Asia Leadership Fellow Program Open Symposium
Communities in Action: Struggle for Peace and Sustainability in Asia

To create a close, personal, and professional network of "public intellectuals" in Asia, the Japan Foundation and the International House of Japan (I-House) have jointly been conducting the Asian Leadership Fellow Program since 1996.

For the past two months, eight eminent ALFP intellectuals have interacted with each other and with academics and civil society in Japan in interdisciplinary dialogues. They will be addressing a public symposium on the theme "Communities in Action: Struggle for Peace and Sustainability in Asia," moderated by Prof. Lee Jong Won of Rikkyo University, in which they will speak on environmental and cultural sustainability as a precursor to peace.

Session 1: November 9, 2006 from 18:00 to 21:00
Identity as a Mask: Indonesian Plurality at Crossroads
by Maria Hartiningsih (Indonesia); Journalist, Daily Newspaper Kompas

Revolution to Devolution: Grassroots Democracy and Conflict Prevention in Nepal
by Kunda Dixit (Nepal); Editor, Nepali Times; Publisher, Himalmedia

Vietnamese Diaspora: The Role of Literature in National Reconciliation
by Nguyen Thanh Son (Vietnam); Literary-Art Critic; Managing Director, T&A Communication Vietnam

Democracy, Development and Diversity
by Mohiuddin Ahmad (Bangladesh); Chairperson, Community Development Library (CDL)

Session 2: November 10, 2006 from 18:00 to 21:00
"Building Cultural Sustainability among Young Communities In Malaysia"
by Janet Pillai (Malaysia); Senior Lecturer, Universiti Sains Malaysia

"Toward Ancient Futures: From Globalization to Localization"
by Kamata, Yoji (Japan); Chairperson, Atelier for Development and the Future

"Civil Society Environmental Initiatives in Northeast Asia"
by Lee Seejae (Korea); Professor, Catholic University of Korea

"Asian Notions of Integrity"
by Albert E. Alejo (Philippines); Professor, Ateneo de Davao University

Venue: International House of Japan  5-11-16 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Admission: Free. Booking is required.
Language: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided (Japanese/English)

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