

Seminar

on

Regional Structures in the Asia-Pacific

Hosted by the Embassy of Australia
and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

The past several years have witnessed the rapid development of regional institutions and cooperation within East Asia alongside existing Asia-Pacific cooperation in APEC and the traditional security structure of US alliances in the region. More rapidly than considered possible even five years ago, Asian nations are developing multilateral frameworks and promoting regional responses to economic and, increasingly, security challenges.

What are the trends and implications of these developments? Are these structures appropriate to address the strategic and economic issues the region will face in the next twenty years? How should such structures develop so they can better support strategic stability and help countries meet the social, economic and other challenges they face?

This seminar will bring together senior US policy-makers and commentators with counter-parts from the region to discuss these questions.

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Embassy of Australia
1601 Massachusetts Avenue NW

7:00pm Dinner hosted by Ambassador Michael Thawley

Remarks by **Ambassador Richard Holbrooke**, Chairman of the Asia Society

January 18, 2005

Oriental Ballroom, Mandarin-Oriental Hotel
1330 Maryland Avenue SW

8:00am Breakfast

8:45am Welcome and Opening Remarks: **Ambassador Michael Thawley**

8:50am Introductory Remarks: **Dr John Hamre**, President of CSIS

9:00am Session 1: Trends in Asia-Pacific Regionalism

The last five years have seen the rapid evolution of regional cooperation in East Asia alongside existing cooperation in APEC and bilaterally.

- Overview of regional developments
- What is the state of regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region?
- What are the factors facilitating development of Asia-Pacific regionalism and what are the factors obstructing regionalism?
- **Dr Kurt Campbell**, Senior Vice-President, CSIS
- **Dr K.S. Nathan**, Senior Fellow, Institute of South East Asian Studies
- **Mr Greg Vesey**, President, Technology Ventures, Chevron-Texaco Corporation

10:15am Mid-Morning Break and Refreshments

10:30am Session 2: How should regional structures address the challenges Asia faces?
Changes in security, political structures, demography and patterns of demand for energy, finance and infrastructure, are changing regional priorities.

- How will these changes shape the region and its collective priorities?
- Which issues facing the region lend themselves to multilateral responses?
- Can existing regional structures deal effectively with these issues?
- Where has functional cooperation been effective, and where has it not?
- **Dr Mitchell Reiss**, Director, Policy Planning Staff, State Department
- **Dr Stephen Grenville**, Former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia
- **Ambassador Barry Desker**, Director, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Singapore
- **Dr Minxin Pei**, Senior Associate and Director, China Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

12:30pm Lunch

1:15pm Remarks by **Dr Paul Wolfowitz**, Deputy Secretary of Defense

2:00pm Remarks by **Dr Stephen Hadley**, National Security Adviser-designate

2:30pm Session 3: The way ahead

The United States and its partners in the region have a huge stake in how regional cooperation evolves. Their responses will be critical to the future.

- What forms of regional cooperation best suit the region's interests?
- Which obstacles will remain troublesome and which may be overcome?
- What role can and should the United States and its partners play?
- **Dr Francis Fukuyama**, Professor of International Political Economy, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
- **Ambassador Shinichi Kitaoka**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN
- **Dr Robert Kagan**, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

3:15pm Conclusion