

Special Feature
2015 Northeast Asia International Conference for Economic Development (NICE)
in Niigata

Program

29–30 January 2015
 Marine Hall, 4F, Toki Messe Niigata International Convention Center

Organizers

Northeast Asia International Conference for Economic Development Executive Committee
 (Niigata Prefecture; City of Niigata; ERINA)

Participants

A total of 300 persons

■ **Opening Session:**

29 January (Thursday), 13:30 to 15:30

□ Welcome Addresses

MORI, Kunio Vice Governor of Niigata Prefecture
 SHINODA, Akira Mayor, City of Niigata

□ Guests' Opening Addresses

ISHIKAWA, Masaki Director, Japan–Russia Economic Affairs Division, European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(Read on his behalf by: MATSUO, Hiroki, Deputy Director, Japan–Russia Economic Affairs Division, European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

UENO, Asako Director, Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus Office, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

□ Keynote Addresses

The Antagonism between the EU and Russia and Its Political and Economic Impact on Northeast Asia

KUROKAWA, Yuji Lecturer, College of International Relations, Nihon University
 (Former Ambassador of Japan to Ukraine)

The Changing International Order and Northeast Asia: In the Light of China's Rise

KALLIO, Jyrki Senior Research Fellow, Global Security Research Programme,
 The Finnish Institute of International Affairs

■ **Session A: Various Aspects of the Ukraine Crisis in Northeast Asia**

29 January (Thursday), 15:45 to 17:45

□ Reports

ABIRU, Taisuke Research Fellow, Tokyo Foundation
 IKEDA, Motohiro Editorial Writer, Nikkei Inc.
 SHIMOTOMAI, Nobuo Professor, Faculty of Law, Hosei University
 KUROKAWA, Yuji Lecturer, College of International Relations, Nihon University
 (Former Ambassador of Japan to Ukraine)

□ Moderator

SUGIMOTO, Tadashi Deputy Director-General, ERINA

■ **Session B: The Point Reached by the TPP and the Future Prospects Thereof**

30 January (Friday), 10:00 to 12:00

□ Reports

URATA, Shujiro Professor, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University
 YADA, Shinji Counsellor, Cabinet Secretariat, The Government Headquarters for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Cabinet Secretariat
 YAMASHITA, Kazuhito Research Director, The Canon Institute for Global Studies
 BARFIELD, Claude Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

SHEN, Minghui Deputy Director and Secretary General, Center for East Asian Cooperation and APEC,
National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

□ Moderator

NAKAJIMA, Tomoyoshi Senior Research Fellow, Research Division, ERINA

■ **Session C: New Developments for Transportation Routes Linking Europe and Asia**

30 January (Friday), 13:30 to 15:30

□ Reports

SHIBASAKI, Ryuichi Chief Researcher & Head of Policy Research Office, Center for International Port Policy, The
Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan (OCDI)

MACHIDA, Ipppei Senior Assistant Professor, School of Commerce, Meiji University

SUKHORUKOV, Alexey Counsellor, Embassy of Russia in Japan / Representative, Federal Customs Service of Russia
in Japan

□ Moderator

ARAI, Hirofumi Senior Research Fellow, Research Division, ERINA

■ **Closing Remarks**

30 January (Friday), 15:30 to 15:45

NISHIMURA, Yoshiaki Chairperson, Northeast Asia International Conference for Economic Development Executive
Committee, and Representative Director, ERINA

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