



1st Research Coordination Workshop

on

Towards BIMSTEC-Japan Comprehensive Economic Cooperation:

Vision and Tasks Ahead

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28-29 May 2005: Taj Bengal: Kolkata

28th May 2005: Saturday

- 09:00 – 09:05 Welcome address by Dr. B S Malik, President, CSIRD, Kolkata
- 09:05 – 09:15 Keynote address by Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Advisor, CSIRD, Kolkata (*Role of Japan in repositioning Asia in World in context of BIMSTEC*)
- 09:15 – 09:25 Special address by Dr. Sim-Yee Lau, Programme Director, SPF, Tokyo
- 09:25 – 09:35 Inaugural address by Mr. Amitava Nandi, Member of Parliament, Government of India
- 09:35 – 09:40 Vote of Thanks by Member Secretary, CSIRD, Kolkata
- 09:40 – 10:00 Photo session & Tea/coffee break
- 10:00 – 10:30 *ASEAN – Japan / BIMSTEC – Japan: Economic Partnership*
(In Chair: Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala)
Presentations by
- Prof. Ebashi Masahiko, Faculty of International Studies, Meiji-Gakuin University, Yokohama
 - Dr. Sim-Yee Lau, Programme Director, SPF and Professor, Reitaku University, Tokyo
- 10:30 – 10:45 *Profile of BIMST-EC*
(In Chair: Prof. Myat Thein)
- Mr. Prabir De



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10:45 – 11:30

*Towards BIMSTEC-Japan Comprehensive Economic Cooperation:
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(In Chair: Dr. Sim-Yee Lau)

- Overall project concept and responsibilities
 - Dr. B S Malik
- Focus sectors - *Trade and investment* and *Technology*
 - Dr. Buddhadeb Ghosh – *Technology*
 - Dr. Dipankar Dey – *Investment*
 - Mr. Suranjan Gupta – *Trade*

11:30 – 12:00

Presentation by Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Research Director BIISS, Dhaka
(In Chair: Mr. Anjan Roy)

- Focus sector – *Energy*
 - Dr. Abdur Rob Khan

12:00 – 12:30

Presentation by Prof. Myat Thein, Rector (Retd.), Institute of
Economics, Yangon

(In Chair: Dr. Basil Ilangakoon)

- Focus sector – *Tourism*
 - Dr. Myat Thein

12:30 – 13:00

Presentation by Centre for International Economics, Chulalongkorn
University, Bangkok

(In Chair: Dr. Abdur Rob Khan)

- Focus sector – *Transport*
 - Dr. Surat Horachaikul

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 14:30

Presentation by Dr. Basil Ilangakoon, Executive Vice Chairman Marga
Institute, Colombo

(In Chair: Dr. Buddhadeb Ghosh)

- Focus sector – *Fisheries*
 - Dr. Basil Ilangakoon

14:30 – 15:30

Q&A / Open discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Finalisation of the 'Action Plan' for the Project

19:30 – 20:30

Dinner hosted at Taj Bengal by Dr. Lau Sim-Yee, Programme
Director, SPF, Tokyo



29th May 2005: Sunday

- 09:30 – 10:00 Speech by Prof. J K Ray, Former Centenary Professor of International Relations, and Director, Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Calcutta – *Moving Together: Japan and BIMSTEC*
- 10:00 – 10:10 Tea/coffee break
- 10:10 – 10:30 Project Memorandum Signing Ceremony
- 10:30 – 10:45 Closing remarks by Dr. B S Malik, President, CSIRD
- 10:45 – 12:00 Visit to Residence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, and transfer to hotel
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