

## Conference to tackle regional economic issues

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**Economic experts from across Asia will be in Bangkok next week to speak at a conference hosted jointly by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and Chulalongkorn University.**

The conference, "The End of Double-Digit Growth - Implications for Economic Sustainability in Asia", will take place at Sofitel Bangkok Sukhumvit Hotel on Monday and Tuesday.

Among the experts is Professor Rolf Langhammer, former vice president of Kiel Institute for the World Economy in Germany, who will present his work on "The Downsizing of Growth in Emerging Markets: Cyclical, Structural, Real or Fictive?"

On the first day, there will be two panel discussions on "What Are the Major Reasons for the Slowdown of Economic Growth in Asia?"

Joining the discussions are Posh Raj Pandey, executive chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Nepal; Ronald Mendoza PhD, executive director, Asian Institute of Management policy centre and associate professor of economics, Philippines; Martin Schulz, senior economist, Fujitsu Research Institute, Japan; Dr Rajat Kathuria, director and chief executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations; Sophal Chan, former president, Cambodian Economic Association; Dr Sadiq Ahmed, vice chairman, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh; and Dr Saman Kelegama, executive director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka.

A panel discussion on the second day will dig deeper into the impact of slow or slower economic growth in Asia on public commitments of governments with perspectives from high-income countries (Singapore, South Korea and Japan).

Joining the discussion are Dr Bokyeong Park, professor, Kyung Hee University, Graduate School of Pan-Pacific Studies, South Korea; Koji Sakuma, general manager and chief economist, Institute for International Monetary Affairs, Japan; Charit Tingsabath, acting director, Centre for European Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; Professor Siew Yean Tham, principal fellow, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies; and Professor Hong Song, director, Department of International Trade, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.