

Asia Leadership Fellow Program Reunion Conference 2005

Asia as a Community: Concept or Reality?

June 26-30, 2005

Hotel Okura, Fukuoka / Marriott Hotel, Busan

Schedule

June 26 (Sunday)

Fellows arrive in Fukuoka

Optional visits (accompanied by local volunteer guides)

Course 1: Tea Ceremony at Shofukuji (the oldest Zen temple in Japan)

Course 2: Citizens' Disaster Prevention Center, City Public Library & Fukuoka City Museum

Course 3: (leave hotel at 3 pm) Fukuoka Asian Art Museum & Hakata Machiya Folk Museum

Welcoming reception (self-introductions, etc.)

June 27 (Monday)

Introduction

Komatsu Jun'etsu (Japan Foundation/International House of Japan)

Lee Jong Won (ALFP Advisory Committee)

Session I (plenary session): **Asia as a Community: Concept or Reality?**

"Naming Places" by **Goenawan Mohamad** (Indonesia, 1997)

"An 'Asian' Woman? A Feminist Exploration of the Dynamics of Regionalism and Regional Identity" by **C. Sepali Kottegoda** (Sri Lanka, 2004)

Moderator: **Diana Wong** (Malaysia, 1998)

Lunch

Session II (group sessions)

Group 1: An Asian Community?—Transcending Borders and Politics

"ASIAN COMMUNITY: Too Many Border Disputes and Stateless Persons" by **Arnold Azurin** (Philippines, 1996)

"Rice Are Us: Some Unfinished Musings on Asian Identity"
by **Faye Chungfang Fei** (China, 2004)

Discussant: **Chung Chin-Sung** (Korea, 2003)

Moderator: **Kwok Kian-Woon** (Singapore, 1996)

Group 2: An Asian Community?— Listening to Alternative Voices

“Islam and Happiness” by **Maznah Binti Mohamad** (Malaysia, 2002)

“Happiness and Development” by **Kinley Dorji** (Bhutan, 2004)

Discussant: **Hamid Basyaib** (Indonesia, 2003)

Moderator: **Suwanna Satha-Anand** (Thailand, 1998)

Session III (open session): An Asian Community?—Transcending Time and Memory

“War and Remembrance in Northeast Asia” by **Kan Hideki** (guest speaker; Professor, Seinan Jogakuin University)

“Museums as Battleground in Asian Contests Over Memory”

by **Marian Pastor Roces** (Philippines, 2003)

Discussant: **Liu Xin** (China, 1998)

Moderator: **Ota Yoshinobu** (Japan, 1997)

Buffet Reception (with Fukuoka City officials, local academics and NPO/NGO staff)

June 28 (Tuesday)

Session IV (plenary session): ‘Media Storm’: Making Asian Voices Heard

“Why the Western Media Dominates” by **Janadas Devan** (Singapore, 1998)

(read by **Marites D. Vitug**, Philippines, 1999)

“Migrants in the News: Re-framing Media Coverage of Transborder Migration”

by **David Celdran** (Philippines, 2001)

Discussant: **Sanitsuda Ekachai** (Thailand, 1999)

Moderator: **Kinoshita Reiko** (Japan, 2002)

Session V (plenary session): Asia—Where to?

(Reports from the two group sessions of the previous day)

Moderator: **Vinod Raina** (India, 2002)

Lunch

Leave Hotel for Hakata Port International Terminal by taxi

Leave Fukuoka by ‘Beetle #109’ (hydrofoil)

Arrive at Busan International Passenger Terminal

Move to Haeundae by bus

June 29 (Wednesday)

Session VI (plenary session): *ALFP—Where to?*

Moderator: **Urvashi Butalia** (India, 2000)

Lee Jong Won (ALFP Advisory Committee)

On the issue of post-ALFP Projects by **Ann Lee** (Malaysia, 2001)

Lunch

Leave Hotel by bus

Visit the Democracy Park & Optional Tour (bus and guide provided by the Busan City Hall)

- a. History Course (UN Memorial Cemetery; Busan Museum)
- b. Civil Movement Course (Mulmangol Community; Beautiful Store)

Farewell Dinner at ‘Idaegum’ (Korean traditional-style restaurant) in the International Market area with Busan City officials, local academics and NPO staff

June 30 (Thursday)

Fellows’ departure