



# “Modernizing Alliances”

**Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026

**Place:** The Grand Hyatt Seoul

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Time	Panel Title	Panelist	Affiliation
08:00-09:00 <i>Ballroom Foyer</i>	Registration		
Opening Ceremony 09:00-10:00 <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	Welcoming Remarks	Chung Mong Joon	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
	Congratulatory Remarks	Ahn Gyuback	Minister of National Defense, ROK
		Roger Wicker <i>(Video Remarks)</i>	Chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee
	Keynote Speech	Ishiba Shigeru	Former Prime Minister of Japan
10:00-10:10	Break		
Plenary Session 1 10:10-11:40 <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	Why Alliance Modernization?	<b>Moderator</b> Karen House	Harvard University
		Rachel Ellehuus	Royal United Services Institute
		Fred Fleitz	America First Policy Institute
		Kim Sung-han	Korea University
		Jonathan Malaya	We Protect Our Seas Foundation
		Nakatani Gen	House of Representatives, Japan
		Arthur Sinodinos	University of Sydney
11:40-13:10 <i>Grand Salon (Invitation Only) &amp; Namsan I+II</i>	<b>Luncheon</b> - Luncheon Speech: Harry Harris, Former Commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; Former U.S. Ambassador to the ROK		

<b>Concurrent Session 2-1</b> <b>13:10-14:30</b> <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	Responding to the Rise of CRINK	<b>Moderator</b> Victor Cha	Center for Strategic and International Studies
		Justyna Gotkowska	Centre for Eastern Studies
		Jia Qingguo	Peking University
		Igor Khrestin	George W. Bush Institute
		Lim Sungnam	Bae, Kim & Lee
		Alexander Nikitin	Moscow State Institute of International Relations
		Okano Masataka	Former National Security Advisor, Japan
		Randall Schriver	Institute for Indo-Pacific Security
<b>Concurrent Session 2-2</b> <b>13:10-14:30</b> <i>Grand Ballroom III</i>	Trans-Pacific and Trans-Atlantic Alliances	<b>Moderator</b> Kang Insun	Former Second Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, ROK
		Peter Dean	Australian National University
		Iwama Yoko	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
		Moon Seoung-hyun	Dongseo University
		Luis Simón	Vrije Universiteit Brussel
		Kathleen Stephens	The Korea Society
		Steve Yates	The Heritage Foundation
<b>14:30-14:40</b>	<b>Break</b>		
<b>Concurrent Session 3-1</b> <b>14:40-16:00</b> <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	An Asian NATO?	<b>Moderator</b> Lee Shin-wha	Korea University
		Kuik Cheng-Chwee	National University of Malaysia
		Lavina Lee	University of Sydney
		Julia Macdonald	Asia New Zealand Foundation
		Mira Rapp-Hooper	Brookings Institution
		Shin Beomchul	Sejong Institute
		Tokuchi Hideshi	Research Institute for Peace and Security
<b>Concurrent Session 3-2</b> <b>14:40-16:00</b> <i>Grand Ballroom III</i>	New Alliance Frontiers	<b>Moderator</b> Gordon Flake	University of Western Australia
		Jeanne Choi	U.S. Department of State
		James Kim	American Chamber of Commerce in Korea
		Park Young-sun	Sogang University
		Shekhar Sinha	Indian Council of World Affairs
		Suzuki Kazuto	University of Tokyo
		Yoo Myung-hee	Korea University
<b>16:00-16:10</b>	<b>Break</b>		
<b>Plenary Session 4</b> <b>16:10-17:30</b> <i>Grand Ballroom I+II</i>	North Korea's Nuclear Threat	<b>Moderator</b> Chun Yungwoo	Korean Peninsula Future Forum
		Bruce Bennett <i>(Virtual Participation)</i>	RAND Corporation
		Kim Gunn	National Assembly, ROK
		Kim Joon Hyung	National Assembly, ROK
		Michael Schiffer	Scalare Advisors
		Georgy Toloraya	Russian Academy of Sciences

		Yabunaka Mitoji	Osaka University
		Zhu Feng	Nanjing University
<b>Closing Ceremony</b> <b>17:30-17:35</b> <i>Grand Ballroom</i> <i>I+II</i>	<b>Closing</b> <b>Remarks</b>	Yoon Young-kwan	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies