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The Asia Foundation initiated the Ellsworth Bunker Asian Ambassador Series program in 1998 to bring together Washington-based Asian diplomats and American political, business, media, and policy leaders for off-the-record discussions of key issues important to Asia's future. Unprecedented changes in Asia — social, economic, political, and strategic — present both opportunities and challenges for countries in the region and the United States. This program series allows both Asian ambassadors and select individuals in Washington to discuss and explore issues of mutual interest and changein the region.

Each program in the series features substantive presentations by experts from Asia and the United States in a format designed to encourage a serious exchange of views and perspectives among individuals who can contribute to thinking about these issues in new and constructive ways.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### BEYOND THE AGE OF INNOCENCE: REBUILDING TRUST BETWEEN AMERICA AND THE WORLD

Guest Speaker: Ambassador Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore

### AMERICA'S ROLE IN ASIA: AMERICAN AND ASIAN VIEWS

Guest Speakers: Ambassador Michael H. Armacost,distinguished fellow at the Asia/Pacific Research Center, Stanford University; Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, managing director of Kissinger Associates

### AMERICA'S GRAND STRATEGY IN A WORLD AT RISK

Guest Speaker: Mr. Walter Russell Mead, Henry A. Kissinger Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

### UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS ASIA — A CONGRESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Guest Speaker: Senator Sam Brownback, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations East Asia and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

### ISLAM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AFTER THE BALI BOMBING

Guest Speaker: H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Member, National Assembly of Thailand, former Foreign Minister, Thailand

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Ellsworth Bunker forged a reputation as an accomplished statesman prior to his assignment to South Vietnam. Bunker also headed the U.S. team involved in the drawing up of the 1978 Panama Treaty.

### THE PARADOX OF AMERICAN POWER: WHY THE WORLD'S ONLY SUPERPOWER CAN'T GO IT ALONE

Guest Speaker: Dr. Joseph Nye, Dean, Kennedy School of Government

### ISLAM, US FOREIGN POLICY, AND THE WAR ON TERRORISM

Guest Speaker: Dr. John Esposito, Director, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University

### UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD ASIA UNDER THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION

Guest Speaker: The Honorable James Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, H.E. Sung Chul Yang, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States

### AMERICA'S ROLE IN ASIA: AMERICAN AND ASIAN VIEWS

Guest Speakers: Professor Ezra Vogel, Harvard University, Mr. Casimir Yost, Georgetown University, Allan WM. Wolff, Esq., Dewey Ballantine, and Ms. Catharin Dalpino, Brookings Institution

### PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA

Guest Speaker: Professor Amartya Sen, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge University, first Asian recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics

### INTERNATIONALISM, NATIONALISM AND COMMUNALISM: FORCES IN ASIA'S FUTURE

Guest Speaker: Professor Robert Scalapino, Robson Research Professor of Government Emeritus, University of California at Berkeley, and Trustee, The Asia Foundation

### GLOBALIZATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S.-ASIAN RELATIONS

Guest Speaker: Mr. Thomas L. Friedman, foreign affairs columnist, *The New York Times*, H.E. Lee Hongkoo, former Prime Minister, Republic of Korea and South Korean Ambassador to the United States

### ASEAN IN THE YEAR 2010: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND THAILAND'S ROLE

Guest Speaker: The Hon. M.R. Kasem Kasemsri, former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Thailand

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