

**AJC to host ASEAN's 54th Anniversary Virtual Symposium
"ASEAN Economic and Social Regional Integration in the New Normal" on 27 August 2021**

The ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) will organize ASEAN's 54th Anniversary Virtual Symposium on "ASEAN Economic and Social Regional Integration in the New Normal" on 27 August 2021. It will be co-organized with the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo, a committee of ten Japan-based ASEAN ambassadors, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (TBC) and the International Peace Foundation.

At the symposium, 2007 Nobel Laureate in Economics, Professor Eric S. Maskin, Adams University Professor and Professor of Economics and Mathematics at Harvard University, will deliver a keynote speech. It will be followed by a panel discussion among prominent officials from ASEAN, including the ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General for Community and Corporate Affairs, and experts from universities in Japan, where they will exchange viewpoints and discuss about globalization and inequality in ASEAN under the new normal.

AJC is an intergovernmental organization established by the ASEAN Member States and Japan in 1981, with objectives to promote trade, investment, tourism as well as people-to-people exchanges between the ASEAN Member States and Japan. AJC has been organizing the ASEAN Anniversary Symposium since 2017 to commemorate the establishment of ASEAN, bringing together ASEAN stakeholders and the Japanese public and private sectors to discuss the current issues in ASEAN.

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[Details of the Symposium]

Date / Time: 27 August 2021, 11:00 am -1:00 pm (Japan Time)

Venue: Online (Zoom)

Programme:

- Opening Remarks
H.E. Mr. WASHIO Eiichiro, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

- Welcome Remarks
H.E. Mr. Peter Tan Hai Chuan
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Singapore to Japan, Chairperson of ASEAN Committee in Tokyo

- Message
H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN

- Keynote Speech
Professor Eric S. Maskin Adams
University Professor and Professor of Economics and Mathematics at Harvard University, 2007 Nobel Laureate in Economics

- Panel Discussion
Facilitator:
Mr. FUJITA Masataka, Secretary General, ASEAN-Japan Centre

Panelists:
 - (1) Professor Eric S. Maskin, 2007 Nobel Laureate in Economics
 - (2) H.E. Mr. Tran Duc Binh, Deputy Secretary General for Community and Corporate Affairs, ASEAN
 - (3) Dr. Rafaelita M. Aldaba, Undersecretary, Department of Trade and Industry, Republic of the Philippines
 - (4) Professor TAKAMURA Yukari, Professor of Law/Environmental Studies, Institute for Future Initiatives, the University of Tokyo
 - (5) Professor SHIMIZU Kazushi, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Kyushu University

- Q&A Sessions
- End of the programme

Language: English (with Japanese simultaneous interpretation)
Fee: Free of charge
Organizer: ASEAN-Japan Centre
Co-organizers: ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Committee in Tokyo
Supporters: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
 Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (TBC)
 International Peace Foundation

For the latest information and registration, please visit the AJC website as below.

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(Closing date and time: 9:00 am, JST, 26 August 2021)

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