

AN INVITATION TO

## The Asia & Australia Roundtable

Hosted by The Global Foundation via Zoom  
Monday 30th August 2021, 5-7pm AEST

Asia is undergoing a historic economic transformation, on track to become the powerhouse region of the world.

However, is Asia's trajectory towards future prosperity assured?

Health, environment and security concerns are increasingly posing a threat to growth as the continent faces continuing challenges, including:

- the Covid-19 pandemic, which continues to ravage societies across Asia, with the prospect of this and future pandemics impacting on future growth and well-being;
- climate change and environmental degradation, which will require major transitions from current patterns of consumption and towards new energy and urban infrastructures;
- the impact of ongoing geo-political fracturing between the great powers, particularly China and the United States.

Alongside these issues, what of Asia's increasing importance to the world as a whole? Also, where does Australia sit in its relationship with Asia and vice versa?

The *Asia & Australia Roundtable* will bring together an outstanding group of contributors from Asia, Australia and across the globe to address strategic

challenges and assess possible pathways for future collaboration.

This online forum will build upon global, regional and Australian roundtable discussions convened by the Global Foundation over recent years. At the heart of the Foundation's work is the desire to promote new, positive, win-win forms of international collaboration, through what it calls '*co-operative globalisation*', an objective that has been verified and endorsed by many world leaders.

The *Asia & Australia Roundtable* will seek to facilitate dialogue and shared understanding between citizens from diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences.

The *Asia & Australia Roundtable* will also consider practical co-operation, on issues such as greener infrastructure development across Asia, which still faces a huge gap between intent and outcomes.

The outcomes of the roundtable will also inform the next meeting of the Foundation's *Global Roundtable series*, the *Rome Roundtable*, which will be convened as a face-to-face meeting in Rome and Assisi, Italy, in May 2022, subject to travel restrictions.

**We hope that you can join us for this important discussion.**



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Tan Sri Michael O.K. Yeoh

Mr John McCarthy, AO

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Mr Shutaro Omura

Madame Fu Ying

Mr Jean-François di Meglio

Dr Selena Ng

Mr Rob Knott

Professor Peter Yu

Mr Didier Borowski

### An Outstanding Panel of Speakers

Ms Sue **Kench**, Global Chief Executive, King & Wood Mallesons (Co-moderator)

Mr Steve **Howard**, Secretary General, the Global Foundation (Co-moderator)

Mr Didier **Borowski**, Head of Global Views, Amundi

Mr Jean-François **di Meglio**, President, Asia Centre, Paris

Dr Dino Patti **Djalal**, Founder, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia and Former Deputy Foreign Minister, Republic of Indonesia

Dr Keyu **Jin**, Associate Professor, London School of Economics

Mr Robert **Knott**, Chairman, GHD

Mr Kishore **Mahubani**, Author, Speaker, Academic, and Former Diplomat

Mr John **McCarthy**, AO, Senior Adviser, Asia Link; former Australian Ambassador to India, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and the United States

Dr Selena **Ng**, Advisor, Social Economy; Member of the Board, the Global Foundation

Mr Shutaro **Omura**, Minister, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, Australia

Tan Sri Michael O.K. **Yeoh**, President, KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific,

Madam **Fu Ying**, Chairperson of Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University (CISS)

Professor Peter **Yu**, Vice-President, First Nations, Australian National University, Australia

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 25th August to: [sg@globalfoundation.org.au](mailto:sg@globalfoundation.org.au)

Please note, in keeping with our usual practice, the Global Health Roundtable will be conducted according to the Chatham House rule.