

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Morning Session: Public Forum

November 28, 2024 | 9:00-10:00 AM
 Makati Diamond Residences and via Zoom



Dr. Aniceto Orbeta Jr.
 President
 Philippine Institute for
 Development Studies

Dr. Aniceto C. Orbeta Jr. is the president of PIDS. He has a PhD in Economics from UP and did postdoctoral studies at Harvard University. He is an economist specializing in applied economic modeling, impact evaluation, social sector issues, demographic economics, and information and communications technologies.

Before he was appointed as PIDS president, Dr. Orbeta was a senior research fellow for 29 years. Prior to joining PIDS in 1992, he served as Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Executive Director for Policy Development and Planning of the Agricultural Credit Policy Council and Deputy Executive Director of the Policy Development Foundation Inc.

Dr. Orbeta specializes in applied economic modelling, impact evaluation, social sector issues, demographic economics, and information technologies. He has published numerous papers on these areas.

He is considered one of the country's pioneers in impact evaluation research. He has an extensive experience in designing, conducting, and teaching impact evaluation of programs and policies in education, social protection, judicial reforms, community-driven development, water services, agriculture, and agricultural finance.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Morning Session: Public Forum



Mr. Masakazu Toyoda
 Chairman and CEO
 Japan Economic Foundation

Mr. Masakazu Toyoda currently serves as the Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF), Special Advisor to the Institute of Energy Economics of Japan, and Director of the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research.

He is the former Chairman and CEO of the Institute of Energy Economics (2010-2021). He served for nearly a decade for both the Board of Governors of the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies (2012-2021) and the International Advisory Board Council of the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) in Saudi Arabia (2011-2019).

During his distinguished government career, he served in numerous key positions within the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry of Japan, culminating in his service as Vice Minister for International Affairs (2007-2008). He subsequently served as Secretary General of the Secretariat for Space Policy in Japan's Cabinet Secretariat.

Mr. Toyoda holds a Master of Public Affairs degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University (1979) and a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Tokyo (1973).

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Keynote Address: Navigating the Changing Goeconomic Landscape in the Indo-Pacific Region: The Role of ASEAN

November 28, 2024 | 9:30–10:00 AM
Makati Diamond Residences and via Zoom



Amb. Daniel Espiritu
Assistant Secretary
for ASEAN Affairs
Department of Foreign Affairs

Assistant Secretary Daniel Ramos Espiritu is a career diplomat with more than 29 years of experience in the Philippine Foreign Service. He started as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Administrative Officer of the Office of the Secretary from 1995 to 1998.

He was assigned as Third Secretary and Vice Consul, then Second Secretary and Consul, at the Philippine Embassy in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 1998 to 2004. Upon recall to the Home Office in 2004, he was appointed Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for International Economic Relations (OUIER), in charge of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

From 2006 to 2007, he was appointed Director of the China and North Asia Division, Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs (ASPAC). He passed the Career Ministers Examination in the same year. On November 24, 2007, he was assigned to the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, CA as Deputy Consul General, a position he held until November 24, 2013.

Back in Manila, he served as Director of the Political Security Division of the DFA Office of ASEAN Affairs from February 3, 2014 to August 25, 2015, in charge of ASEAN Political Security Community, East Asia Summit, ASEAN Regional Forum, ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting, Extended ASEAN Maritime Forum, ASEAN-China Senior Officials Consultations, Senior Officials Meetings and Joint Working Group Meetings on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct of the Parties in the South China Sea.

In August 2015, he was appointed the Philippine Ambassador to Pakistan with concurrent jurisdiction over the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan until October 27, 2021.

He assumed his current position as Assistant Secretary of the Office of ASEAN Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs and Director General of the Philippine ASEAN Secretariat on 12 November 2021.

Assistant Secretary Espiritu is a recipient in 2023 of the Grand Cross, *Dakilang Kamanong, Gawad Mabini* Award, conferred on Filipinos who have rendered distinguished foreign service, or helped promote the interests and prestige of the Philippines abroad.

In September 2024, he was appointed as Philippine Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Ireland.

SESSION SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 1: Adjusting to the US Economic Policy After the US Presidential Election

November 28, 2024 | 10:20 AM-12:00 NN
 Makati Diamond Residences and via Zoom



Dr. Man-Jung Mignonne Chan
 Deputy Director
 and Research Fellow
 Taiwan Center for Security
 Studies

Dr. Mignonne Man-jung Chan has extensive experience in the academia, government, business, and media.

She is Deputy Director and Research Fellow at the Taiwan Center for Security Studies, National Chengchi University. She is also Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) of the Forum on Humanities, a top-notch cross-strait bilateral business forum, and CSO of Healthy Asia, a region-wide company that flagships AI technology, medicare management expertise, and comprehensive medical humanity. Furthermore, she sits in many Boards, and of the Sino-US Economic and Cultural Association. She is also commissioned as Senior Advisor to the Legislative Yuan.

Dr. Chan currently serves as Advisor to the KMT Party think tank, National Policy Research Foundation; Chinese Taipei APEC Study Center at the Taiwan Institute of Economic Research; and Advisor to the Chinese Cyan Geese Peace Education Foundation. She also coaches a special inter-college negotiation program commissioned by the Ministry of Education.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 1: Adjusting to the US Economic Policy After the US Presidential Election



Dr. Ahn Choong Yong
 Emeritus Professor
 Chung-Ang University

Dr. Ahn is currently a Professor Emeritus of the School of Business and Economics at Chung-Ang University Seoul. He is former Co-Chair of the Korea-India Strategic Dialogue organized by the Seoul International Forum. He was Chairman at the Korea Commission for Corporate Partnership (KCCP) (2014-2018), promoting voluntary collaborations between Korea's big businesses and SMEs, and also Chairman of the Board at the Korea Electric Power Corporation. Before taking the KCCP post, he served as presidentially appointed Foreign Investment Ombudsman (2006-2014) for foreign direct investors in Korea. He is also former Chairman of the Presidential Regulatory Reform Committee (2010-2012). While on sabbatical from Chung-Ang University, he served several posts, such as President of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (2002-2005); Chair of the APEC Economic Committee (2002-2005); Chair of Board, Choheung Bank; consultant to the World Bank; UNIDO Chief Technical Advisor to the Economic Planning Unit of Malaysia to design Malaysia's industrial master plan; and served as President of several academic societies in Korea, including the Korea International Economics Association, Korean Association of Trade and Industry Studies, and Korea Econometric Society. He was also a visiting professor at Economic Research Institute, Kyoto University, Japan. Dr. Ahn's honors include the Economist of the Year Award from the Maeil Business Daily Newspaper in Korea, the Okita Policy Research Award by the National Institute for Research Advancement in Japan for his publication "Modern East Asian Economy," and Free Economy Publication Award by the Federation of Korean Industries. Since receiving his Ph.D. from Ohio State University, Dr. Ahn has published many articles in international journals, including the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *European Economic Review*, *Japanese Economic Review*, *Journal of Asian Economics*, *Global Asia*, and monograph papers in North-Holland, Cambridge University Press, Springer, Edward Elgar, Palgrave Macmillan, Iwanami Shoten of Japan, and Peking University Press. His most recent book is *South Korea and Foreign Direct Investment: Policy Dynamics and the Aftercare Ombudsman*, published by Routledge in August 2023.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 1: Adjusting to the US Economic Policy
after the US Presidential Election



Dr. Somkiat Tangkitvanich
President
Thailand Development
Research Institute

Dr. Somkiat Tangkitvanich obtained his PhD in Computer Science from the Tokyo Institute of Technology. He is recognized as a leading Thai expert in the areas of trade and investment policies, innovation policy, education policy, and ICT policy. He was the main architect of Thai PBS, the first public television in Southeast Asia, and other media laws in Thailand. Under his leadership at the Thailand Development Research Institute, he was nominated for the "Person of the Year" award in 2012 by the Bangkok Post.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 1: Adjusting to the US Economic Policy
after the US Presidential Election



Prof. Gary Hawke
Emeritus Professor
Victoria University of Wellington

Professor Gary Hawke retired from the Victoria University of Wellington as head of the School of Government and professor of Economic History in July 2008 after 40 years of service. He was awarded a CNZM (Companions of the New Zealand Order of Merit) in the 2008 Honours List for services to education and economics. He is also a fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and a member of the Academic Advisory Council of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia.

In 1998, he was awarded the NZIER-Qantas Prize in Economics. Earlier in his career, Gary was a Visiting Fellow at Stanford University in the United States, All Souls' College, Oxford University in the United Kingdom, Australian National University, and various institutions in Japan. In 1978, he was a tawney lecturer for the Economic History Society in the UK.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 2: Regional Free Trade Agreement Promotion in Asia-Pacific Region

November 28, 2024 | 1:20–2:40 PM
 Makati Diamond Residences and via Zoom



Amb. Murray McLean AO
 Chairman
 Dunmore McLean Pty. Ltd.

Mr. Murray McLean is Chair of the Foundation of Australian and Japanese Studies; a Fellow of the Australian Institute for International Affairs (since 2018); and Chairman of his family company, Dunmore McLean Pty. Ltd. He was Chair of the Australia Japan Foundation (2012–2020); a Vice Chancellor's Professorial Fellow at Monash University (2012–2015) and a nonresident Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy (2014–2016).

He is a former senior officer of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). He retired in 2012 after a 42-year career, culminating in his role as Ambassador to Japan (2004–2011), initiating negotiations on the Japan/Australia EPA and on growing security cooperation, as well as leading Australia's response to the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disasters of 2011.

Prior to that role, he served as Deputy Secretary of DFAT (2004); First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division (2001–2003), High Commissioner to Singapore (1997–2001); Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch, (1992–1996), and Consul General, Shanghai (1987–1992). His other DFAT postings were at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC (1983–1986); the Australian Embassy in Beijing (twice) (1973–1976 and 1979–1983) and in Hong Kong (1971–1973). In DFAT, he was consistently involved in the formulation of Australian policy toward Asia and served as a special ministerial envoy on North Korean nuclear matters, visiting North Korea on several occasions.

He was appointed as an officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours list 2013. In November 2014, the Japanese Emperor presented him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.

MODERATOR

Session 2: Regional Free Trade Agreement Promotion in Asia-Pacific Region



Mr. Naoyuki Haraoka
 Executive Managing Director
 Japan Economic Foundation

Mr. Naoyuki Haraoka has served as the Executive Managing Director of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since 2007. After graduating from the University of Tokyo in 1978 (Bachelor of Economics), he joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) of the Japanese government.

Having served in the industrial policy section and the international trade policy section for a few years, he enrolled in a two-year MPA (Master of Public Administration) program at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University in the US on a Japanese government sponsorship. After earning his MPA at Princeton, he rejoined MITI in 1984 as an economist.

Since then, he has held several key positions, such as Deputy Director and Director of various MITI divisions, including the Research Division of International Trade Policy Bureau. He was assigned to Paris twice—first, as Principal Economist of the Trade Bureau of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) from 1988 to 1992, and again, as Counselor to the Japanese Delegation of the OECD from 1996 to 1999. After returning to MITI from his second stay in Paris, at the occasion of the government structural reform in 2001 when MITI was remodeled as METI (Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry), he joined the efforts to establish the METI research institute, Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry, as its Director of Administration. He became Chief Executive Director of the JETRO San Francisco in 2003 and stayed in San Francisco until 2006. He was Director-General of METI Training Institute from 2006 until July 2007 when he left METI permanently.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 2: Regional Free Trade Agreement Promotion in Asia-Pacific Region



Datuk Seri Jayasiri Jayasena
 Former Secretary General
 Ministry of International Trade
 and Industry, Malaysia

Datuk Seri Jayasiri Jayasena is the former Secretary General of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia. He joined the civil service in December 1981 as Assistant Secretary of International Affairs, Ministry of Primary Industries, dealing with international commodity issues. He later assumed the post of First Secretary/Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of Malaysia in Geneva from 1988 to 1997, representing Malaysia in the Uruguay Round of negotiations to establish the World Trade Organization.

He returned to MITI in 1997 and served in various positions. He was Malaysia's Senior Official to APEC from 2002 to 2006. He assumed the post of Deputy Secretary-General, MITI, in charge of strategy and monitoring in January 2015, before serving as the Secretary-General from July 2016 until his mandatory retirement from civil service in May 2018. Throughout his career, he represented Malaysia in numerous international meetings and trade negotiations. He led Malaysia's team in the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (FTA), Malaysia-Japan FTA, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.

He was also deeply involved in many industry-related issues and led the High-Level Task Force on the way forward for Malaysia to embrace Industry 4.0.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 2: Regional Free Trade Agreement Promotion in Asia-Pacific Region



Dr. Vo Tri Thanh
 Director
 Institute for Brand and
 Competitiveness Strategy

Dr. Vo Tri Thanh is former Vice President of the Central Institute for Economic Management. He is currently a member of Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation and a member of the National Financial and Monetary Policy Advisory Council. He is also Director of Institute for Brand and Competitiveness Strategy. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the Moscow State University, a Master's degree in Economics, and a PhD degree in Economics both from the Australian National University. Dr. Thanh mainly undertakes research and provides consultation on issues related to trade liberalization, international economic integration, and macroeconomic policies. His other areas of interests include institutional reforms, financial system, and economic development.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 2: Regional Free Trade Agreement Promotion in Asia-Pacific Region



Dr. Yose Rizal Damuri
 Executive Director
 Centre for Strategic
 and International Studies,
 Jakarta, Indonesia

Dr. Yose Rizal Damuri is the Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies. His research activities focus on international trade, regional integration, and globalization of value chain. He also maintains a keen interest in examining the political economy aspects of international economic governance and the multilateral trading system. Yose has authored numerous academic articles on these subjects and is currently directing his attention toward the implications of major power rivalries on the global and regional economic landscape. He received his PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

He is active in many networks of research institutes in East Asia, such as the Asia Pacific Research Network on Trade, the ERIA Research Institute Network, and Think 20, the think tank network of G20 countries. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Indonesia National Committee of Pacific Economic Cooperation. Yose is active in various policy forums in Indonesia, including as the Founder of Indonesia Service Dialogue, a forum dedicated for the development of services sector in Indonesia.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 2: Regional Free Trade Agreement Promotion in Asia-Pacific Region



Prof. Zhang Yunling
 Member of Chinese
 Academy of Social Sciences
 and Chair Professor
 Shandong University

Prof. Zhang Yunling is an Academy Member of the Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS) and Chair Professor and President of the Institute for International Studies, Shandong University. He was Director of International Studies and the Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, CASS; Member of East Asia Vision Group; Chairman of Joint Expert Group for Feasibility Study on EAFTA; and Executive Chairman of the China-Republic of Korea Joint Expert Committee. He was also a member of the China-Japan 21st Century Friendship Commission (2003–2008) and the National Committee of Chinese Political Consultant Conference (2002–2018). His latest publications include *China and Asia Regionalism* (English); *China and World: New Change, Understanding and Identification* (Chinese); *Seeking a Benign Relationship Between China and the World* (Chinese), *Between the Ideal and Reality-Thinking of East Asian Cooperation* (Chinese, English, Korean); and *Centrally Grand Change: World and China*.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 2: Regional Free Trade Agreement Promotion in Asia-Pacific Region



Prof. Shujiro Urata
 Emeritus Professor
 Waseda University

Prof. Shujiro Urata is Professor Emeritus at Waseda University. He was Professor of International Economics at the Graduate School Asia-Pacific Studies of the same university. He is currently Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry, Specially Appointed Fellow at the Japanese Centre for Economic Research, Senior Research Fellow, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, and Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Institute of Developing Economies. Prof. Urata received his BA in Economics from Keio University and his MA and Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University. He is a former Research Associate at the Brookings Institution and an Economist at the World Bank. He specializes in international economics and development economics. He has held various research and advisory positions, including senior advisor to the government of Indonesia, consultant to the World Bank, the OECD, the Asian Development Bank, and the government of Japan. He has published books and articles on international economic issues. His recent books include *Achieving Inclusive Growth in the Asia Pacific*, co-editor, Australian National University Press, 2020; *Enhancing SME Participation in Global Value Chains*, editor, Asian Development Bank Institute, 2021; *The Effect of Globalisation on Firm and Labour Performance*, co-editor, Routledge, 2021; and *Globalization and Its Economic Consequences: Looking at APEC Economies*, co-editor. Routledge, 2021.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 3: Climate Change and Its Implication on the Asia-Pacific Energy Transition

November 28, 2024 | 2:55–4:15 PM
 Makati Diamond Residences and via Zoom



Ms. Anita Prakash
 Director for Partnership
 Economic Research Institute
 for ASEAN and East Asia

Ms. Anita Prakash is Director (Partnership) at Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

Her policy research supports the leaders and ministerial processes in ASEAN, India, and Europe, notably the Trade Ministers meetings in ASEAN and East Asia Summit, Trade and Investment Working Group in G20, Trade Ministers in the G7, and Asia-Europe Meeting.

Her research covers trade and international relations with special focus on investment in infrastructure, global value chains, and intergovernmental initiatives for resilient and diversified supply chains and technology cooperation. Her recent research work is on emerging economic architecture for resilient supply chains in the Indo-Pacific. Her important works include the plans for Asia-Africa Growth Corridor, Asia-Europe Connectivity Plans, and New Supply Chains in Indo-Pacific. She is currently working on the Conceptual Framework for India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.

Prior to her work at ERIA, she served as Director in the government of India at the Department of Commerce, and NITI Aayog. She was a Visiting Research Associate at the Geneva Graduate Institute from 2016 to 2019.

She is an alumna of Delhi University (M.Phil) and the Australian National University (MBA).

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 3: Climate Change and Its Implication on the Asia-Pacific Energy Transition



Dr. Josef Yap
 Emeritus Research Fellow
 and former President
 Philippine Institute for
 Development Studies

Dr. Josef T. Yap was President of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), where he worked for 26 years until his retirement in June 2013. While at PIDS, he specialized in macroeconomic policy and applied econometrics.

Dr. Yap finished his undergraduate and doctoral studies at the University of the Philippines Diliman and went to the University of Pennsylvania on a post-graduate program. In 2010, Dr. Yap was honored as one of the 100 outstanding alumni of the UP Diliman College of Engineering as part of its Centennial celebration. His current research interest centers on regional economic integration in East Asia and promoting energy security in the Philippines. Dr. Yap was the regional coordinator of the East Asian Development Network and was actively involved in the establishment of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia.

From 2019 to 2022, Dr. Yap was Senior Technical Advisor to the Access to Sustainable Energy Program, Clean Energy Living Laboratories, which was implemented under the auspices of the European Union and the Ateneo School of Government (ASoG). He is currently a Senior Research Fellow at ASoG and Emeritus Research Fellow at PIDS. Dr. Yap is co-author of the books *The Philippine Economy: East Asia's Stray Cat? Structure, Finance and Adjustment* and *Lessons from Nationalist Struggle: The Life of Emmanuel Quiason Yap*.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 3: Climate Change and Its Implication on the Asia-Pacific Energy Transition



Mr. Hideichi Okada
 Advisor
 Japan Economic Foundation

Mr. Hideichi Okada is Advisor at the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF). Before joining JEF, Okada was Special Advisor at Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (JAPEX) from 2019 to 2024 after he served as President and CEO of JAPEX from 2016 to 2019.

Okada was Senior Executive Vice President of NEC Corporation, responsible for its global business strategy from 2014 to 2016, and Senior Advisor at NTT Data Institute of Management and Consulting from 2013 to 2014.

He served as Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), government of Japan, from 2010 to 2012. In that capacity, he promoted international trade and investment, including negotiations of major free trade agreements. He also served as Director General of Trade Policy Bureau (2008-2010) and Director General of the Commerce and Information Policy Bureau in METI (2007-2008).

Prior to these roles, he worked as Executive Assistant to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, managing policies on the economy, industry, energy, science and technology, and the environment, as well as public relations (2001-2006).

From September 2013 to March 2014, he was Sasakawa Peace Fellow at the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University, and took initiative to promote Japan-US cooperation on energy. In March 2014, he was a Pacific Leadership Fellow at the University of California, San Diego. He was a Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (2006-2007) and a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School and the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, UC San Diego, in 2007.

Okada was born in Tokyo in 1951. He received a LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School (1981) and graduated from the University of Tokyo with LL.Bs. (1975, 1976).

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 3: Climate Change and Its Implication on the Asia-Pacific Energy Transition



Mr. Manu Bhaskaran
 CEO
 Centennial Asia Advisors

Mr. Manu Bhaskaran is a Partner of the Centennial Group, a strategic advisory firm headquartered in Washington, DC. As Founding CEO of its Singapore subsidiary, Centennial Asia Advisors, he coordinates the Asian business of the Group, which provides independent economic research on Asian political and macroeconomic trends for investment institutions, government agencies, multilateral institutions, and companies with interests in Asia, drawing on 40 years of studying Asia.

Mr. Bhaskaran is also Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies in Singapore, where his main interests are in analyzing macroeconomic policy frameworks in Singapore.

Prior to the Centennial Group, Mr. Bhaskaran held senior positions in Société Générale's Asian investment banking division, where he supervised Asian economic and investment strategy analysis and was a member of the Executive Committee, in charge of Asian equity research. In 12 years with the firm, Mr. Bhaskaran helped to establish its business presence in Southeast Asia and in South Asia, while helping to develop the firm's highly-rated equity and economic research. Prior to that, Mr. Bhaskaran worked for the Singapore government, supervising a team that prepared strategic political and economic assessments of Asia for senior Singapore government officials.

In terms of public service, Mr. Bhaskaran has served as Chairman of a high-level government committee reviewing the regulation of moneylenders in Singapore from 2014 to 2015. He also served as a Member of the Competition Appeals Board, Singapore, for several years until August 2023. He is a Member of the Regional Advisory Board for Asia of the International Monetary Fund, Council Member of both the Economic Society of Singapore and the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, and an advisor to the Asia Foundation.

Mr. Bhaskaran also serves on the boards of several companies whose businesses span the ASEAN region, including SembCorp Industries, Japfa Ltd and NIKS Professional (which are listed in Singapore), and Luminor Capital.

He studied at Magdalene College, Cambridge University, where he earned an MA (Cantab), and at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at the Harvard University, where he obtained a Master's degree in Public Administration. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Session 3: Climate Change and Its Implication on the Asia-Pacific Energy Transition



Daw Khine Khine Nwe
 Secretary General
 Union of Myanmar
 Federation of Chambers
 of Commerce and Industry

Daw Khine Khine Nwe (Rosaline) is the first elected female Secretary General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) since its establishment in 1919 and Secretary General of the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers' Association. She heads the Responsible Business and Natural Resources Development Committee of the UMFCCI and is a Trustee on the Board of the ASEAN CSR Network. She is Advisor to the Myanmar Institute of Directors, the Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, and the Patron of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Network. She serves on the Board of the UNGC Network Myanmar and is actively involved in industrial relations, having attended the International Labor Conference (Geneva) as Employers' Delegate since 2011.

She holds a master's degree from Yangon University, Myanmar, and has taught at Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand. She is Chairman of the Myanmar Garment Human Resource Development Center and Honorary Principal of the UMFCCI Training Institute. She is a member of the Accreditation and Certification Committee of the National Skill Standard Authorities (NSSA) and Chairman of the Manufacturing Sectorial Competency Standard Committee of the NSSA. She represented the private business sector and was a member of the National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Committee from 2016 to 2021 at the Ministry of Education.

She is a successful businesswoman and serves as the Managing Director of Best Industrial Co., Ltd, a garment manufacturing company. Her passion is to help develop an inclusive socio-friendly economic environment in Myanmar that will drive the nation's sustainable, equitable growth and prosperity.

MODERATOR

Session 3: Climate Change and Its Implication on the Asia-Pacific Energy Transition



Dr. Francis Mark Quimba
Director
Philippine APEC Study Center
Network - Philippine Institute for
Development Studies

Dr. Francis Mark Quimba is a Senior Research Fellow at PIDS and the Director of the Philippine APEC Study Center Network (PASCN). He has worked on several research topics including agriculture trade and rural development. His current research interests are in the innovation activity of local firms, and he has participated in Roundtable discussions on issues on Trade Industrial Development Innovation and e-commerce.

He obtained his Master's in International Development from the International University of Japan and another MA and his PhD in Development Economics from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo, Japan.