

Asia Energy Forum 2004

“Asia’s Energy Security and Regional Cooperation”

September 28, 2004
Keidanren Hall, Keidanren Kaikan, Tokyo

September 28 (Tuesday)

9:30-9:40 Opening Remarks: Mr. Masahisa Naitoh, Chairman & CEO, IEEJ

9:40-10:10 Keynote Speech: Dr. Ian Bremmer, President, Eurasia Group, USA

10:10-12:00 Session 1: **“Energy Issues in Northeast Asia and Regional Cooperation”**

Ever since the end of the Cold War, there has been an active global movement toward establishing bilateral and multilateral regional economic zones, but Northeast Asia has fallen very much behind other regions in this respect. This session will aim at identifying specific measures to deepen mutual understanding and create trust among the nations concerned through regional cooperation in the energy sector, a vital sector for economic development in Northeast Asia, which is expected to become the new frontier of the 21st century.

Chair: Dr. Tsutomu Toichi, Managing Director, IEEJ

Panelists:

- Mr. Zhou Dadi, Director General, Energy Research Institute, National Development and Reform Commission, China
- Dr. Ji-Chul Ryu, Director, Education and Research Promotion Division, Korea Energy Economics Institute, Korea
- Mr. Armen Safaryan, Head of department of the Center for Strategic Energy Research and Geopolitics of the International Institute for Energy Policy and Diplomacy of MGIMO-University, Russia
- Professor Satoshi Morimoto, Faculty of International Development, Takushoku University, Japan

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-13:30 Keynote Speech: Mr. Minoru Tamba,
Former Ambassador to Russia & Previous Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
Senior Advisor, IEEJ

13:30-15:10 Session 2: **“Asia’s Oil Supply and Demand and Energy Security”**

As demand for oil continues to rise rapidly in developing countries in Asia, such as China and India, Asian countries’ dependence on Middle East oil can be expected to increase further. Participants will discuss measures & methods for securing steady supply of oil, such as oil development in the Middle East and cooperation between producing and consuming countries.

Chair: Mr. Yasuhiro Goto, Senior Staff Writer and Senior Editorial Staff,
Nihon Keizai Shinbun, Inc., Japan

Speakers:

- Dr. Ahmad AL-Ghamdi, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Petroleum & Minerals Resources, Saudi Arabia
- Dr. Hojjatollah Ghanimifard, Senior Executive, National Iranian Oil Company, Iran
- Ms. Preety Bhandari, Director, Policy Analysis Division, Tata Energy and Resources Institute, India
- Mr. Haruyuki Niimi, Chairman, Representative Director, Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K., Japan

15:10-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:30 Session 3: **“New Developments in Asia’s Natural Gas Market and Policy Issues”**

Rising demand for natural gas in both Japan and Korea because of growing concerns about environmental issues, emergence of China and India as new importers and a rapid increase in imports of LNG by US can be expected. Participants will discuss issues in securing stable, long-term supply of natural gas expanding the natural gas market of the Asia Pacific region, in view of the current situation where influence of the US natural gas market is expected to increase in the future.

Chair: Mr. Kensuke Kanekiyo, Managing Director, IEEJ

Speakers:

- Mr. Peter de Wit, President Asia, Member of Executive Committee, Shell Gas & Power, Singapore
- Datuk Abdul Rahim Hashim, Vice President, Gas Business, Petronas, Malaysia
- Mr. Jianhong Yang, Manager of Marketing Department, Petrochina Planning and Engineering Institute, China
- Mr. Yasuo Ryoki, Acting Head of Energy Resources Business Unit, Osaka Gas Co., Japan