



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FINANCIAL SYSTEM STABILITY, REGULATION AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION

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Auditorium, Third Floor, Central Common Government Offices, No.7, East Wing

Concept

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Credit guarantee system for SMEs is under consideration in many Asian countries. While it is important to ensure smooth financing of SMEs, providing too much guarantees for SMEs by the credit guarantee system will create moral hazard problem. Appropriate risk sharing between banks and credit guarantee corporations must be established.

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Financial education for SMEs and individuals is lacking in many developing countries. What kind of programs for financial education is available to enhance and the way forward will be discussed in session 3.

Draft Agenda as of January 9

9:30-10:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks
JFSA (TBC)

10:10-11:30 a.m. Session 1 – Financial System Stability and Competition in the Financial Industry

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Session Chair **Odd Per Brekk**, Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Speakers **Ratna Sahay**, Deputy Director, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF
Akira Ariyoshi, Professor, School of International and Public Policy, Hitotsubashi University

Commentators **Tokio Morita**, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, JFSA
Akihiko Kagawa, Managing Director, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.
Jae Ha Park, Deputy Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Open floor discussion

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Keynote Speech
Hisashi Ono, Deputy Director-General, Supervisory Bureau, JFSA

1:20-2:45 p.m. Session 2 – Finance to SMEs through Banks, Capital Markets and Other Financial Methods

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Session Chair **Suhaedi**, Executive Director, Bank Indonesia Regional Office for Eastern Indonesia
Speakers **Ganeshan Wignaraja**, Director of Research, ADBI
Jongsoo Shin, Economist, IMF
Commentators **Wako Watanabe**, Professor, Faculty of Business and Commerce, Keio University
Yoshiaki Ogura, Associate Professor, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University
Salinee Wangtal, Assistant Governor, Supervision Group, Bank of Thailand
Hisashi Ono, Deputy Director-General, Supervisory Bureau, JFSA

Open floor discussion

2:45-3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:15-4:30 p.m. Session 3 – Financial Inclusion and Financial Education

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Session Chair **Tarisa Watanagase**, former governor, Bank of Thailand
Speakers **Naoyuki Yoshino**, Director, Financial Research Center (FSA Institute), and Professor of Economics, Keio University
Tomoyuki Furusawa, Director, Policy and Legal Division, Planning and Coordination Bureau, JFSA
Peter Morgan, Senior Consultant for Research, ADBI
Commentators **Ranee Jayamaha**, Chairperson, Hatton National Bank Plc.
Pungky P. Wibowo, Director, Financial Access and SME Development Department, Bank Indonesia
Julius Caesar Parrenas, Advisor on International Affairs, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.

Open floor discussion

4:35-5:50 p.m. Session 4 – Panel Discussion: Finance to Ensure Asia's Economic Growth

Session Chair **Masahiro Kawai**, Dean & CEO, ADBI
Speaker **Muliaman D. Hadad**, Chairman, Financial Services Authority Indonesia
Panelists **Mikio Kajikawa**, Senior Deputy Director General of the International Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan
Tarisa Watanagase, former governor, Bank of Thailand
Ranee Jayamaha, Chairperson, Hatton National Bank Plc.
Hisashi Ono, Deputy Director-General, Supervisory Bureau, JFSA
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5:50-6:00 p.m. Closing Remarks
Masahiro Kawai, Dean & CEO, ADBI