

Outline of the whole course (including annual plans and annual objectives):

Course Outline:

Monday 18 January 2016

Week 1: Introduction: The simple logic behind formation of Asian Community.

- ✚ Economic benefits
- ✚ Social Welfare
- ✚ Cultural Exchange
- ✚ Regional Stability
- ✚ Emphasizing maximum uses of regional resources.
- ✚ Development of some tracking indices, such as Business environment Index, Business Freedom Index, Poverty Reduction Index, Social Welfare Index, Education Standard/Quality Index, political freedom index, etc.

Monday 25 January 2016

**Week 2: Regional Cooperation for Asian Community,
- Case of Japanese Cooperation in Asia --
Mr. Masafumi Sato: Visiting Professor, Kaetsu University, Japan**

Monday 1 February 2016

**Week 3 Development of Asian Community
Dr. Joon-Kon Chung
Senior Researcher, One Asia Club Tokyo, Japan**

Monday 8 February 2016

**Week 4: ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) for Thailand
Ms. Porn-anong Niyomka Horikawa,
Vice Rector of Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology (TNI), Thailand**

Monday 15 February 2016

**Week 5: Indonesia and the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)
Dr. Eko Cahyono,
Assistant to the President for Development
Darma Persada University, Indonesia**

Monday 22 February 2016

Week 6: Study of various economic unions, EU, ASEAN, SAARC, and other unions.

- ✚ Introduction to and discussion on various unions.
- ✚ The areas of successes and failures.
- ✚ The arguments for and against.
- ✚ Sorting out the most important issues to bring about a successful union.

Monday 29 February 2016

Week 7: Mid-Term

Monday 7 March 2016

Week 8: Asian Community Fund for Critical Investments

- ✚ Creating avenues of investment within the member countries.
- ✚ Benefits of joint listing of stocks and bonds in member country exchanges.
- ✚ Common Fund for joint research and research cooperation within the community.
- ✚ Infra-structure development. Development of communication and network technologies.

Monday 14 March 2016

Week 9: Pathway to Asian Economic Community

- ✚ Examining how conducive are the regulatory frameworks in member countries.
- ✚ Identification and establishment of critical markets, such as cotton, yarn, agricultural products (wheat, rice, sugar), carbon, industrial metals, precious metals, currencies, etc.
- ✚ Discuss and set-up regulatory framework.
- ✚ Build high capacity ports and infra-structure, including a network of land transport system.
- ✚ Build network back-bone for information flow.

Monday 21 March 2016

Week 10: Pathway to Broad Social and Cultural Integration

- ✚ Promote cross-cultural organizations for cultural exchanges.
- ✚ Experience sharing through scholar exchanges, executive experience sharing.
- ✚ Patronize literary, creative, fine arts through tours, book translations, exhibitions, shows, etc.,

Monday 28 March 2016

Week 11: Pathway to Enhance Cooperation for Quality Education, Research and Knowledge Creation

- ✚ Establish a common fund for developing quality education and high quality research.
- ✚ Maximizing the benefits of research for the people of the region
- ✚ Scholar exchange (perhaps taking advantage of sabbaticals in a member country), joint research, student exchange.

Monday 4 April 2016

Week 12: Pathway to Eventual Asian Economic Community (Infra-structure related)

- ✚ Social and cultural integration strategy.
- ✚ Strategy for linking the countries through land highways.
- ✚ Strategy for Asian information highway (Internet backbone).
- ✚ Strategy for building human and social capital, skills, creating jobs, tackling the most urgent and long-term problems of the region.
- ✚ International standards and practices.

Week 13: The vision of Asian Community

**Mr. Yoji Sato,
Chairman, One Asia Foundation, Japan**

Monday 18 April 2016

Week 14: Final Exam

Course duration: The duration of the course will be one semester bearing 3 credits per semester.

Note Lectures are subject to change according to lecturers' convenience.