



Conference on Democracy, Development & Peace

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Conference on Democracy, Development and Peace in Asia
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Program Schedule (Tentative)

Time **Activities**

10 November (Monday): Conference Day - 1

10:00-12:00 ***Inaugural Session: “The Financial Crisis, Democracy, Development and Peace in Asia”,*** City Hall (Rashtriya Sabha Griha) Exhibition Road, Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu, Nepal (the detail programme of the inaugural session is attached separately)

13:00-14: 00 **Lunch, Hotel Himalaya, Kupondol, Lalitpur**

14:00-16:00 *Session 1: Understanding Democratic Transition in Nepal*

- ? Chair: Mr. Padma Ratna Tuladhar– Former Minister and Senior HR Defender
- ? *Presentation 1: Democratic Transition in Nepal: Its Background and Challenges for the Future*
 - i) Dr. Mathura P. Shrestha – Former Minister /Senior HR Defender
 - ii) Mr. C. K. Lal – Senior Political Analyst
 - iii) Dr. Gopal Krishan Shiwakoti – Senior HR Defender

? *Presentation 2: Constitutionalism Federalism and Institutionalization of Democracy in Nepal*

Mr. Padma Ratna Tuladhar - Former Minister /Senior HR Defender

? *Open Discussion: Political Transition from Monarchy to Republic and Restructuring of a Centralized, State Structures to a Federal Democratic State*

16:00-16:15 **Tea/Coffee break**

16:15-18:15 *Session 2: Key Challenges for Participatory Democracy in Asia*

- ? Chair: Lee Suk-tae, Member of Board of KDF
- ? *Presentation 1: Challenges arising in the Political Transition to Democracy*
 - ✍ Mr. Joao Boavida , ED of CSPAD, Timor-Leste (East Timor)
- ? *Presentation 2: Challenges arising in the consolidation of democracy*
 - ✍ Antonio Prajasto, Deputy Director of DEMOS, Indonesia
- ? *Presentation 3: Asian democracy: an electoral slogan or an ideal*
 - ✍ Sakool Zuesongdham, Director of Asian Network for Free Election
- ? *Presentation 4: Democratic local ownership in development cooperation or private investment from the perspective of Asian region*



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✍ Jazminda Lumang, ED of IBON Foundation, the Philippines

- ? Open Discussion: construction of democratic forms of development at domestic level in the context of international development cooperation and globalization

19:30 **Welcome Dinner**