

Our Guest Speaker: Mr. Manu Bhaskaran

Mr Manu Bhaskaran is an expert on economic and political forecasting. He has spent 20 years analyzing political and economic trends in Asia, first working for the Singapore government in the area of regional security and then as Chief Economist and Chief Strategist for Asia at SG Investment Bank, the international investment-banking arm of Societe Generale. In the latter post, Mr Bhaskaran led and managed analysis of political and economic variables in the region affecting business conditions and financial markets in developing Asian countries. He was responsible for economic forecasting as well as formulating equity investment strategies, thus developing a unique insight into the dynamics underlying equity markets in Asia as well as a keen sense of the drivers of private portfolio and direct investment flows into the region.

Mr Bhaskaran is a well-regarded commentator on Asian financial and economic affairs, having penned columns for the Far Eastern Economic Review and continues to have regular columns in business weekly such as the Nikkei in Japan. He is a frequent speaker on Asian issues at major conferences such as the World Economic Forum. In the course of his work, Mr Bhaskaran has also developed excellent personal contacts with policymakers as well as business leaders in Asia.

Mr Bhaskaran has a Masters degree in Public Administration from the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Bachelors degree in economics from Cambridge University. In addition to these, he is also qualified as a Chartered Financial Analyst

Today, Mr Bhaskaran holds various appointments. He is concurrently the CEO of Centennial Asia Advisors, as well as the Head of the Economic Practice with Centennial Group Inc. He is also an Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies.

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**Asian Economic Outlook
25 July 2006**

**MAS Theatre
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12:00 – 14:00 Hrs**



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Program

11:40 am	Registration
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm	Welcome Remark by Chairperson
12:50 pm	Luncheon Presentation by Mr Manu Bhaskaran
1:15 pm	Q & A Session
2:00 pm	Closing Remarks

Venue

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