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3:00  Remarks: Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
Remarks: Mr. Nobuhiko Kawamoto, ABAC member, Japan; Executive Advisor, Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

Session 1: Structural Reform in the APEC Region
To address how member economies’ structural reform efforts have contributed to promoting trade and investment in the APEC region. Selected APEC member economies will present experiences to be shared and will reveal the positive and negative aspects of structural reform.

Session Moderator
Mr. Satoru Satoh
Japan’s Senior Official for APEC, Deputy Director General, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Speakers
Overview of Structural Reform in the APEC Region
- Prof. Robert Scoltay
  Director, APEC Study Center, University of Auckland, New Zealand

Economy report: Thailand
- Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee
  Former Minister of Commerce of Thailand; Chairman, MFC Asset Management Plc.

Economy report: Mexico
- Dr. Elsa Mariscal
  Deputy Head of International Affairs, Federal Competition Commission, Mexico

10:00-12:30
Session 2: Promoting Regulatory Reform in APEC Economies
Leading Economy: Japan
To exchange experiences and lessons learned from regulatory reform. Japan will present its recent program “Special zones for Structural Reform.” Other economies will also present their experiences and views.

Session Moderator
Mr. Steve French
Department of State for Regulatory Reform and Special Zone for Structural Reform, Japan

Speakers
- Mr. Kazuhiro Kake
  Minister of State for Regulatory Reform and Special Zone for Structural Reform, Japan

- Mr. Shunichiro Ushijima
  Adviser, Economic and Social Research Institute, Cabinet Office, Japan

- Dr. Nobuhiro Yoshino
  President, Japan Center for Economic Research

- Mr. George Shaw
  Principal Officer, Economic Planning Division, Department of the Taoiseach, Ireland

12:45-14:30
Lunch Break

Session 3: Corporate and Banking Sector Reform
Leading Economy: United States of America

Session Moderator
Dr. Choong Yong Ahn
Chair of the APEC EC (Economic Committee); President of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

10:15-11:30
Panel 1: Successful Corporate Restructuring and Its Benefits - Case Studies
Speaker
Dr. Yong-Kyoo Shin
Former Executive Vice President, Korea Asset Management Corporation

Panelists
- Mr. Kanzuhiko Toyama
  Executive Managing Director & Chief Operating Officer, Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan

- Mr. Tomoaki Tasaku
  Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Financial Advisory Services, Japan

11:30-12:50
Panel 2: Identifying Critical Functions in Effective Corporate Governance
Speaker
Mr. Gordon Thiessen
Chairman, Canadian Public Accountability Board and Former Governor of the Bank of Canada

Panelists
- Dr. Nik Ramiah Mahmood
  Director for Market Policy and Development at the Securities Commission of Malaysia

- Prof. Joseph Fan
  Professor, the Chinese University of Hong Kong; World Bank/Asian Development Bank Consultant

12:30-14:30
Session 4: Promoting Structural Adjustment in APEC Economies
Leading Economy: Australia
To demonstrate how rewards can be obtained from undertaking sometimes difficult reforms, with case studies in the agricultural and industrial sectors.

Session Moderator
Mr. Steve French
General Manager, Competition and Consumer Policy Division, Australian Department of the Treasury

Speaker
- Dr. Choong Yong Ahn
  Executive Managing Director & Chief Operating Officer, Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan

- Mr. Eiichi Hasegawa
  Former Minister of Commerce of Thailand; Chairman, MFC Asset Management Plc.

- Dr. Choong Yong Ahn
  Director General, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

14:30-16:00
Session 5: Strengthening Investors’ Confidence (Promoting Fair and Transparent Legal Environment)
Leading Economy: Japan
The session will consist of presentations by both the business and public sectors. The session aims to promote discussions on fostering legal conditions favorable to business throughout the region.

Session Moderator
Mr. Ichiro Hasegawa
Japan’s Senior Official for APEC, Deputy Director General for International Trade Policy, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

Speakers
- Fair and Transparent Legal Environment for Businesses
  - Mr. Masayuki Ota
    Deputy President, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Japan

- Structural Reform for Creating an FDI Friendly Environment
  - Dr. Wan-Soon Kim
    Ombudsman, the Office of the Investment Ombudsman, Korea

- Administrative License Law and other Commercial Law Reforms
  - Mr. Banzhong Du
    Deputy Director of Administrative Law Division, Ministry of Commerce, China

15:30-16:45
Concluding Session (Roundtable Discussion): How to promote Structural Reform in the APEC Region
(Queen Hall, 3rd Floor)
Closed Session: Speakers, Panelists and APEC Officials are invited to this session.

Session Moderator
Mr. Satoru Satoh
Japan’s Senior Official for APEC, Deputy Director General, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Speakers
- Mr. Richard Hecklinger
  Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

- Mr. Alan Bowman
  Chair of the APEC CTI (Committee on Trade & Investment); Director, Asia-Pacific Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada