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## Program

**Opening and Keynote Addresses** (21 January Monday, 15:00 - 18:00 Marine Hall, 4F Toki Messe)

### Opening

Welcome Addresses

IZUMIDA, Hirohiko

Governor, Niigata Prefecture

SHINODA, Akira

Mayor, City of Niigata

Guests' Opening Address

KURODA, Atsuo

Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy, Trade Policy Bureau, M ETI

### Keynote Addresses

**"Japan Rethinking Northeast Asia"**

INOBUCHI, Takashi

Professor, Chuo University Research and Development Initiative

**"U.S. Trade Policy: The Rise of Regional and Bilateral Alternatives to Multilateralism"**

BARFIELD, Claude

Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI)

**Session A: Northeast Asia & FTAs** (22 January Tuesday, 9:00 - 12:00 Conference Room 301, Toki Messe)

This session will survey the prospects for the strategies toward economic integration hoped for by the countries of Northeast Asia, within the ongoing progress in East Asian economic integration in frameworks such as ASEAN Plus Three or ASEAN Plus Six.

*Moderator* KIMURA, Fukunari

Professor, Faculty of Economics, Keio University

*Panel Members* TIAN, Weiming

Professor, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University

WATANABE, Yorizumi

Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, SFC, Keio University

CHEONG, In-Kyo

Professor, Department of Economics, Inha University

BARFIELD, Claude

Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

*Commentator* KURODA, Atsuo

Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy, Trade Policy Bureau, M ETI

**Session B: Food Security** (22 January Tuesday, 9:00 - 12:00 Conference Room 302, Toki Messe)

In the coming three years practical proposals will be made concerning the formation of an international food cluster, which will contribute to food security and economic links in Northeast Asia. Based on the collaborative research between ERINA, Niigata University and the University of Tokyo, in the first year attention will be focused on investigations into local special characteristics and resources within the region.

<i>Moderator</i>	NAKAMURA, Toshihiko	Director, Research Division, ERINA
<i>Keynote Reports</i>	NIE, Fengying	Director, International Division, Agricultural Information Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
	SHOGENJI, Shin-ichi	Dean, Graduate School of Agriculture and Life Science, The University of Tokyo
<i>Research Reports</i>	CHEN, Yongfu	Professor, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University
	KIMINAMI, Lily	Associate Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, Niigata University
	YAGI, Hironori	Lecturer, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo
	MIN, Seung-Kyu	Chief Researcher, Public Policy Research, Samsung Economic Research Institute

**Session C: Energy & Environment** (22 January Tuesday, 13:00 - 16:00 Conference Room 201, Toki Messe)

Today an integrated solution of energy and environmental problems has become the burning issue in energy security. In this session, with the advent of the post-Kyoto period in mind, we will explore the potential for policy coordination by the nations of Northeast Asia aimed at the efficient utilization of all types of energy and energy conservation methods.

<i>Moderator</i>	SUZUKI, Tatsujiro	Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo
<i>Panel Members</i>	LI, Zhidong	Professor, Nagaoka University of Technology
	SEKIYAMA, Takeshi	General Manager, International Cooperation Department, The Energy Conservation Center, Japan
	TUMENTSOGT, Ts.	Infrastructure Operations Officer, The World Bank Ulaanbaatar Office
	PAK, Yong-Duk	Director, Regional Cooperation Division, Center for Energy Research Northeast Asia, Korea Energy Economics Institute
	LIKHACHEV, Vladimir	Deputy Director, Energy Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences
	VON HIPPEL, David	Senior Associate, Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability

**Summaries and Conference Conclusion** (22 January Tuesday, 16:10 - 17:00 Conference Room 201, Toki Messe)

<i>Reports on Sessions</i>	KIMURA, Fukunari	Session A Moderator
	NAKAMURA, Toshihiko	Session B Moderator
	SUZUKI, Tatsujiro	Session C Moderator
<i>Concluding Remarks</i>	YOSHIDA, Susumu	Chairperson, Northeast Asia International Conference for Economic Development Executive Committee, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Director General, ERINA

This feature has been compiled on the basis of recordings of the proceedings at the 2008 Northeast Asia International Conference for Economic Development in Niigata and various written materials. The People's Republic of China is referred to as China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as the DPRK, the Republic of Korea as the ROK and the Russian Federation as Russia. The Japan Sea is known as the East Sea in the DPRK and the ROK; which name is used for it in this feature depends on the version used by the relevant speakers, as transcribed from recordings of the conference.