

The United Nations and South Asia

International Conference at UN House

United Nations University, Tokyo
27–28 May 2002

Monday, 27 May 2002

Plenary sessions

09.00-09.30 Registration

09.30-10.00 Welcoming remarks
Hans van Ginkel, Rector, United Nations University
Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

10.00-10.30 Keynote Addresses

I.K. Gujral, former Prime Minister of India
Sartaj Aziz, former Foreign Minister and Finance Minister of Pakistan

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 Plenary speeches:

- *Poverty alleviation*
Hafiz Pasha, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP
Comments: Shigeko Mori-Asher, Nihon University
- *The future of nuclear weapons in South Asia*
Stephen P. Cohen, The Brookings Institution
Comments: Takako Hirose, Daito Bunka University
- *SAARC as an institutional framework for cooperation in South Asia*
Nihal Rodrigo, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, former Secretary-General of SAARC
Comments: Pushpa Trivedi, Institute of Developing Economies-JETRO

13.00-14.30 Lunch

Working group sessions

14.30-16.00 Working groups

- *National security: inter-state conflict in South Asia*
Chair: Hiroichi Yamaguchi, Bunkyo University
Christophe Carle, UNIDIR
Lok Raj Baral, Nepal Center for Contemporary Studies (NCCS)

Niaz A. Naik, Former Foreign Secretary, Pakistan

- *Human security: children and gender issues*
Manzoor Ahmed, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh
Santosh Mehrotra, Innocenti Research Centre, UNICEF
Rekha Datta, Monmouth University
Comments: Pema Gyalpo, Tibet Culture Center International

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.00 Working groups

- *Governance*
Chair: Minoru Ouchi, Shu Mei University
Gautam Adhikari, Asian Center for Democratic Governance, National Endowment for Democracy
Devaki Jain
P. Saravanamuttu, Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA)
- *Critical links between environment and development*
Chair: Masatoshi Yoshino, Environment and Sustainable Development Programme, United Nations University
Mohan Munasinghe, Environment Department, World Bank
Adeel Zafar, Environment and Sustainable Development Programme, United Nations University
Comments: Wakako Hironaka, Member of House of Councillors

18.00-20.00 Open Reception

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Working group sessions

09.30-11.00 Working groups

- *Insurgency and terrorism: problems, causes, solutions*
Nasim Zehra
Kingsley de Silva, International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo
Comments: Hisashi Nakamura, Ryukoku University
- *Environmental security*
Chair: Akiko Yamanaka, United Nations University
Adil Najam, Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, Boston University
Ashok Swain, Uppsala University Programme of International Studies

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Working groups

- *South Asian contributions to UN peacekeeping*
Chair: Yozo Yokota, United Nations University
Lt.-Gen. Satish Nambiar, United Service Institution of India
Brig.-Gen. Syed Roomy, Special Security Force, Bangladesh
Brigadier Muhammad Asif, Directorate General Headquarters, Pakistan
- *Aid, trade and South Asian development*
Teruyuki Tanabe, Japan Bank for International Cooperation
Farookh Sobhan
Takeshi Hikihara, South West Asia Division, MOFA
Comments: Makoto Kojima, Takushoku University

13.00-14.30 Lunch

Plenary sessions

- 14.30-15.30 *India-Pakistan relations: ways forward*
Chair: Sakutarō Tanino, former Japanese Ambassador to India
Samina Yasmeen, School of Social and Cultural Studies, University of Western Australia
Ambassador G Parthasarathy, Former Indian Ambassador to Pakistan
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00-17.00 *South Asia after Afghanistan*
Chair: Nobuhiko Suto, Member, House of Representatives
Samina Ahmed, Pakistan/Afghanistan Office, International Crisis Group
Mohammad Ayoob, Michigan State University
Amin Saikal, Center for Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies, Australian National University
- 17.00-17.30 Closing remarks by the South Asian Ambassadors to Japan