

AsiaForum

The Asia Forum of Wellington

The Asia Forum in 2001

The Asia Forum brings together people in Wellington with a scholarly and informed interest in contemporary Asian affairs. It draws on a wide range of opinion leaders and has members of the diplomatic, government, political, academic, business and private communities. The Asia Forum was launched in 1997 and is currently coordinated by Farib Sos. He is assisted by a loose grouping of colleagues including Athol Mann, Douglas Day, Donald Kirkcaldie and Sokha Mey. Tim Beal handles communications with members and maintains the webpages. The Asia Forum complements, and cooperates with the NZ Institute of International Affairs, the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce and the education institutions in Wellington, although our emphasis is on off-the-record discussion in Wellington. Our objective is to stimulate informed debate and exchange of views on Asian issues amongst opinion leaders.

The 2001 programme continued the format of previous years with a range of high profile speakers from New Zealand and abroad. Most meetings were held in the offices of leading law firms Bell Gully Buddle Weir, or Russell McVeagh McKenzie Bartlett & Co and their hospitality and generosity was much appreciated.

Supportive Donation

The Asia Forum has benefited greatly from the support of various organisations, notably Bell Gully and Russell McVeagh in generously providing venues and refreshments. However, there are certain running costs, especially pertaining to communications, which have to be covered. The Asia Forum is therefore seeking donations from organisations or individuals who support our objectives and who wish to join with us in providing an opportunity for informed and stimulating discussion of contemporary Asian issues amongst opinion leaders in Wellington.

Those interested in considering donating should contact Farib Sos, whose contact details are below.



The meetings in 2001 were:

14 February

HON PHILIP BURDON

Chairman, Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand

The Future of APEC - a personal view

15 March

RIZALINO S NAVARRO

Special Envoy of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

Restoring Confidence in the Philippines

20 March

PETER ADAMS

Director, Development Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

China in the Year of the Snake

3 April

HON MARIE HASLER

National Opposition's spokesperson on Immigration and Population

Are we an immigrant-friendly country?

29 May

HON PETER DUNNE, MP

Leader, United Future Party; MP for Ohariu-Belmont

NZ's One-China policy: an outmoded hangover of the Cold War

26 June

HE CHEN MINGMING

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

One China Principle and the Taiwan Issue

18 July

GERALD HENSLEY

Former Secretary of Defence

New Zealand Security - Does Asia Matter?

6 August

GRAHAM KELLY, MP

Chair, Parliamentary Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
(with Rev Don Borrie, Dr Tim Beal, Dr Stephen Epstein, Mr Verne Winitana)

North Korea: implications of current developments for New Zealand

21 August

ANDREW RENTON-GREEN

School of Politics, Victoria University of Wellington

Indonesia's future- fragmentation, implosion or status quo?

25 September

BRUCE BROWN

Former Director, NZIIA

NZ and Asia: some further recollections and current reflections

31 October

TAN KENG JIN

Singapore High Commissioner

Singapore, New Zealand's CEP Partner

21 November

MAARTEN WEVERS

Business Development Manager (Government), NZ Post Ltd

Japan's Crisis - Will the corner be turned?

5 December

TERENCE O'BRIEN

Teaching Fellow in International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington

Major Implications of 11 September for the Asia-Pacific

Details of the Asia Forum programme can be found at http://www.apri.ac.nz/Asia_Forum/

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