

ASIAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION REPORT 2019/2020

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE, PRODUCTIVITY,
AND THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY



13 November 2019, 4:30–5:45 p.m.
Lecture Room L, 5th Floor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 106-8677

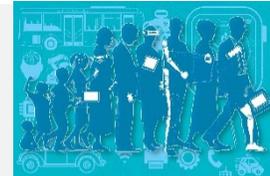
AGENDA*

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| 4:15–4:30 p.m. | Registration |
| 4:30–4:35 p.m. | <p>OPENING REMARKS Harukata Takenaka, Professor, GRIPS</p> |
| 4:35–5:00 p.m. | <p>PRESENTATION ON THE KEY FINDINGS OF THE ASIAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION REPORT 2019/2020 Yasuyuki Sawada, Chief Economist and Director General, ADB</p> |
| 5:00–5:40 p.m. | <p>PANEL DISCUSSION: REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC Chair: Harumi Kodama, Representative, Japanese Representative Office, ADB</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jong Woo Kang, Principal Economist, ADB • Kenichi Kawasaki, Professor, GRIPS • Sayuri Shirai, Professor, Keio University • Shujiro Urata, Professor, Waseda University |
| 5:40–5:55 p.m. | OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION |
| 5:55–6:00 p.m. | <p>CONCLUDING REMARKS Yasuyuki Sawada, Chief Economist and Director General, ADB</p> |

ABOUT THE ASIAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION REPORT 2019/2020

The *Asian Economic Integration Report* is an annual publication that documents Asia's progress in regional cooperation and integration. It covers the 49 members of the Asian Development Bank and analyzes regional as well as global economic linkages in the areas of international trade, global and regional value chains, foreign direct investment, financial flows (debt, equity, and bank flows), and movement of people. The 2019/2020 report features a theme chapter on "Demographic Change, Productivity, and the Role of Technology".

*Presentation and discussion will be in English, but simultaneous Japanese translation will be provided.



SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



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