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**Augmented Regional Innovation Systems In Asia:
Paths Towards A Common Prosperity**

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Synopsis

Professor Haider Khan will provide an assessment of the effectiveness and potentialities of National Innovation Systems (NIS) in the Asia-Pacific for deeper economic integration. To this end, some preliminary policy suggestions have been formulated, based on formal models that he has developed. These models are aimed at enhancing the region's overall innovation strategy. Professor Khan's approach focuses particularly on the evolving relationship between China's National Innovation System and the Asia-Pacific region, with references to Japan, Korea, Taiwan, India, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. He argues that while the policy challenges for regional cooperation are far from trivial, strengthening NIS and the various sub-regional systems with a view to building up a broad-based and inclusive Regional Innovation System (RIS) for the Asia-Pacific region can be a substantive area of enhancing economic integration in the Asia-Pacific. Conceptually, Professor Khan presents an enhanced view of NIS for inclusive growth. He calls this new model of regional innovation an "Augmented NIS (ANIS)". The attempt to build ANIS is one conceptually and practically sound approach towards enhancing economic integration in the Asia-Pacific. Three areas of concrete applications are suggested in the concluding part.

About the Speaker

Professor Haider A. Khan is currently the John Evans Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Economics at the Joseph Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. He has served as the chief international adviser to Arab Trade and Human Development in Cairo, a senior economic adviser to UNCTAD in Geneva, a consultant to IFPRI, UNDP, ILO, ADB, and the World Bank, as well as to various governments. He was a distinguished visiting fellow at the Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo and at World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER). He has been a visiting professor at the Graduate School of Economics, University of Tokyo, Hitotsubashi University, People's University, Beijing and several US and European Universities. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University.

His work ranges from modeling complex economic systems taking into account race, gender and social stratification-particularly economy-wide modeling of infrastructure and technology, poverty and human development, the informal sector, energy, innovation and financial crises- to the political and economic theories of democracy and justice. He is considered to be one of the world's leading experts in Social Accounting Matrices(SAM) and SAM-based structural economy-wide modeling. He has also developed new poverty and inequality indexes that take into account ecological damage and mortality attributable to poverty. He has published more than twenty books and over one hundred and fifty articles in professional journals and received many international awards.

Professor Khan is also an award-winning poet, translator and literary and art critic. He has written on Rabindranath Tagore, Nazrul Islam, Shamsur Rahman, Mirza Ghalib, Allama Iqbal, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Nazim Hikmet, Octavio Paz, Pablo Neruda, Pablo Picasso, Surrealism, Asian and Islamic Art, Guillaume Apollinaire, James Joyce and the Japanese Haiku master Basho as well as many modern and postmodern Japanese poets. His 2016 book in Bangla "Muktijuddher Dinguli:Probashe Alor Gaan (The Days of Our Liberation War: Songs of Light in Exile)" is an analytical memoir in haibun form.