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ACCESS ASIA - MAKING CONNECTIONS

How infrastructure development is opening up opportunities to, and across, the region

Signature Conference

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PROGRAMME

09.00 am – Welcome and opening remarks by Sir John Boyd, Chairman of Asia House

09.15 am SESSION I – THE STATE OF THE WORLD: AN ASIAN VIEW

Asian economies have experienced tremendous growth over the past years, and the latest ADB outlook forecasts regional growth to pick up again in 2015. Asia's infrastructure development has been a key driver of this growth, with the creation of new cities, roads and railways leading to improved living standards and job creation. Against this backdrop, Douglas Flint, Chairman of HSBC and Thierry de Longuemar, VP of the ADB will discuss how infrastructure development will continue to evolve Asia's physical and economic landscape and how new connections will impact the region's relationships with the rest of the world.

A conversation with:



Douglas Flint, Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings [@HSBC_Press](#)

Douglas joined HSBC as Group Finance Director-Designate in 1995 and was appointed to the board the same year. He began his career at KPMG, where he trained as a chartered accountant until he was made partner. He is an independent external member of the Financial Services Trade and Investment Board in the UK and by invitation from the Prime Minister a British Business Ambassador. He was appointed Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings in 2010.



Thierry de Longuemar, Vice President (Finance and Risk Management) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) [@ADB_HQ](#)

Thierry has more than 28 years of experience in both multilateral financial institutions and private banking. Prior to his current position, he served twice as ADB Treasurer and, in between, was Vice President Finance at the African Development Bank. In investment banks, he held several positions including Global Head of Central Banks and Supranationals at ABN Amro Bank.

Short film – Global Trade and Supply Chains in Asia

10.00 am SESSION II – THE BIG PICTURE: ASIA'S PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS

With a growing middle-class consumer base, relatively low labour costs, rapid urbanisation and a wealth of natural resources, it is anticipated Asia will continue to drive demand for the world's goods and services. Building better connections to the rest of the world by closing the current infrastructure gap will be key. Asia needs power stations to manufacture; roads and railways to transport goods; telecoms to connect newly affluent populations; and cities to house them. As Asia gears up to tackle growth bottlenecks, what are the prospects for infrastructure development in the region? How will Asia's new cities and transport systems connect with the rest of the world? And what impact will this have on long-term economic projections and global value chains?

Speakers:



Luky Eko Wuryanto, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia

Luky Eko has been Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Development, since April 2010. Prior to this, he served as Deputy Chairman for Investment Planning at the Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM). He has also been President Commissioner of Indonesia Port Corporation (PT. Pelindo II) since 2011 and First Secretary of the Executive Team of the National Team of Special Economic Zones (KEK) since February 2009.



Stephen King, Group Chief Economist at HSBC  @KingEconomist

Stephen is directly responsible for HSBC's global economic coverage and coordinates the research of HSBC economists all over the world. He has written on a wide variety of economic topics: recent examples include "The Southern Silk Road" and a study of new "south-south" economic connections. Stephen's latest book, *When the Money Runs Out*, was selected as a "book of the year" by the Financial Times, the Economist and the Times.



James Stewart, Global Infrastructure Chair, KPMG  @jaghstewart @KPMG

James has particular experience in the Rail, Road and Social Infrastructure sectors and advising Government on delivering infrastructure investment programmes. Prior to joining KPMG, James was Chief Executive of Infrastructure UK (IUK) and before that Chief Executive of Partnerships UK. Recently he has been closely involved in the setting up of KPMG's City Infrastructure practice.



James Yim, Head of Strategy and Portfolio, BP Downstream  @BP_plc

James leads all aspects of strategic development and portfolio management for BP's downstream business, covering the organisation's fuels, lubricants, petrochemicals and trading businesses. Before this role, he was head of BP's Asia Aromatics and China Olefins and Derivatives businesses as part of the Global Petrochemicals business, based in Hong Kong. James also held various commercial, manufacturing and business development leadership roles in BP's petrochemical businesses in Asia over the last 29 years.

11.00 am Coffee break

11.30 am SESSION III – CONNECTING ASIA AND EUROPE

Home to some of the fastest-growing economies, Asia has become central to Europe's growth prospects. Europe is one of the most important trading partners for Asian countries and a major investor. Several free trade agreements are being negotiated with key economies in the region, promising to open market opportunities for businesses and help spur innovation. With Asia poised to build new infrastructure and remove trade barriers to support growth, what is the future of Europe-Asia trade relations? How will increased connectivity - together with the ongoing change in Asia's manufacturing landscape - transform supply-chains? How are these changing dynamics influencing corporate investment strategies? What can policy-makers and industry leaders do to foster collaboration and develop joint partnerships to stimulate trade and investment flows between the two regions?

Speakers:



Astanah Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director General, ASEAN Economic Community Division (AEC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

Astanah is Deputy Director-General of the AEC Division, at a time when Malaysia is at the helm of ASEAN. Her career spans work in the bilateral, regional and multilateral fora as well as in maritime security, both at the Foreign Ministry as well as Malaysian Embassies abroad, including roles as the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassies of Malaysia in France as well as in Korea, and within the permanent mission of Malaysia to the United Nations. She trained as a lawyer and was admitted at the High Court of Malaya.



Philip Bouverat, Director, JCB [@bouverat](#) [@JCBmachines](#)

Philip has been at JCB since 2002 where he aimed to bring the Chinese market into JCB's global strategy. Having travelled extensively, he is currently London based, covering international diplomatic liaison and global account relations. He is a Director of the UK India Business Council, China-Britain Business Council, and was a member of the UK Government's Asia Task Force.



Rupert Hogg, Director and Chief Operating Officer of Cathay Pacific [@cathaypacific](#)

Rupert Hogg has been Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited since March 2014. Prior to his current position, Rupert held the positions of Director Sales & Marketing and Director Cargo. He joined the Swire group in 1986 and has worked with the group in Hong Kong, Southeast Asia, Australia and the United Kingdom. He is also Chairman of AHK Air Hong Kong Limited and a Director of Hong Kong Dragon Airlines Limited.



James Lockett, Vice President, Head of Trade Facilitation and Market Access for Huawei Group [@JamesLockett1](#) [@Huawei](#)

James is an international lawyer and manager who has extensive experience in trade, investment, competition, commercial, and regulatory law and policy. His career spans work in government service in Washington DC, in international law firms, as well as in development assistance in the Middle East and Asia, most notably in Indonesia with the Ministry of Trade. He currently acts as Vice President, responsible for the global trade facilitation and market access issues of Huawei Technologies, the largest telecommunications equipment maker in the world. He is also a visiting lecturer in trade law at two universities in SE Asia.



Ranieri Sabatucci, Head of the South-East Asia Division of the European External Action Service (EEAS) [@Sabatri](#) [@eu_eeas](#)

Ranieri is responsible for the overall coordination of EU relations with the countries and the region of the Pacific including managing EU political dialogue, relations with third countries and international institutions. He chairs the Meeting of the ASEAN-EU Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC). Prior to his current position, he was Assistant to the Director General for Development at the European Commission.

Conference moderated by:



Michael Lawrence, Chief Executive of Asia House [@asiahouseuk](#)

Michael heads the Asia House team in delivering thought leadership and market intelligence on Asia to some of the UK's biggest companies. Prior to joining Asia House, he spent 18 years at Reuters, the international news organisation, where he held several senior positions over the course of his distinguished career, including Global Editor and Managing Editor, Europe, Middle East and Africa. Michael was part of the team that delivered Reuters' distinguished coverage of the Iraq war, and he ran the region through the turbulent years that followed.

12.45 pm – Closing remarks followed by networking lunch