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Subject Fw: Asia Society Invitation: 37th Williamsburg Conference

For logging pls. Thks.

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Subject Asia Society Invitation: 37th Williamsburg Conference



January 15, 2009

Ambassador Vijay Nambiar
Under Secretary-General
United Nations

Dear Ambassador Nambiar,

Sir,

You are being invited to attend the Williamsburg Conference organized by the Asia Society in Japan in May 2009.

How would you like to respond?

*Let us see
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to request*

Together with the Williamsburg Conference Executive and Steering Committees, it is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2009 Williamsburg Conference which will take place in Fukuoka, Japan, from May 27-29, 2009. The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) will serve as the local host and co-organizer of the Conference. The Japanese Committee of the Williamsburg Conference, under the able leadership of Mr. Sumitaka Fujita of ITOCHU Corporation, is excited to work together with JIIA and the Asia Society toward a successful Conference. We are extremely excited about bringing the Conference back to Japan at this most interesting time in world history.

The Conference will focus on forging the next phase of U.S.-Asia relations, and will examine crucial topics such as U.S. - Asia policy under the new Obama's Administration, the evolving regional architecture, and climate change. We anticipate not only engaging in a lively exchange of ideas, but also developing a strong community of top leaders from across the region committed to addressing them. Please find attached a list of select conference invitees for your reference.

The event will begin with a dinner and keynote address on the evening of Wednesday, May 27th and conclude, on the afternoon of Friday, May 29th. The Conference organizers will provide for your accommodation and local hospitality during the Conference. Participants normally cover their own travel costs to and from the

Conference.

We hope you can be a part of this exciting event at this critical moment in the region's development. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to attend by submitting the attached early registration form. If you have any questions regarding the Conference, please contact Hee-Chung Kim via e-mail at hkim@asiasoc.org or fax at 212-327-2280.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



Vishakha N. Desai
President



The 37th Williamsburg Conference

Fukuoka, Japan – May 27-29, 2009

Asia Society is pleased to inform you that the 37th Williamsburg Conference will take place May 27-29, 2009 at the JAL Resort Sea Hawk Hotel Fukuoka in Japan. The focus of the discussion will be forging the next phase of U.S. -Asia relations.

Please mark your calendar, we'll be in touch with further details in January. To secure your seat at the meeting please fill out the early registration form below and return it along with other required information at your earliest convenience. We are pleased to provide you with the following information on arrangements for the 37th Williamsburg Conference.

Conference Venue & Accommodation

The organizers will provide hotel accommodations (room + tax) at the **JAL Resort Sea Hawk Hotel Fukuoka** for all participants for two nights from Wednesday, May 27th through Friday, May 29th. Please fill out the registration form attached in order to reserve a room and return it to Ms. Hee-Chung Kim (e-mail: hkim@asiasoc.org / Fax: (212) 327-2280).

JAL Resort Sea Hawk Hotel Fukuoka

Address: 2-2-3 Jigyohama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 810-8650, Japan

Phone: 81-92-844-8111

Website: <http://www.hawkstown.com/hotel/english/>

Select Participants

Shaukat Aziz, Former Prime Minister, Pakistan (invited)
Gareth Evans, President, International Crisis Group
Han Sung-joo, President, Asan Institute of Policy Studies
Richard Holbrooke, Chairman, Asia Society
Anwar Ibrahim, member of Parliament, Malaysia (invited)
Tommy T.B. Koh, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

Justin Yi-Fu Lin, Chief Economist, World Bank (invited)
 Amartya Sen, Professor of Economic and Philosophy, Harvard University (invited)
 Orville Schell, Arthur Ross Director, Center on U.S.-China Relations, Asia Society

Registration Form Participant Contact Information

Name	First / Given Name	Middle	Last / Family Name	
Honorifics				
(Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. etc.)				
Position				
Affiliation				
Address	Street			
	City	State	Postal Code	Country
Phone/Fax				
E-mail				

Biographical Data & Electronic Photo:

Please submit your brief (5-7 sentences) biography, contact information, and electronic photo (a jpg file, no bigger than 150KB) to be used in the Conference book via e-mail to Hee-Chung Kim (hkim@asiasoc.org).

Please return the form to Hee-Chung Kim at hkim@asiasoc.org or fax (212)327-2280