



## Global Korea, Global Australia Roundtable

### Outcomes Report

This report summarises the main outcomes of the ‘Global Korea, Global Australia’ Roundtable held in Canberra at Stephen House on 14 February 2012. The Forum was held under the Chatham House rule and was hosted by the Australian Institute of International Affairs in partnership with the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS) of the Republic of Korea. The event was supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The Roundtable, held over one day, brought together a number of distinguished professionals including international delegates, government officials, academics, industry leaders and other experts. Dialogue covered Australia and Korea’s middle powers’ grand strategy, cooperation in global governance, regional architecture in the Asia-Pacific and Australia’s and Korea’s shared economic agendas.

Highlights of the Forum included:

- An opening address and active engagement by the South Korean Ambassador to Australia, Ambassador Taeyong Cho
- Participation by five international keynote guest speakers from the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, including Chancellor Joon-gyu Lee
- Seventeen guest speakers including current and former ambassadors, senior Australian government officials, business executives, university professors and other academics
- Coverage of a range of issues including experience in ‘middle power diplomacy’, collaboration in forums such as the G20, prospects for regional institutions and progress on a free trade agreement
- Expert facilitation by National Vice President of the AIIA, Ms Zara Kimpton OAM
- Concrete ideas to further cooperation and engagement between both institutes



Ambassador Taeyong Cho, South Korean Ambassador to Australia



Chancellor Joon-gyu Lee, Institute for Foreign Affairs and National Security, giving his response to the Welcoming Address



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### Objectives

The objective of the Forum was to foster greater interaction and understanding between South Korean and Australian experts in international affairs and discuss the implications of the changing international environment for both countries. The Forum also provided an excellent opportunity to discuss ways that South Korea and Australia can collaborate in order to maximise their roles as middle powers in the Asia Pacific and the international system.

Specific objectives included:

- To bring together a select group of Australian and South Korean foreign affairs experts and government officials to discuss common issues
- To discuss and share ideas on the future direction of Australia's and South Korea's foreign policies
- To discuss potential ways to maximise both country's middle power status
- To analyse the potential contributions that can be made through the G20, the East Asia Summit and a free trade agreement
- To investigate the potential to host other joint events (whether private or public)
- To establish a platform for future collaboration

### Format

Sessions focused on:

- Australia-Korea: Middle Power's Grand Strategy
- Cooperation in Global Governance
- Regional Architecture in the Asia Pacific
- Australia-Korea Common Economic Agenda
- Agenda for Cooperation

A welcome dinner was held the evening prior to the Roundtable.



(From Left to Right) Young-Hoon Kang, John McCarthy, Ambassador Taeyong Cho, Wongi Choe, Hayley Channer, Zara Kimpton, Joon-gyu Lee, Kyounghee Lee



## Participants

### *IFANS and Embassy Participants*

- **Ambassador Taeyong Cho**, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia
- **Chancellor Joon-gyu Lee**, Chancellor, Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security
- **Dr Sang-chun Jung**, Director, Planning and Research Division
- **Professor Wongi Choe**, Professor of International Political Economy and Trade Studies
- **Professor Jaehyon Lee**, Visiting Professor
- **Dr Kyounghee Lee**, Senior Researcher, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
- **Assistant Professor Wooseon Choi**, Assistant Professor
- **Ms Ji-ae Jung**, Second Secretary of Planning and Research
- **Counsellor Young-Hoon Kang**, Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of Korea

### *Australian Participants*

- **Mr John McCarthy AO FAIIA**, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- **Ms Zara Kimpton OAM**, National Vice-President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- **Ms Melissa Conley Tyler**, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- **Mr John Robbins**, National Deputy Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- **Mr Colin Chapman**, President, NSW Branch, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- **Mr Ian Dudgeon RFD**, President, ACT Branch, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- **Mr Peter Rowe**, First Assistant Secretary, North Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- **Mr Jason Russo**, Director, Financial, G20 & Global Economy Branch, Economic Division, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- **Ms Healyon Kim**, Senior Government Lawyer, Legal & Investigations Group, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- **Associate Professor Felix Patrikeeff**, President, SA Branch, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- **Dr Rod Lyon**, Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- **Professor Andrew Macintyre**, Dean, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University
- **Professor John Ravenhill**, Head, School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University
- **Professor Yi-Chong Xu**, Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University
- **Professor Richard Rigby**, Executive Director, ANU China Institute, Australian National University
- **Professor William Tow**, Professor, Department of International Relations, Australian National University
- **Professor Tessa Morris-Suzuki**, Professor of Japanese History, School of Culture, History & Language, Australian National University
- **Professor Peter J. Rimmer AM**, Emeritus Professor, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
- **Associate Professor You Ji**, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, University of New South Wales
- **Dr David Hundt**, Deakin University and Associate Editor, *Australian Journal of Political Science*
- **Dr Leonid A. Petrov**, Lecturer in Korean Studies, University of Sydney
- **Mr Colin Heseltine**, Deputy Chairman, Australia Korea Business Council
- **Mr John Wotton**, Executive Director, Australia Korea Business Council
- **Mr Mack Williams**, former Ambassador to Korea and former AIIA NSW President
- **Associate Professor Dr Hyung-A Kim**, Director, Australia-Korea Leadership Forum, Australian National University



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The organising Committee was comprised of:

- Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, AIIA
- Mr John Robbins, National Deputy Director, AIIA
- Ms Kate McCambridge, Research Intern, AIIA
- Ms Hayley Channer, Research Intern, AIIA
- Ms Rosie Turner, Research Intern, AIIA



Forum discussion



(From Left to Right) Jaehyon Lee, Wooseon Choi, Ian Dudgeon, Jiae Jung, Colin Chapman, Melissa Conley Tyler, Sang-chun Jung