

Asia Culture Forum Kyoto 2006 Open Symposium on "Globalization and Asian Values"

Globalization, which enables an ever-widening flow of information, money, and people, has been drastically changing our lives. While longing for the end of conflicts and for more regional integration, many people also hope to preserve their own culture. How can Asia, a region of diverse peoples and cultures, construct common values while nurturing their individual cultures?

The Japan Foundation will jointly organize an open symposium, "Globalization and Asian Values," with the Boao Forum for Asia to explore Asian cultural identity. The symposium will be held in Kyoto, the home of Japan's traditional culture.

- Date and time: **Friday, November 10, 2006 from 16:00 to 20:00**
- Venue: **Kyoto University of Art and Design**
- Admission: **Free. Booking is required.**
- Language: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided (Japanese/English)
- Speakers: Fidel Ramos, former president of the Philippines and chairman of Boao Forum for Asia
Kazuo Ogoura, president of the Japan Foundation
Tetsuo Yamaori, religion scholar (Japan)
Anmol Vellani, theater director (India)
Garin Nugroho, producer and film director (Indonesia)
Kosei Morimoto, chief abbot of Todaiji temple (Japan)
Sun Ge, intellectual social historian (China)
Kwok Kian-Woon, sociologist (Singapore)
- Organized by: The Japan Foundation, Boao Forum for Asia
- *The Boao Forum for Asia was founded in 2001 to further promote Asia-Pacific integration and help ensure its bountiful future. The BFA has been inviting leaders of the Asia-Pacific region to an annual conference and is often dubbed as the Asian version of the Davos forum.

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