pacific Taxpayers Union – APTU

*19 taxpayers associations from 13 countries
- a united front for lower taxes, less waste
accountable government and taxpayers
rights all over the world*

Singapore Friday 16 October 2009 at 8.00

- 1. Opening address by Mr. Bjorn Tarras-Wahlberg, Chairman Asia-Pacific Taxpayers Union. Founder and Secretary General World Taxpayers Associations.**
- 2. Singapore in Brief: History, religion, culture, political system, economy and taxes.**
- 3. Elections of Board and Secretary General.**
- 4. Property taxes and property rights in China and Korea. Comments from Japan and Hong Kong.**
- 5. How to finance a taxpayers association in developing countries - learn more from China and Ukraine.**
- 6. Lunch break. (ca 12.00).**
- 7. Korea Taxpayers Association: How to use internet to get 1 million members - and how to get fees?**
- 8. Adopting a resolution of Declaration of Taxpayers Rights (initiative from Korea).**
- 9. Other issues.**
- 10. Can 2010 World Taxpayers Associations Member Conference be arranged in Asia? In a country with open borders and no visa problems! Preferably in cooperation with an international think tank, like Atlas, Heritage or similar.**
- 10. Next APTU-meeting, where and when?**