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Horasis Asia Meeting

Virtual Event, 26 November 2021 (7.30-20.00 Singapore time)

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- City of Kitakyushu

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Schedule for November 26 (Singapore Time)

Morning sessions

07.30-08.15 Horasis Community Building

08.15-08.58 Digital Breakfast Sessions
- Asian COVID management
- Asian crypto-currency
- Listening to the marginalized
- Post-COVID economic friction
- Asian FinTech
- Teaching use of blockchain
- Beware of Inflation
- Asian geopolitics
- Social effects of Asian AI
- Asian unicorns

08.58-09.00 Welcome and Overview
Horasis welcomes participants

09.00-09.45 Plenary
Asia's regeneration of globalization

09.45-10.30 Parallel Sessions
- Supporting the underprivileged
- Global aspirations of COP26
- The Olympian's task
- Predicting cyber attacks
- Balance COVID eradication and UN goals
- 5th industrial revolution in Asia
- Diversity and impact investing
- Asian innovation clusters
- Life-work balance
- Educating the poor
- Decentralized Crypto Finance

10.30-11.15 Parallel Sessions
- Asian post Gen-Z life style
- Sustainable globalization post-COVID
- Digitization enabling crypto-assets
- Work and play after COVID
- Greening of cities
- Sustainable finance mitigating climate change
- Purposeful COVID solutions
- Describing Asian recovery
- Contemporary Asian Art Reimagined

11.15-12.00 Parallel Sessions
- Diversification of higher education
- Refurbishing to curtail pollution
- Business sentiment post-COVID
- Rebuilding trust in institutions
- Well-being across Asia
- Absorbing Asian graduates
- Pioneering Change
- Moderating Fake News

12.00-12.45 Plenary
Shaping the New Asia
Japan's 21st century goals

12.45-13.30 Plenary
Asian economic development
The Philippine's new development plans

Afternoon sessions

13.30-14.15 Plenary
Sustainable Asian growth
China's future growth and reforms

14.15-15.00 Parallel Sessions
- SDG Goal #8 demands decent work
- Asian private investment risks
- Gender equality
- RCEP post-Covid
- Cashless societies
- Global internet integration
- Thriving on diversity
- Supporting stability, nurturing disruptors
- M&A within Asian trade accords

15.00-15.45 Parallel Sessions
- Managing cyber-transformations
- Philanthropy makes a difference
- Eco-management of mega-structures
- Business leaders' theories
- Developing social innovation
- Rushing for clean energy
- Developing Asian entrepreneurship
- Reviewing B&R concept
- Foreign Investments

15.45-16.30 Parallel Sessions
- Asian manufacturing efficiency
- Domestic savings post-Covid
- Avoiding the next pandemic
- Compensating for lost tourism
- Japan's Asian free trade
- Sustainable economic reform
- Energy supply and demand risks
- Global minimum tax rate in Asia
- Asians as futurists
- Movies and Cinema

16.30-17.15 Plenary
India's universal goals
Indonesia's Net Zero emission ambition

17.15-18.00 Closing Plenary
Enhancing Asia sustainability

18.00-18.05 Closing Remarks
Asian regeneration beyond COVID

18.05-18.15 Plenary
Announcing 2022 Horasis Asia Meeting

18.15-19.00 Closing Parallel Sessions
- Leveraging Asian technology
- Accepting AI
- Critical role of the arts post-COVID
- Story-telling for the future
- China's maturing GDP trend
- COVID-proofing Asian businesses
- Changing overwork culture
- Reducing logistics panic
- Brand sustainability
- Asian strategies in the pandemized age
- Asia's future digital economy
- Asian solutions for an impact-led recovery

19.00-20.00 Virtual Receptions
Horasis Community Building

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Horasis is providing a matchmaking tool to connect with other delegates - each participant will be randomly matched with another to speak for 5 minutes by video, then become paired with another, and so on. It is hoped that these brainstorming links will unite delegates and initiate creativity to inspire the rest of the meeting time.

08.15-08.58 Digital Breakfast Sessions

COVID Management Across Asian Nations

Asian nations have seen much disruption due to their large rural population and densely populated cities: the most numerous in the world. Initially the nations were shocked by the vaccine's virulence, but soon reacted to manage its effects. How to help poor nations acquire and administer COVID vaccines as well as organize good contact tracing? How to ensure coherent and correct COVID facts are presented frequently to reassure the vaccine hesitant?

- **Yoshitaka Hirano**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, 2nDREAM Corporation, Japan
- **Ken Hu**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kindwell, USA
- **Jerry Power**, Founder, I3 Systems, USA

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- **Ta Bich Loan**, Anchor, Vietnam National Television (VTV), Vietnam

An Asian Crypto-currency Might Erode Dollar Dependency

China may be the first Asian nation to offer a crypto-currency and other Asian nations are actively researching. Might these state-backed instruments become a global monetary standard easing out reliance on the US dollar? How will that be managed? How would crypto-coin exchanges be positioned to aid trade? How would they be insured? What, ultimately, is their philosophy?

- **Aditya Berlia**, Founder, Svran-Apeejay Journalism Foundation, India
- **Sebright Chen**, Chairman, Summer Atlantic Capital, USA
- **Tom Ludescher**, Chief Executive Officer Asia & EMEA, Entsia International, Singapore
- **Katsuyuki Tochimoto**, Founder, M-Theory Inc., Japan

Chaired by

- **Stephen Meade**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, MonetaPro, USA

Listening to the Marginalized

The poor and weak in society have rarely had permission to verbalize and explain their situation. Some Asians are taking to the Internet to raise their voices but are subject to censure. How can we enable this process without it becoming a vindictive rout? How to sensitively discuss and amend historic wrongs?

- **Nagaraja Kumar Deevi**, Managing Partner, Deevi, USA
- **Siddharth Poddar**, Founder and Managing Editor, StoneBench, Singapore
- **Toby Thompkins**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Safioo, USA

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- **Kanesan Veluppillai**, Chief Strategic Communications Officer, Cahya Mata Sarawak, Malaysia

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Addressing Global Economic Friction Post-COVID

Post-COVID we find money supply is stable but physical global supply chains beginning in Asia have been broken, national debts vastly increased. How to rebuild economies – by mandating re-shoring and closing out-sourcing? Is there a middle way to rebuild the global economies that avoids the present frictions?

- **David Drake**, Founder and Chairman, LDJ Capital, USA
- **Elias Li**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Fyllan, USA
- **John J. Ying**, Managing Director, Peak Capital, Hong Kong

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- **Nicholas Johnson**, Chief Executive Officer, Economists Without Borders, Australia

The Asian FinTech Revolution

Typically, many Asian FinTech solutions are phone apps that link to established market giants so they quickly accrue large followings across the huge national populations. In contrast, the local dominant firms have taken years to reach their positions and have carefully diffused coherent business processes. What can we discern as The Asian FinTech Revolution? How will it advance? Is it exportable across the globe?

- **Jouko Ahvenainen**, Founder and Executive Chairman, Grow VC Group, USA
- **Kimball Andrews**, Founder, Nova Finance Group, Australia
- **Kam Hosn**, Chief Executive Officer, Everest, USA
- **Motoya Kitamura**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Northvillage Investment, Japan

Chaired by

- **Rishi Mehra**, Chief Executive Officer, Wishfin, India

Teaching and Using Blockchain in South East Asia

Many SE Asian nations have initiated blockchain education programmes as they have a high Internet penetration rate, over 70% of its population unbanked, and large remittances from migrant workers needing cashflow security, as does e-commerce and global supply chains. Is there any implementation hesitation across the region? Do geopolitics within the regional trade accords cause management issues? How will the regional blockchains be integrated?

- **Stan Fung**, Managing Director, FarSight Ventures, China
- **Joses Lo-Chang Hsiung**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer Winnoz Technology, Taiwan
- **Alex Witt**, Chief Financial Officer, cLabs, USA

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- **Mihaela Ulieru**, President, IMPACT Institute for the Digital Economy, USA

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In a Period of High Inflation - Be Aware of One's Wishes

There are strong hints of inflation growing across Asia as many people consider COVID to be cured – they spend accrued savings so pent-up demand outstrips supply. How will Asian governments control inflationary trends if new COVID mutations are found? Do they have novel fiscal ideas that could be applied across Asia and then world-wide?

- **Stacy Kenworthy**, Chief Executive Officer, Asylum Investment Group, USA
- **William Ting**, Director, Emerging Technologies & Special Projects, IIPCC, Hong Kong

Chaired by

- **Kenji Yokoyama**, Vice-President, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan

Asian Geopolitical Stances and Other Issues

Broad political questions face emergent India and economically strong China: prominent is global pollution and the need to meet UN/SDG goals. How might these issues be ranked, discussed and solved by the whole Asian community? What are the best discussion fora? Who might take the lead as time is short – to agree, initiate and proceed to far-reaching solutions?

- **Samrendra Mohan Kumar**, Co-founder and Managing Director, MitKat Advisory Services, India
- **Tate Nurkin**, Founder, OTH Intelligence Group LLC., USA
- **Harukata Takenaka**, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan
- **John West**, Executive Director, Asian Century Institute, Australia

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- **Francis Schortgen**, Professor, University of Mount Union, USA

Balancing Technical and Social Effects of Asian AI Potential

AI has powerful solutions for constrained problems – it can automate about half of the work across Asia that creates nearly one trillion dollars in wages. What is the social cost of this disturbance if instantly enacted? How to apply AI to ameliorate worker furlough or worklessness? What is the likely timeframe for this disruption – to commence and to be solved? Which countries will be most affected?

- **Jenny Guo**, Co-Founder, The Magnetic Project, Canada
- **Svetlana Kamyshanskaya**, Startup Advisor, Primum Law Group, USA
- **Atul Kulkarni**, Director, Eurasia Special Technologies, India
- **William R. Palaia**, Founder, Tgther, USA
- **Hidetoshi Uchiyama**, Chief Executive Officer, Unerry, Japan

Chaired by

- **Navroop Sahdev**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Digital Economist, USA

Asian Unicorns: Putting Their Money to Work

To become a new unicorn business staff have had to work hard and long. In contrast, many investors are pressing traditional firms to demand they work to create positive social and environmental outcomes: are these contrarian business goals – long hours, and sustainability? Will new unicorns turn upon themselves if they attract impact investors?

- **Stephen Edkins**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Rice Exchange, Singapore
- **Joe Hyrkin**, Chief Executive Officer, Issuu, USA
- **Angela Huang**, Founder and President, Tempo Bioscience, USA
- **Prachee Kale**, Director, The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC), USA
- **Minesh Pore**, Co-Founder & CEO, The BuyHive, Hong Kong SAR

Chaired by

- **Gurvinder Ahluwalia**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Digital Twin Labs, USA

08.58-09.00 Introduction: Welcome and Overview

Horasis welcomes participants to the 2021 Horasis Asia Meeting. Asian nations were developing rapidly, but now, COVID and its mutations have laid all equally low, and all wait for effective vaccination programs. Nevertheless, citizens pull well together, many commercial sectors are booming, with infrastructure rebuilding progressing as nations develop new political models. How are leaders in business, politics and society implementing transformative change? Where are their strengths?

Introduced by

- **Frank-Jürgen Richter**, Chairman, Horasis, Switzerland

09.00-09.45 Opening Plenary Panels

Asian Regeneration of Globalization

Asian countries are initiating infrastructure innovations to support their comprehensive free trade agreements which will initiate intense reglobalization. How will Asian nations pull together to fully support their weaker neighbors' endeavor? Where and what aid might be needed? How might COVID mutations world-wide upset the Asian nations' regeneration?

- **Joseph Chan**, Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Hong Kong SAR
- **Ramon Lopez**, Secretary of Trade and Industry, The Philippines
- **Preeti Sinha**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations

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- **Ravi Velloor**, Associate Editor, The Straits Times, Singapore

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Supporting the Underprivileged Promotes Wellbeing and Wealth

The COVID pandemic plunged millions of Asians into a new poverty trap; and until COVID is well-managed they seem to have no hope of escape. How can governments and businesses support the poor with food, education and jobs to give them hope? What are the best roadmaps, or is each nation so radically different that no generalizations apply? Is a central body needed to promote Asian post-COVID progression?

- **Sushma Paul Berlia**, President, Apeejay Stya & Svran Group, India
- **Claire Chen**, Managing Partner, SZLT-iSource Consulting Group, Taiwan
- **Edgar Bullecer**, Chief Executive Officer, Paglas Group, The Philippines
- **Alberto Furger**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Amara Holding, Indonesia
- **Howard Wu**, President, Can-Achieve, Canada
- **Zhang Jiwu**, Founder & CEO, Shanghai MeeHealth information Technology Co., China

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- **Adrian Mutton**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Sannam S4, USA

The Global Aspirations of COP26

Preceding the COP26 in Glasgow the US and China agreed to strongly reduce their pollution levels, but their actual mechanisms are not yet agreed. Will this dissuade the developing Asian nations who attend COP26? What are the politics involved? What are the odds of a breakthrough like Kyoto or Paris?

- **Kerry Adler**, Chief Executive Officer, SkyPower Global, UAE
- **Pina Hirano**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Asteria, Japan
- **Sam Pitroda**, Chairman, The Pitroda Group, USA
- **Kunihiko Shimada**, Chief Executive Officer, K S International Strategies, Japan
- **William Wescott**, Chairman, BrainOxygen, USA

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- **William Bohnett**, Chairman, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, USA

The Olympian's Tasks

Sports, especially the Olympic competitions, have an amazing power to inspire people and can promote world peace. COVID delayed the 2020 the Tokyo-hosted games for a year, yet, despite the virus mutations, the games have proved a success. What hope does the games give us – for peace and for future prosperity? Will these games enhance COVID management through a global perspective?

- **Sindhu Bhaskar**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, EST Global Inc., USA
- **David Huang**, Senior Economic Consultant, 2022 Winter Olympics, China

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- **Tsutomu Ishiai**, Deputy Managing Editor, The Asahi Shimbun, Japan

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Analyzing and Predicting Cyber-attacks

Cyber-attacks are rare, but often meaningful, and all governments and firms are at risk of anonymous digital disruption. Especially at risk are the supply chains of Asia. How to explain the relevance of these events to politicians, strategists and users? Will openly discussing solutions make the villains more devious? Should ordinary IT users worry?

- **David Armitage**, Chief Executive Officer, Velocity Solutions Group, Hong Kong SAR
- **Davis Hake**, Co-founder, Resilience, USA
- **Junaid Islam**, Partner, OODA, USA
- **Chris Painter**, President, The Global Forum on Cyber Expertise Foundation, USA

Chaired by

- **Valmiki Mukherjee**, Chairman and Founder, Cyber Future Foundation, USA

COVID Eradication and Meeting UN Goals: a Vital Balance

Everyone faces the risk of catching COVID so all nations are spending heavily on its eradication. Equally costly in the short-term are the UN goals of reducing climate change and in meeting the SDGs. How will governments meet the large fiscal burden? The poor developing economies of Asia might have to choose – but which option has the greater imperative for the common good? How can richer nations help?

- **Kate Batz**, Managing Partner, Longevity Capital, USA
- **Xin Ma,** Managing Director, TotalEnergies Ventures, France
- **Hind Abou Nasr**, Founder, Seeds, UAE
- **George Wang**, President and Chief Executive Officer, E-BI International, USA

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- **Neil Bothams**, Partner, nxt90days.com, Singapore

The 5th Industrial Revolution Across Developing Asia

Pre-COVID, many academics and business leaders were predicting the 5th Industrial Revolution (5IR) would soon arrive based on widespread 5G digitization. The large costs of the pandemic have altered global planning – when will the 5G arrive in developing Asia? What are the priorities of Eastern and Western nations? Must COVID management take priority?

- **Tadahiro Kawada**, President, Kawada Technologies, Japan
- **Li Haoyuan**, Founder and Chairman, Alluxio, USA
- **James Seng**, Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer, VOY Robotics, Singapore
- **Jitesh Shetty**, Founder, Qwiklabs (Subsidiary of Google), USA
- **Vadim Tarasov**, Partner, Advanced Autonomous Solutions Fund, Hong Kong SAR

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- **Shameem Ahsan**, General Partner, Pegasus Tech Ventures, USA

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Diversity and Impact Investing

Firms world-wide are being asked, even pushed by investors, to transform from their historic male-dominated boards and C-suites. Women have been shown to increase a firm's performance. Will enforcing a random percentage of newcomers be welcome, will they have the right skill mix and experience? And will they be willing to accept this new responsibility?

- **Sunday Adeojo**, Co-Founder, Biodry2Energy, United Kingdom
- **Natalia Blokhina**, Co-founder, Brighter Ventures Inc, USA
- **Royston Flude**, President, CSPOC, Switzerland
- **Marc Verissimo**, Executive Chairman, Lighter Capital, USA
- **Daisuke Takatsuki**, Principal, Asia Operations, CVC Capital Partners, Japan

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- **Bonnie Liao**, Executive Director, Social Enterprise Research Academy, Hong Kong SAR

Asian Innovation Clusters Post-COVID

Cluster regions in Asia are closely packed with innovators and venture capitalists with meeting areas to exchange ideas and contracts. The onset of the pandemic pushed all into home-working. How will the concept of 'the cluster' change in the hybrid working post-COVID? Do we, as social animals, still need close, casual contact to innovate?

- **Maxim Kiselev**, Chief Executive Officer, Human Capital Development Foundation, Government of Moscow, Russia
- **Andrea Monni**, Co-founder and Managing Partner, Blue Spark Hub, Singapore
- **Thian Chew**, Managing Partner, Polar Ventures, Hong Kong SAR
- **Dinesh Malkani**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Smarten Spaces, Singapore
- **Srikar Reddy**, Chief Executive Officer, Sonata Software, India

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- **Michael Yeoh**, President, KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, Malaysia

Planning for the Future in Asia as Life-Work Balance Alters

Global demographics are changing – fewer babies are born and we live longer. How are Asian governments, firms and individuals planning for the future? Will firms permit older people to work more years? Will Asian governments introduce more long-term health care for the elderly to achieve a fulfilling old age?

- **Anthony Chan**, Chairman, Gretchen, Hong Kong
- **Kewal Handa**, Chairman, Salus Lifecare, India
- **Anh Hoang**, Co-Founder, Sofregen Medical, USA
- **Sourav Sinha**, Venture Partner, Longevity Vision Fund, USA

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- **Shailendra Goswami**, Chairman and Managing Director, Pushkaraj Group, India

Educating the World's Poor

The World Bank estimate of the 740 million extreme poor, about half live in five countries, mostly across Asia; and half the total are children. How to reach to these people to offer education that initiates self-support? How to deliver electricity, hardware systems, and importantly the concept of education as a force for good? Are there any strong globally-proven models leading to change?

- **Khurram Jamil**, Co-founder and President, Area9 Lyceum, Denmark
- **Mitakshara Kumari**, Advisor, State Planning Commission, Government of Chhattisgarh, India
- **Bill Nguyen**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, ABS Institute, Vietnam
- **RL Narayanan**, Vice Chairman, Centre for Innovation in Education and Empowerment, India
- **Alec Wang**, Founder and President, Tana Investment Group, USA

Chaired by

- **Atul Temurnikar**, Executive Chairman Global Schools Foundation, Singapore

New Risk Dimensions of Centralized and Decentralized Crypto Finance

The ongoing explosive growth in digital asset trading, lending and borrowing, and new products on centralized exchanges and DeFi platforms has brought with it new risk dimensions. How to ensure adequate investor protection, control excessive leverage and stubbornly high price volatility, integrate novel types of crypto derivatives and synthetic assets, as well as to prevent abusive trading practices? And how to make cryptocurrencies a mainstream asset class.

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- **Boris Richard**, Managing Director, FTI Consulting, USA

10.30-11.15 Parallel Sessions

Asian Life-style After the Millennials and Gen-Z

Instant media, and always-connected young people have resulted in a frenzied change in Asian social attitudes. What other changes will the new Asian youth attempt – by design or by accident? Should they be advised, mentored or restricted – or is generational change simply natural? How can their potentially extreme changes be moderated?

- **Neha Berlia**, Member of Management Board, Apeejay Stya Group, India
- **Kevin Lee,** Chief Operating Officer, China Youthology, China
- **Ann Luo**, Founder, CodingGirls, Singapore
- **Rhonda Parouty**, President, Empowering a Billion Women, USA
- **Nhan Vo**, Chief Executive Officer, Empire City, Vietnam

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- **Akinori Niimi**, Chief Executive Officer, ACA Investments India, Japan

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Sustainable Regeneration of Globalization

The world needs to overcome rapidly the ravages of COVID, yet safeguard natural resources, including human ones. Will the mechanisms of trade and re-globalization based on Asia, automation, and AI regenerate too quickly for sustainability to be fully considered? Will the many UN goals be forgotten in the rush to capitalize on new opportunities? Can a future disaster be avoided?

- **Hari Eppanapally**, Founder, The CIC Group, USA
- **Rajiv Lall**, Chairman, IDFC Institute, India
- **Shachindra Nath**, Executive Chairman, Ugro Capital, India
- **Yoshiki Sasaki**, Chief Executive Officer, Japan Strategic Capital, Japan

Chaired by

- **Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai**, Executive Director, Chulalongkorn School of Integrated Innovation, Thailand

Digitization Enables Crypto-Asset Opportunities

The lightly regulated digital financial landscape attracts investors and potential high returns attract personal investors. How to protect the latter while encouraging innovation in FinTech and developing capital markets? Why are there so many retail investors in Asia, especially China? What do they risk? What do they understand about crypto-assets?

- **Abiodun Ayorinde**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Dabar Technologies, Nigeria
- **Ara Brutian**, Director, Sustainalytics, Canada
- **Mario Alberto Casiraghi**, Chief Finance and Strategy Office, Xfinite, United Arab Emirates
- **Shashidhar Kanukolanu**, Chief Executive Officer, e4e Labs, USA
- **Yemu Xu**, Co-founder, Bella Protocol, China

Chaired by

- **Paul Sanar**, Chairman, KloudGaze, USA

Reconceiving Work and Play Post-COVID

The rapid positioning of office-work into the home has disrupted office work. Yet we are social creatures, and casual chat with colleagues enhances innovation and well-being. Is this need different in Asia compared to the West? How will the post-COVID scenario evolve in the different Asian economies?

- **Harish Balan**, Chief Operating Officer Malaysia and South Africa, Startek, India
- **Lotfi EL-Ghandouri**, Founder, Creative Society Group, Spain
- **Kiran Sethi**, Chief Executive Officer, Jupiter International Corporation, Japan
- **Jim Yuan**, Co-founder and Partner, Joyview Education, China

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- **Lou Marinoff**, Professor of Philosophy, The City College of New York, USA

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Greening Cities Post-COVID

Many people have lost their jobs due to COVID and they despair. Could city management across Asia offer constructive hope by employing these able people to develop green reservations? Would such positive social support benefit individuals and create further innovation? What pathways are there to make Asian cities more habitable?

- **Ruth P. Briones**, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Greenergy Solutions, The Philippines
- **Amit Midha**, President, Asia Pacific & Japan, Global Digital Cities, Dell Technologies, Singapore

Chaired by

- **Theodore J. Waz**, Member of the Board, WEDC-Smart Cities, USA

Asian Centric Sustainable Finance in Mitigating Climate Change

The UN says greater emphasis should be placed on de-carbonizing heavy industry. Rapidly developing Asian nations must meet their UN commitments while allocating funding to reboot their economies post COVID. How will Asian governments, investors and the banking sector approach the novelty of 'green investment'? How will they support innovation for a green transformation? What are the stumbling blocks?

- **King Au**, Executive Director, Financial Services Development Council Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR
- **Kim-See Lim**, Regional Director East Asia and the Pacific, International Finance Corporation, Hong Kong SAR
- **Satoshi Ikeda**, Chief Sustainable Officer, FSA- Financial Services Agency of Japan, Japan
- **Sung-hyun Park**, Chief Strategy & Sustainability Officer, Shinhan Financial, Korea

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- **Michael Walsh**, Secretary General, PBEC, Hong Kong

Asian Leaders Renewing Purposeful COVID Solutions

Asian political and business leaders initially relied on lockdowns to halt COVID transmission: but mutations have demanded novel and purposeful management. What are the new trends? Do Asian solutions depend on local cultural solidarity and are these solutions universally applicable? If applicable, how quickly can they be deployed globally?

- **Balwant Jain**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Optimum Solutions, Singapore
- **Christian Schmitz**, Founder, PDIE - Purpose Driven Innovation, Japan

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- **Mohana Prabhakar**, Founder, Meissa Creative Services, Oman

Meaningfully Describing Asian Recovery

Economists and reporters find a graphic description useful for communication complex interactions. So, is Asia's economic recovery K-shaped? What does this mean? And does the K-graphic apply equally well across all Asian nations? Who is ahead, and will these nations aid laggards?

- **Barry Lustig**, President, Cormorant Group, Japan
- **David Milroy**, Chief Executive Officer, Carissimi, Cyprus

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- **Usman Ghani**, Chairman, ConfluCore, USA

The Arts: Contemporary Asian Art Reimagined

New forms of artistic expression develop constantly – some today as a cultural response to the pandemic, and others in reaction to the environmental conditions in Asian and the world. Asian artists throughout history have been avant-garde communicators of the continent's most pressing issues. What is Asian contemporary art? And how do Asian artists and art institutions define the post-COVID era?

• **Seelan Palay**, Visual Artist, Singapore

Chaired by

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11.15-12.00 Parallel Sessions

Developing a Diverse Higher Education Sector

International rankings, sometimes called the Olympic Games of Higher Education (HE), are a driver for universities and governments: they question their reputation, teaching modes, standards, and quality. How has the Asian governmental HE policy embraced internationalization to drive innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit? How do pan-Asian regional norms and expectations inform local educational policies?

• **Mayra Andrea**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, CIpta Graha Holding, Indonesia
• **Kartik Sharma**, Co-founder, DcodeAI, India
• **Divya Lal**, Founder and Managing Director, Fliplearn Education, India
• **Michele Notari**, Professor, Bern University of Teacher Education, Switzerland
• **Salman Ravala**, Board of Trustee, Scholarship America, USA

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• **Aditya Singh**, Director, Athena School of Management, India

Careful Refurbishing Can Curtail Pollution

Firms must plan for capital expenditure to modernize all processes from production to delivery. And new processes can deliver lower pollution if researched and integrated into old systems. How will re-engineering provide constructive changes in the labor-intensive Asian firms and be truly beneficial for the firm and the world?

• **Bernhard Bauhofer**, Founder and Managing Partner, Sparring Partners, Switzerland
• **Ichsan Ichsan**, Advisor, PT Awina Sinergi International, Indonesia
• **Murthy R Nuni**, Managing Partner, Marshal Funds, United Kingdom

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Post-COVID Business Sentiment

Developing nations across Asia are lagging in COVID vaccination rates while richer nations are looking for new economic growth. How can rich-world firms support the poorer nations? What is needed to integrate general business development and COVID management?

- **Liu Hongchuan**, Partner, Broad & Bright, China
- **Manish Pant**, Zone President for East Asia and Japan, Schneider Electric, Singapore
- **Gary Phillips**, Chief Executive Officer, OrphoMed Inc, USA
- **Steve Singer**, Partner, Greenstein, Rogoff, Olsen & Co., USA

Chaired by

- **B Thiagarajan**, Managing Director, Blue Star Limited, India

Rebuilding Trust in Institutions Post-COVID

Governments and their institutions stumbled over their reaction to the COVID pandemic: trust was rapidly lost. How can these institutions rebuild our trust? Is the nature of institutional trust different across Asia than across the Western world? How long will trust rebuilding take, even as COVID becomes better managed?

- **John Blakey**, Founder, The Trusted Executive Foundation, United Kingdom
- **Nasser Munjee**, Chairman, Development Credit Bank, India
- **Jayesh Ranjan**, Principal Secretary, Government of Telangana, India
- **Manfred Zeuch**, Vice President, Concordia University of Edmonton, Canada

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- **Metin Guvener**, Founding Chairman, The Salon, United Kingdom

Well-being – Extending this Concept for Asia

In the US, Europe and rich Asian cities disposable income is high – well-ness is sought after. How do the poor across Asia view this concept as they toil, somewhat collectively, to create a sufficiency of food? Asian health styles have created a global market of Alternative Medicine but do the Asian poor use its products? What concepts are missing that link Asian health care to universal well-being modalities?

- **Jarvous Chen**, Managing Director, Sinda Corporation UK, United Kingdom
- **Andy Habermacher**, Founder, leadingbrains, Switzerland
- **Ajay Poddar**, Managing Director, Synergy Environics, India
- **Saran Song**, Chief Executive Officer, Amru Rice, Cambodia

Chaired by

- **Petah Marian**, Founder, Future Narrative, Australia

Absorbing Young Asian Graduates in Work

China and India have a large annual graduate output – many hope to create unicorn firms, some do. The greater problem is to absorb the graduates in meaningful work. How best to employ these young who ought to be unfettered by historical ideas? Which commercial and civic sectors need the numerous graduates of India and China?

- **Seann Nelipinath**, Chairman, India Chamber of Commerce USA, USA
- **Nalin Singh**, Co-Founder & CEO, Orbit Future Academy, India
- **Tieu Yen Trinh**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Talentnet, Vietnam

Chaired by

- **Rajiv Raghunath**, Chief Executive Officer, Wellversed Media, India

How Asian Entrepreneurs Pioneer Change during COVID-19

COVID-19 is having lasting impact on entrepreneurship, both positive and negative. Those who choose to pivot will succeed whereas those who are hesitant will get disrupted. How to transform tough economic challenges into entrepreneurial opportunities? What are the beliefs, visions, and tactics of the post-COVID generation of Asian entrepreneurs and their global counterparts?

- **Greg Crichton**, Managing Director, Greater Asian Advisors Limited, Hong Kong SAR
- **Amir Hosseini**, Co-Founder, Curry Up Now, USA
- **Gaurav Chaturvedi**, Partner, Kae Capital, India
- **Shuva Mandal**, Managing Partner, Fox Mandal & Associates, India
- **Emidio Do Sacramento**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Zebiometrics, Switzerland

Chaired by

- **Deborah Biber**, Member of the Board, Pacific Basin Economic Council, Hong Kong SAR

Moderating Fake News

One universal benefit of the spread of mobile phones is that friend-to- friend contact becomes very easy. But equally easy is the insertion of false, fake and inflammatory messages that mislead us. When will social media providers check message content for veracity and delete the fakes? Is this too large a task, even for AI? Will Asian governments move first to regulate mobile phone services?

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- **Cynthia Johnson**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Bell + Ivy, USA

12.00-12.45 Plenary Panels

Shaping the New Asia

Global demographic shifts and economic migrations create new opportunities for economies. For instance, how will Asian nations balance their need to reduce COVID-related debts while accruing wealth by the state and by personal investment to support peaceful years for the elderly? How to shape the new Asia? And what role can Asian firms play to give energetic support to regional and global development?

- **Ashishkumar Chauhan**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BSE, India
- **Vijay Eswaran**, Executive Chairman, QI Group, Hong Kong
- **Herbert Chen Wu**, Managing Director, The Economist Global Business Review, China

Chaired by

- **Pranjal Sharma**, Contributing Editor, Business Standard, India

The 21st Century Goals of Japan

Japan's early isolationism ended in 1868, but it retained a strong culture. Geopolitics forces it to reconsider its global role, recognizing there is no single right answer, yet it searches for a new prosperity. How might Japan integrate itself within regional and global accords and what will it contribute uniquely?

- **Taro Kono**, Minister for Administrative Reform and Regulatory Reform, Japan

With

- **Oki Matsumoto**, Chairman, Monex Group, Japan

Chaired by

- **Akiko Fujita**, Anchor and Reporter, Yahoo Finance, USA

12.45-13.30 Plenary Panels

Asian Economic Development in Post-COVID Recovery

COVID has not changed fundamentals though global supply and demand became unbalanced. Many Asian firms survived the first COVID wave, secondary infection was severe - when will supply chains be fully rebuilt out of Asia and become stable? What novel ideas and products are supporting strong Asian economic development?

- **Nguyen Minh Vu**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam
- **Sansern Samalapa**, Vice Minister of Commerce, Thailand

Chaired by

- **tbc**

The Philippine's New Development Plans

Based on the existing 2017 – 2022 development plan which achieved strong growth, the new PDP aims to achieve the status of a middle-income country by 2022 despite the COVID setbacks: a crisis provides opportunities. What are the strengths of the 25-year vision – AmBisyon Natin 2040? How well will it integrate into SE Regional development?

- **Gregorio Honasan**, Secretary of Information and Communications Technology, The Philippines

13.30-14.15 Plenary Panels

Sustainable Asian Growth

The City of Kitakyushu has shown the way towards sustainability for Japan; and now, with RCEP, the broader region enters a new economic future combining macroeconomic policies to combat city and regional unemployment, poverty and community building. Are their models exportable into the complex relations across the Asia-Pacific region? What are the key drivers for Japan and the wider Asian region?

- **Erik Berglof**, Chief Economist, Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank, China
- **Binod K. Chaudhary**, Chairman, Chaudhary Group, Nepal
- **Naushad Forbes**, Co-Chairman, Forbes Marshall, India
- **Vinod Sekhar**, Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer, Petra Group, Malaysia

Chaired by

- **Cod Satrusayang**, Editor in Chief, Thai Enquirer, Thailand

China's Future Growth and Reforms

China, over many years, has conducted many reforms and achieved massive economic growth lifting millions from poverty. Presently its progress must take account of its COVID management. Will its massive graduate output create enough innovation to overcome the recent global economic drag? What does its future hold?

- **Roger King**, Founder and Chairman, ODS Holdings Inc., Hong Kong
- **David Pan**, Executive Dean, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University, China
- **Paul Scanlan**, Chief Transformation Officer, Huawei, China
- **Wang Dong**, Executive Director, Institute for Global Cooperation and Understanding, Peking University, China

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- **Martina Fuchs**, Anchor, CGTN, United Kingdom

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14.15-15.00 Parallel Sessions

The SDG Goal #8 Demands Decent Work for All

The onset of COVID and job insecurity in this era of late-stage capitalism hinder the achievement of SDG8. How badly has COVID affected workers in East and South-East Asia? What can be done to shore up their livelihoods through fiscal and social innovation? By how much has Asian innovation and entrepreneurship been restricted by COVID?

- **Bonnie Factor**, Co-founder, eCFulfill, The Philippines
- **Pietro Paganini**, Co-founder, Competere, Italy
- **Ofer Vexler**, Co-founder, N.AM. Technology, Israel

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- **Alejandro Reyes**, Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Being Bold About Asian Private Investment Risks

Asian nations have decided to increase infrastructure investments post-Covid to aid their growth in technology and entrepreneurship. They do not have the history of the European and American financial markets, or the knowledge span of those regulators. What are the clues and hints about rules that Asian regulators might impose? What is the knowledge to guide investors? Are investors still using gut feelings to measure opportunities and drive success?

- **Shikhar Aggarwal**, Joint Managing Director, BLS International, India
- **Mahesh M Gandhi**, Managing Director, AFII Capital, Germany
- **Hiroyuki Ohnishi**, Chief Executive Officer, Technology Seed Incubation Co., Japan
- **Leon Toh**, Executive Director, Damson Capital, Singapore

Chaired by

- **Pieter Perrett**, Professor, University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Switzerland

UN Goals Demand Gender Equality

Many cultures consider women as unequal to men despite their government's acceptance of UN goals. Even as most Asian demographics are falling some nations rebuff half their potential workforce. How will they manage their future? Will they suffer sanctions for missing some UN goals? How may their attitudes be changed?

- **Constance Agyeman,** Director, International Development, Nesta Challenges, United Kingdom
- **Ayumi Moore Aoki**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Women in Tech, France
- **Amelia Lopez Huix**, General Partner, MCI Partners, The Netherlands
- **Hedwige Nuyens**, Managing Director, International Banking Federation, United Kingdom
- **Przemek Alex Schmidt**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, GetBack, Poland
- **Deborah Wang**, Chief Executive Officer, Kingdom Investment and Development, USA

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- **Preeti Dubey**, Founder and Director, Strive High, Singapore

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Exploring the Resolve of RCEP Post-COVID

The development of new political accords spanning continents and cultures often need some years of growth and good news to enable local-area developments to grow. COVID has halted much progress. How will the Asian nations within RCEP extend their trust to achieve their goals? What are their new agendas post-COVID? Will their accords lead to deepening economic partnerships?

- **Lisa McAuley**, Chief Executive Officer, Global Trade Professionals Alliance (GTPA), Australia
- **Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz**, Founder and Fellow, CaeruleuM, USA
- **Yasunori Naito**, Chief Executive Officer, Uzabase Asia-Pacific, Singapore

Chaired by

- **Joël Ruet**, Chairman, TheBridgeTank, France

Progression Towards Cashless Societies

Asian nations aspiring to be cash-less by 2022 had a strong middle class, digital banking and strong e-commerce. COVID has intervened pushing many into poverty and delaying national digital banking. How will the poor and newly-poor survive de-cashing? What support is needed for the left-behinds of our world?

- **Mattias Bergström**, Chief Executive Officer, Quantum1Net, Spain
- **Kamales Lardi**, Chief Executive Partner, Lardi & Partner Consulting, Switzerland
- **Cherie Wang**, Founder, Planner Bee, Singapore
- **Lu Zhang**, Founder and Managing Partner, Fusion Fund, USA

Chaired by

- **Amandeep Midha**, Founder, Nerd9, Denmark

Maintaining Asia's Internet Integration Across the World

Supply chain movements rely on wireless links to check progress and security. This service must connect globally from Asia across the world. If nations build their own firewalls, commonality becomes fragile, if not lost. How can we be assured of global communications while maintaining a nation's right to control messaging? Might this prevent citizens accessing the Web and its data?

- **Danny Teal**, Chief Executive Officer, Data Logical Services, USA
- **Christoph Stueckelberger**, Founder and President, Globethics.net Foundation, Switzerland

Chaired by

- **Wolfgang Lehmacher**, Associate Director, Corporate Value Associates, Hong Kong SAR

Thriving on Diversity

The SDG goals advise governments to support their many ethnic sub-groups and preserve their languages. In the modern 'blue jeans' conformity, how do Asian governments reach out to their ethnic communities yet meet loftier common standards across the nation? Are local communities at risk?

- **Yash Chandan**, Founder, Biopapro, India
- **Stuart Hutton**, Chief Investment Officer, Simply Ethical, United Kingdom
- **Sagar Suri**, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, India
- **Riccarda Zezza**, Chief Executive Officer, Lifeed, Italy

Chaired by

- **Anuradha Agarwal**, Founder, Think North Consulting, India

Supporting Stability while Nurturing Disruptors

Asian developing nations strive to extend the concepts of stable growth to alleviate the poverty trap. Disruption through economic factors and habitat change is worrying, and digitization impossible to grasp. How to merge digital disruption into better education, health and general well-being initiatives? What to change first, how and who is best equipped to do so?

- **Alexander Athanassoulas**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Stirixis, Greece
- **Jean-Pierre Cubizolle**, Founder and Managing Director, CHC, Switzerland
- **Jennifer Huang**, Founder, Hihilulu, France
- **Martin Jakubowski**, Chairman, Seawind Ocean Technology, The Netherlands

Chaired by

- **Sudha Bhushan**, Co-Founder, Taxpert Professionals, India

Mergers and Acquisitions within Asian Trade Accords

Business leaders enjoy the progress afforded by M&A activity if they are well conceived. Are political leaders willing to enter the M&A churn to simplify the proliferation of regional trade accords? What mergers would make sense across the Asia/Pacific/African region? Which nation might lead such changes?

- **Kevin Chen**, Chief Executive Officer, Edoc Acquisition, USA
- **Li Xu**, Founder, International Mergers & Acquisitions, USA
- **Yogesh Singh**, National Co-Head of the Corporate Practice and Partner, Trilegal, India

Chaired by

- **Timothy J. Nichol**, Dean, Liverpool Business School, United Kingdom

15.00-15.45 Parallel Sessions

The New Management of Cyber-transformation

Blockchain is a broad and transformative service, of which money substitution is a small part. Many consider only crypto-coinage, and note this resource may be a hazardous bubble investment – how will regulators engage in cyber-coin management? As blockchain is the base of the crypto-services, what other rules and regulations might be suggested to manage the sector locally and internationally? When will its management be formalized?

- **Milivoje Batista**, Chief Executive Officer, AtromG8, Switzerland
- **Anton Golub**, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, flov technologies, Switzerland
- **Ted Katagi**, Chief Executive Officer, Kenja, Japan
- **Elizabeth Rossiello**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, AZA, United Kingdom
- **Swaneet Singh**, Chief Executive Officer, Mzaalo, India
- **Sam Yilmaz**, Chief Operating Officer, Bloccelerate VC, USA

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- **Girish Ramachandran**, President Asia Pacific, TCS, Singapore

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Philanthropy Makes a Difference Across Asia

There is no doubt that well-applied philanthropy has rendered considerable benefits. Might Asian donors combine with global institutions to form a needs-management action group to better administer funds? Where would aid be best applied?

- **Mounir Khouzami**, President and Co-Founder, Swiss Arab Network, Switzerland
- **Peter Lazou**, Founding Member, Otherdots Foundation, United Kingdom
- **Rajiv Luthra**, Founder and Managing Partner, Luthra & Luthra, India

Chaired by

- **Marcelo Garcia**, Founder, WisdomAccelerator.org, Switzerland

Eco-management of Mega-Infrastructures

Asian people are moving to their cities in huge numbers creating issues for health, education and logistics as families search for economic livelihoods. Can legacy city infrastructures be rescued or are new towns the answer: what are the development priorities? Are the new-town solutions valid across Asia or are their development unique to a nation? What is the timescale – to build, populate, and become a vibrant life-force?

- **Yilmaz Argüden**, Chairman, ARGE Consulting, Turkey
- **Daniela Herrmann**, Founder, Topan, Switzerland
- **Rahmyn Kress**, Founder and Managing Partner, Human Capital Network, United Kingdom
- **Simon Lovegrove**, Director, M Health Limited, United Kingdom

Chaired by

- **Andre Kwok**, Founder, Good City Foundation, Hong Kong SAR

Business Leaders and their Theories in Times of Turbulence

For many years business schools taught management development through years of global growth, wherein perturbances were brief, local and western. Now there are pandemics, with disrupted global supply chains and Asian-inspired policies. What are the new management learnings and dogma applicable in Asia? What are the themes young managers use?

- **Luis Miguel Aboitiz**, Director, Aboitiz & Co., The Philippines
- **Ciprian Dan Costea**, Member of the Board, Autonova, Romania
- **Yves Decadt**, Chief Executive Officer, BioLingus, Switzerland
- **Uwe Michel**, Executive Vice President, Allianz, Germany
- **Long Viet Nguyen**, Acting Director, Department of Science and Technology, Binh Duong Province, Vietnam

Chaired by

- **Annette Nijs**, Former Cabinet Minister for Education, Science and Culture, The Netherlands

Developing Social Innovation and Enterprise

The advent of home-working during the COVID lockdowns illustrated that massively dispersed work was possible: it also showed how we missed the sociability of work. Post-COVID, how will enterprises big and small create hybrid work modes to develop a stronger entrepreneurial spirit? Are Asian and Western hybrid theories interchangeable worldwide?

- **Suman Bose**, Principal and Co-founder, GoFar Advisory and Investments, Singapore
- **Tris Dyson**, Founder and Executive Director, Nesta Challenges, United Kingdom
- **Dariusz Gibasiewicz**, Chief Executive Officer, SATIS, Poland
- **Nkem Khumbah**, Chairman, Africa Development Futures Group, USA
- **Rufus Lidman**, Founder, AIAR EdTech, Singapore

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- **Vijay Sambamurthi**, Founder and Managing Partner, Lexygen, India

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The Rush for Clean Energy Across Asia

As the world rushes to decarbonize politicians look for cleaner energy sources. Pure hydrogen is one: some advocate using natural gas to create it, finding too late it is dirtier than coal as a primary energy source. When will governments publicize their plans to decarbonize? Are decarbonizing science breakthroughs over emphasized in terms of cost and time – or ignored?

- **Parag Agarwal**, Founder and CEO, JanaJal, Singapore
- **Andrew Bright**, Managing Director, Woodside Capital, Switzerland
- **Sergey Demin**, Chief Executive Officer, Rosatom Japan, Japan
- **Devin Narang**, Managing Director, Sindicatum Sustainable Resource, India
- **Christian Rangen**, Co-founder, Engage // Innovate, Norway
- **Natalie Samovich**, Co-founder, Enercoutim, Portugal

Chaired by

- **Shefali Rekhi**, Editor, Asia News Network, The Straits Times., Singapore

Entrepreneurship Development Across Asia

Being an innovator involves breaking the status quo. How were the financial and other massive business empires initiated and grown in Asia? What fundamentals allowed some Asian firms to achieve global dominance? What will be the effect if Asian governments restrict their innovative firm's growth? Will entrepreneurship halt?

- **Eliezer Manor**, President, Shirat Enterprises, Israel
- **Shun Nagao**, Venture Partner, White Star Capital, Japan
- **Jayanta Poddar**, Chairman and Managing Director, Decorazzi Paints & Coatings, India
- **Stephen Phillips**, Director General, Invest Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- **Sinartus Sosrodjojo**, Value Creation Advisor, Damson Capital, Singapore

Chaired by

- **Renita Kalhorn**, Executive Coach, USA

Reviewing the Belt and Road Concept

President Xi Jinping initiated the B&R Initiative in 2013 as a belt-way of roads, rails and sea-ways inter-connecting development hubs extending from China. It has grown from a Sinocentric project to one of linking most nations by trading routes and by initiating development hubs. How to increase its sustainability while developing its massive growth potentials?

- **Kolapo Lawson**, Chairman, LandAfrique Holdings, Nigeria
- **Donny Huang**, Founder and Managing Director, 4stones, China
- **Ferial Mostofi**, Chairwoman, China-Iran Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong
- **Ikram Sehgal**, Chairman, Pathfinder Group, Pakistan
- **Charles Tang**, President, Brazil China Chamber of Commerce, Brazil
- **Xiang Bing**, Founding Dean, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB), China

Chaired by

- **Winston Mok**, Private Investor and Columnist, South China Morning Post, China

Reforms Stimulate Foreign Investors

Investors in the US and the EU, partly based on fund-pumping to combat their COVID depression, react by investing in Asia, stimulated by government reforms supporting economic growth. How does the investment landscape in Asia look like? Will governments continue to be supportive beyond COVID?

- **Fred Burke**, Senior Advisor, Baker & McKenzie (Vietnam), Vietnam
- **Victor Guixer**, Managing Partner, Guixer & Partners, Spain
- **Brett Hickey**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Star Mountain Capital, USA
- **Saurabh Shukla**, Founder and Editor in Chief, NewsMobile, India

Chaired by

- **Courtney Fingar**, Editor-in-chief, Investment Monitor, United Kingdom

15.45-16.30 Parallel Sessions

The Future of Manufacturing Efficiency Across Asia

In the past Asian economic growth has been dominated by its low wage status. In the future, with a broad demographic decline forecast, Asian firms must adopt labor efficient processes furloughing many workers. How disruptive will this be? Who will supplement the loss of workers' wages – the firms, the governments or both? Are there any global exemplars of massive social support mechanisms?

- **Girish Bhagat**, Chairman, Saleri India, India
- **Clas Neumann**, Senior Vice President, SAP, China
- **Li Zhongtao**, Chief Executive Officer, Capsio Technology Co., China
- **Peter Pier**, Chief Executive Officer, Omya Asia Pacific, Singapore

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- **Zhou Yi**, Co-founder, MarvelTec, Hong Kong SAR

Mobilization of Domestic Savings Post-COVID

Generally domestic savings have boosted local economic development. However, the pandemic cut consumer spending though the savings rate increased. How may the Asian savings be put towards economic growth? How much risk is involved in that simple concept? Will this spending ultimately aid Asia's new-poor arising from COVID layoffs?

- **Mathias Ernst**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Essentia Futura International, Portugal

Chaired by

- **Bill Douglass**, Founder and Principal, Gotham Private Capital, USA

Mechanisms for Avoiding the Next Pandemic

Many leading scientists say about $30 billion spent on research might avoid the next pandemic. Many people think pandemic research is too costly, and wish to have cash-in-hand for their own benefit. How to judge what is best or right for humankind? What are our judgement criteria and how should we persuade the tax-paying citizen to research a cure for the unknown future pandemic?

- **Virginie Coulloudon**, Executive Director, Your Public Value, Germany
- **Yan Liu**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Biocaptivate, USA
- **Louis Metzger**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Deep Views Inc, USA
- **Mikhail Treyvish**, President, OmniGrade Universal Crowdsourcing Agency, Russia

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- **Murat Seitnepesov**, Chairman, Caspian Week, Switzerland

Compensating for Lost Tourism

The UN Conference on Trade and Development suggests over $4 trillion will be lost by the tourism sector from 2020 through 2021. It is worse than they expected, with South-East Asia suffering a slump of 7% in local GDP. How might governments support the direct losses and in supportive sectors like the food and beverages sectors? How to protect the newly out-of-work in the unskilled labor force?

- **Antonio Cantalapiedra**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Woonivers, Spain
- **Dinesh Dhamija**, Founder and Chairman, Copper Beech Group, United Kingdom
- **Genri Goto**, Chief Executive Officer, Kotozna Inc, Japan
- **Gulu Lalvani**, Chairman, Royal Phuket Marina, Thailand
- **Sonu Shivdasani**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Soneva, Thailand

Chaired by

- **Diana Sabrain**, Co-founder, OneAgrix, Singapore

Expanding Japan's Free Trade Agreements in Asia

Japan has greatly increased its FTAs to enhance global trade: perhaps most crucial is the development of multi-lateral free trade within the Asian region. What are the pros and cons of FTAs for Japan external to Asia? Is such a single nation review meaningful when material and subtle benefits accrue to a region? How can global institutions aid multi-literalism?

- **Asif Iqbal**, President, Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO), India
- **Noritaka Kobayashi**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Bajji, Inc, Japan
- **Tatsuya Masubuchi**, Chief Executive Officer, HighNetWorthLab, Japan

Chaired by

- **Tomohiko Taniguchi**, Professor, Keio University Graduate School of System Design and Management, Japan

How Sustainable is the Post-COVID Economic Reform?

Governments across Asia are pumping cash to households and businesses to help them survive the COVID crisis. They don't seem concerned about sovereign debt repayment – but will a rise in future taxes be an acceptable outcome? Central bankers seem to be permitting a rise in inflation –how will this effect out-of-work individuals?

- **Nico Anten**, Executive Chairman, Connekt, The Netherlands
- **Peter Brimble**, Private Sector Development Adviser, DaNa Facility, United Kingdom
- **James Sun Chen**, Chief Executive Officer, Harvest Global Investments, Hong Kong SAR
- **Dwight N. Hopkins**, Founding Director, ESG Research Initiative Center at the University of Chicago, USA
- **Stanley Loh**, Chief Executive Officer, World Capacity Builders, Canada

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- **Richard Rekhy**, Member of the Board, KPMG, UAE

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Enumerating the Risks of Supply and Demand for Energy

As Asian nations develop their industry and individuals demand more electrical power. They ought also to meet the UN SDGs and climate change goals. Where is the balance? Who will bear the brunt of the many changes? Will anyone be brave enough, or be permitted, to publish an honest evaluation of the costs and probable effects of meeting or missing the goals?

- **Pranav Bhanage**, Chief Executive Officer, Petronas Lubricant (India), India
- **Camille Levy**, President Asia Pacific, Howden, Singapore
- **Scott Mackin**, Managing Partner, Denham Capital Management, United Kingdom
- **Rajiv Mathur**, Managing Director, The Fuel Delivery, India
- **Sreekanth Venkataraman**, Energy Consulting Practice Lead, The Digital Economist, USA

Chaired by

- **Ananda Setiyo Ivannanto**, Chief Executive Officer, A-Wing Group, Indonesia

Leveling the Playing Field – the Global 15% Minimum Tax Rate

Almost all nations and jurisdictions world-wide have committed to merge this new accord into their own systems. What will be its effect be on the developing nations of Asia? Will a higher corporate tax slow inwards investment? Will existing low tax regimes agree to lift their current rates? Why did the G20 (comprising mainly of rich nations) agree to this change in July 2021?

- **Miguel Reynolds Brandão**, Founder, Corkbrick Europe, Portugal
- **Michael Durrie**, Founding Partner, LHD Associates, Germany
- **Alok Patnia**, Managing Partner, Taxmantra Global, Singapore

Chaired by

- **Arun Sharma**, President, Grovepike Associates, USA

Asians as Futurists

Asian innovation seems to accelerate – even within globally desynchronized pandemic waves. Economies are pressed by the COVID mutations. How will the new Asian revolutionary technology - AI and so on - impact the Asian world which hosts massive populations? How will their economies, geopolitics and organizations change? What technologies might rise to the fore?

- **Bernard Moon**, Co-founder and Partner, SparkLabs Group, USA
- **Jonathan Savoir**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Quincus, Singapore
- **Sudhir Sharma**, Chairman, Mitkat Advisory Services, India

Chaired by

- **Benjamin J. Butler**, Co-Founder, Quantum Futures, Hong Kong

Movies and Cinema: Exploring New Avenues for Impact

The COVID-19 had profound repercussions on the movie industry. As filmmakers and artists are struggling to get back on set, the cinema world is also witnessing rapid transformations with the advent of online streaming platforms. How can filmmakers adapt to this new changing environment? What role can artists play to foster greater social good and impact?

- **Benjamin Galazzo**, Founder and Producer, Primo Pictures, Singapore

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16.30-17.15 Plenary Panels

Lifting the Playing Field – India's Universal Goals

India agreed in 2015 to the Paris Accord and to the UN/SDGs both having target dates of 2030. Yet, well before 2015 India was embarking on an ambitious growth path across 29 states and 7 union territories: it is doing well, but COVID has delayed growth. What are the outstanding needs across India? By when will these be addressed? How well will it integrate through Asia and globally towards a better future?

- **Suresh Prabhu**, India's Sherpa to the G7 and G20, India

With

- **Harshvardhan Neotia**, Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group, India
- **C K Ranganathan**, Founder and Chairman, CavinKare, India

Introduced by

- **Rekha Sethi**, Director General, All India Management Association (AIMA), India

Chaired by

- **Sunil Kant Munjal**, Chairman, Hero Corporate Services, India

Indonesia's Net Zero Emission Ambition

Governing a nation of islands is difficult considering the challenge for decarbonization of the energy sector – yet Indonesia continues to address its net zero emission goals 2060 as a national priority, and seeks partnerships to facilitate the challenges of meeting those goals and the Paris Accord. What are the significant issues specific to Indonesia's position in SE Asian region with respect to meeting the net zero emission goals? How will they be solved?

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17.15-18.00 Closing Plenary: Enhancing Asian Sustainability

Asia has shown how management foresight can create transforming regional trade accords to become exemplars of sustainability. How to explain and sell the idea of continued green growth when some institutions and individuals remain skeptical? What new mind-set is needed to create truly sustainable growth?

- **Bo Inge Andersson**, Chief Executive Officer, Uzauto Motors, Uzbekistan
- **Kris Gopalakrishnan**, Chairman, Axilor Ventures, India
- **Ranil Wickremesinghe**, Former Prime Minister, Sri Lanka

Chaired by

- **Rosalind Mathieson**, Executive Editor, International Government News, Bloomberg, UK

18.00-18.05 Summary: The Asian Regeneration Post-COVID

Asian governments are considering how to regenerate stability and growth – not only of wealth, but across the fundamentals of education, food and water security and well-being while building from the ravages of COVID. The future looks good. How will this be addressed by the Asian community? What have we learned from this Horasis Asia Meeting?

Summarized by

- **Frank-Jürgen Richter**, Chairman, Horasis, Switzerland
- **Vinod Sekhar**, Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer, Petra Group, Malaysia

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18.05-18.15 Announcing the 2022 Horasis Asia Meeting

The 2022 Horasis Asia Meeting will take place in Kitakyushu, Japan over 28-29 November. Kitakyushu City. The Mayor of Kitakyushu will give an overview of the meeting.

• **Kenji Kitahashi,** Mayor of Kitakyushu, Japan

18.15-19.00 Closing Parallel Sessions

Leveraging Technology for Social Impact Across Asia

Technology has always been a driver of change but it requires a purpose to serve the greater public good. Within the COVID-isolation many innovators have been stifled and their creativity is unfulfilled. Are their distinctly Asian ways to embrace technology to achieve real social impact? How to judge what may be best for our future? Might the successes be utilized globally?

• **Tim Kobe**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Eight Inc, Singapore
• **Xin Chen**, Co-founder, HB Capital, Germany
• **Steven Klemencic**, Managing Director, Ankura, USA
• **Michele Mosca**, Co-founder and President, evolutionQ Inc, Canada
• **Nguyen Anh Tuan**, Chief Executive Officer, Boston Global Forum, USA

Chaired by

• **Philipp Mueller**, Head Core Government EMEA, Amazon Web Services, Germany

Explaining the Unknown: Accepting Artificial Intelligence

AI vastly reduces human intervention across many industrial, commercial, scientific and service sectors. The AI systems still need training systems to become 'intelligent'. How can we judge the results of AI systems if their training data base is biased by the national blocking and filtering of their Web services?

• **Jeh Daruvala**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Yactraq Online, Canada
• **Frida Polli**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder, pymetrics, USA
• **Ed Sewell**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Velocity AI, USA
• **Amir Yaar**, Chief Executive Officer and Partner, Evolution Water, Israel

Chaired by

• **David Bruemmer**, Chief Strategy Officer, NextDroid, USA

The Arts: Having a Critical Role Post-COVID

Creative artists express modes of enquiry that may translate our knowledge into impactful social awareness – an important learning post-COVID. How may we imagine a multi-disciplined approach that will break siloed thinking about recovery modes to build into a new artistic vibrancy? How will artists develop a new renascence for the world's benefit? Who is opening these opportunities for change?

• **Motti Abramovitz**, Founder, Bruno Art Group, Israel
• **Hwa Hyun Kim**, Artist, Korea
• **Xiaokun Sunny Qiu**, Founder, ArtsRouge International, China
• **Piyarat Piyapongwiwat**, Multidisciplinary Artist, Thailand
• **Tarana Sawhney**, Chairperson, CII Taskforce on Arts & Culture, India

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• **Denise Tsui**, Managing Editor, CoBo Social, Hong Kong SAR

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Story Telling: A Rich Picture of the Future

For long the Asian storyteller has been an accepted thorn in the side of the powerful. There have been epic tales and fantasies, and there are prophesies that will become epic if proved correct. What do today's storytellers foretell of our future? What are the rules for the judges? Which tales ought we to heed and why?

- **Zurab Ashvil**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, L3COS, United Kingdom
- **Fergus Bell**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Fathm, United Kingdom
- **Ned Cloonan**, Chairman, Ned Cloonan Associates, USA

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- **John Cook**, Chairman, Rock Lake Associates, Switzerland

Falling GDP Growth of China's Maturing Economy

It has been observed as economies mature their GDP growth falls: China ought to be no exception to this rule of thumb. What worries the Chinese strategists? Might it be their fear of national inertia having set growth, innovation and entrepreneurship as paramount - is its headlong pace too strong? Is Chinese society changing too rapidly – what will be its new characteristics if left unfettered?

- **Craig Allen**, President, US-China Business Council, USA
- **Harry Hui**, Founder and Managing Partner, ClearVue Partners, China
- **Wang Huiyao**, Founder & President, Center for China & Globalization, China
- **Chip Zhu**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Keystone Capital, China

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COVID-proofing of Asian Businesses

In chaotic times rapid strategy re-formulation is often needed. How have Asian businesses found the time for this during the waves of the pandemic? Where did they do it, as attending a retreat was not possible, or was via a dispersed digitally moderated Board room? Has working from home reduced Asian innovation and entrepreneurship overall?

- **Trista Bridges**, Principal and Co-founder, Read the Air, Japan
- **Michael Johnston**, Member of the Board, The Capital Group Companies, USA
- **Santosh Kaveti**, Chairman and Founder, ProArch, India
- **Toshihiro Toyoshima**, Chief Executive Officer, Mercuria Investment Co., Japan

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- **Niraj Sharan**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Aura, India

Changing the Overwork Culture

Once only Japan's males suffered increasing suicide numbers through overworking - now it is a global and gender-free issue. The WHO thinks a third of all deaths are due to overwork, and the COVID pandemic has increased its overall risk. Will firms grasp the idea that such work pressure is absolutely wrong? How will they manage their staff's mental health – what are the first steps?

- **Preeyam Budhia**, President, Business Development, Patton Group of Companies, India
- **Sunil Nihal Duggal**, Chief Visionary Officer, Twenty 4 Ventures Group, India
- **Sanjoe Jose**, Chief Executive Officer, Talview, USA
- **Zheng Wanshi**, Group Chief Strategy & Planning Officer, Frasers Property, Singapore

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Reducing the Panic of Logistics Providers

The COVID pandemic within the trade disputes between the US, Europe and China have almost halted global supply chains. Boats and containers, supply and demand are all misbalanced. By when will new ventures ameliorate the global situation so raise global GDP? Is it more than recreating trust between all parties? What level of COVID cases will be tolerated nation by nation for the benefit of all? Who will lead the global renewal process?

- **Rafael Cascales**, President, Spanish Association for Foreign Trade and International Business Professionals, Spain
- **Yurong Li**, Chief Executive Officer, Lipatech, USA
- **Hugo Roppel**, Chairman, GLG Logistics Systems, Switzerland
- **Shamika Sirimanne**, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Switzerland
- **Rohan Shetty**, Co-founder, Icon Maritime Technologies Group, USA

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- **Alexander R. Malaket**, President, OPUS Advisory Services International Inc, Canada

Sustainability of Brands Post-COVID

COVID management has created a subtlety about sustainability – via the media consumers are advised to support brands that incline to environment, sustainability and governance end-to-end through their supply chains. Will these brands be more or less sustainable in a fully recovered future when demand is increased? What more is needed to encourage deep sustainability?

- **Gary Barker**, Chief Executive Officer, Ditto Sustainable Brand Solutions, USA
- **Jessie Dong**, Founder, Joowaa, China
- **Firdaus Kharas**, Chairman, Chocolate Moose Media, Canada
- **Yasho Saboo**, Founder and Managing Director, KDDL-Taratec, India

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- **Rachel Catanach**, President Greater China, FleishmanHillard, Hong Kong SAR

Asian Strategies in the Digital Pandemized Age

In theory goods are created, offered and delivered via a flexible seamless mesh of digitally facilitated producers, logistics and FinTech firms. Many small firms across Asia are not fully digitized. How will these firms change their structures and strategies to compete for virtual personnel, services, and goods in a world broken into isolated lockdown cells by COVID-19, or by a future pandemic?

- **Terry von Bibra**, Director, Numenos, Germany
- **Susanne Hannestad**, Chief Executive Officer, Fintech Mundi, Norway
- **Daniel Koppelkamm**, Managing Partner, Convergence Partners, Switzerland
- **Andrew McGregor**, Director and Founder, Oomvelt Research, USA
- **Neelima Parasker**, President and Chief Executive Officer, SnapIT Solutions, USA

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- **Louis Li**, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Founder Ventures, China

Envisioning Asia's Future Digital Economy

The ways in which Asian citizens connect with others is being transformed through digital technologies despite the rigors of COVID. How to embrace technological disruption as well as maintaining a natural caution about novel solutions? And how to shape systems offering a wide-spread open navigation leading to fully digitized and integrated Asian economies?

- **Chevy Beh**, Founder, BookDoc, Malaysia
- **Nadine Bruder**, Founder, JUST DAMN RIGHT, Germany
- **Sanjeev Kumar**, Chief Executive Officer, D+O Group, United Kingdom
- **Rob Leslie**, Founder, Sedicii, Ireland
- **Trieu Nguyen**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, PrimeData.ai, Vietnam
- **Jordi Ràfols**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Innoget, Spain

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- **Arvind Sethumadhavan**, Founder, The AI Living Lab, Singapore

Solutions for an Impact-led Recovery

The impact of COVID-19 on Asia has been enormous; however, in adversity there is opportunity. Although Asian firms and institutions are furloughed, some are seizing the moment to realign profit with social and environmental impact. Who will lead an Asian regeneration based on impact investing principles? How can Asian firms be globally integrated?

- **Blessing Ayemhere**, Chief Executive Officer, Umugini Pipeline Infrastructure, Nigeria
- **Calvin D'souza**, Associate Managing Director, Kroll, Canada
- **Christine Koetsier**, Chief Executive Officer, GEM Partners, The Netherlands
- **Marina Schmatova**, Member of the Scientific Council, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, Russia

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- **Serge Dumont**, Chairman, Boston Management Ltd., Hong Kong

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Horasis Community Building

Each participant will be randomly matched with another to speak for 5 minutes by video, then become paired with another, and so on. By these mechanisms' delegates will become acquainted with others of a like mind - exchanging ideas, and potentially creating partnerships.