



International Symposium
“Towards an East Asia Community: Beyond Cross-Cultural Diversity”
Inter-cultural, Inter-societal, Inter-faith Dialogue

The Japan Foundation, in cooperation with the Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, will hold the International Symposium “Towards an East Asia Community: Beyond Cross-Cultural Diversity”.

Besides economic integration, experts from ASEAN countries will discuss an East Asia community focusing on the cultural, societal and religious diversity in the region. To explore a common platform on which people in the region can build a sense of identity among themselves, thirty young intellectuals from countries in East Asia (ASEAN, Japan, ROK, China, India, Australia, NZ) will also contribute to these dialogues.

- Date : December 17 (Mon), 2007
Time : 10:00 - 18:00
Venue : Ono Auditorium, Waseda University (Nishi-Waseda Campus)
Access Map <http://www.waseda.jp/eng/campus/index.html>
Co-organizers : Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Language : English and Japanese (with simultaneous interpretation)
Moderator : Dr. Yasushi Kikuchi, Professor of the Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies
Presenter : Dr. Wang Gungwu / Director of the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore (NUS)
Dr. Wilfrido Villacorta / Professor Emeritus at De La Salle University, former Deputy Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Dr. Fernando Zialcita / Professor at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ateneo de Manila University
Dr. Hanneman Samuel / Professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Indonesia
Dr. Surichai Wun Gaeo / Director of Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University
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