



The Pacific Alliance: Challenges and Opportunities for Japan

Keynote speakers and commentators

Moderator

Mr. Masahiro Kawai, Professor of the University of Tokyo.

Mr. Kawai is an Economist from the University of Tokyo and holds a PhD in Economics from Stanford University. He has had a remarkable career in academia. He has been Professor at The University of Tokyo for several years, as well as Chief Economist for the World Bank's East Asia and the Pacific Region. Mr. Kawai has also held several directive and advisory positions in the Asian Development Bank - ADB, including CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute.

FIRST SEGMENT: Perspectives of the Pacific Alliance

Speakers

His Excellency Elard Escala, Ambassador of Peru, Presidency Pro Tempore of the Pacific Alliance

Ambassador Escala is an Economist and holds a Masters in International Political Economy and a Masters in Diplomacy. He has made a career in the Peruvian diplomatic service as Ambassador to Indonesia and Romania. He has been Ambassador to Japan since 2010. He has held several positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru to further cooperation with Asia-Pacific, such as Director of APEC.

Commentator

His Excellency Patricio Torres, Ambassador of Chile

Ambassador Torres is an Economist and Political Science graduate from the City University of New York. He is part of the Chilean diplomatic service since 1974 and has worked for missions in the United Nations, Germany and Malaysia. He has been Ambassador to Japan since 2010. He has held various directive positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and has been a professor of foreign policy at the Chilean Diplomatic Academy.

His Excellency Carlos Almada, Ambassador of Mexico

Ambassador Almada holds a BA in Business and a PhD in Public Administration. As a diplomat, he has been Ambassador to Portugal and Japan. As a public servant in Mexico, he has held directive positions in diverse fields such as international affairs, public administration, communications and transport. He also has academic experience as Director General of the International Institute of Administrative Services in Belgium, among others.

Honourable Alejandro Posada, Chargé d'affaires ad interim of Colombia

Mr. Posada is a Mechanical Engineer and holds a Masters in Production and Direction in Industrial Complexes, from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia. He has been Chief of Cabinet of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, as well as Counselor to the Deputy Minister of Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia. Since last year, he is Chargé d'affaires ad interim to Japan.



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SECOND SEGMENT: Japan and the Pacific Alliance

Mr. Akio Hosono, Senior Research Advisor JICA Research Institute

Mr. Hosono is an Economist with a PhD in Economics from The University of Tokyo. He has made an important career in international cooperation and development, academia and diplomacy. He has been Senior Advisor for Japan International Cooperation Agency - JICA and Director of JICA Research Institute. He was also Ambassador to El Salvador and Professor at Kobe University and Tsukuba University.

Mr. Shinji Ayuha, Advisor of SMEs and Director Industry Finance Group at JBIC

Mr. Ayuha is an Economist with a MBA from MIT and candidate to PhD in International Studies from The University of Tokyo. He has significant experience as a banker in Germany and Japan, as well as a researcher. He was Director of the research division for corporate strategy at Japan Bank for International Cooperation - JBIC, where he directed the survey on overseas business operations by Japanese manufacturing companies.

Mr. Yasunori Mori, General Manager Overseas Department, Corporate Strategy Division, Mitsui Co.

Mr. Mori has a BA in Portuguese and International Relations from Sophia University. He joined Mitsui Co. in 1982 and has been working close to the divisions of plastics and inorganic materials. He has held several directive positions in various countries like Japan, USA and Malaysia. He was also President of Mitsui Co. in Chile, for several years.