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Preliminary Agenda

August 9

08.45-09.15    Registration

09.15-09.30    Welcome Remarks
   Yu-shan Wu, IPSAS
   Andrew J. Nathan, Columbia University
   Yun-han Chu, IPSAS

09.30-11.00   Session I.  Forces of Modernization
   Moderated by Yun-han Chu
   1. Does Modernization Foster the Growth of Democratic Legitimacy?
      Robert Albritton and Thawilwadee Bureekul
   2. Are Younger Generations More Supportive of Democracy in Asia:
      Generational Changes or Life Cycle?
      Wang Zheng-xu and Tan Ern-Ser
   Discussants:  1. Ying-hwa Chang
                  2. Jih-wen Lin

11.00 - 11.15   Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.45   Session II.  Does Culture Matter?
   Moderated by Linda Luz Guerrero
   3. How Do Traditional Social Values and Democratic Values Affect Democratic
      Legitimacy under Different Regime Types?
      Andrew J. Nathan
   4. How Do Confucian Values Shape Conception of Democracy?
      Yun-han Chu and Yutzung Chang
   Discussants:  3. Shiw-Duan Hawang
                  4. Timothy Wong

12.45-14.00   Lunch
14.00-15.30  Session III. The Effect of Economic Performance
Moderated by Pham Thanh Nghi
5. Does Economic Performance Matter?
   Huoyan Shyu
6. Income Inequality and Satisfaction with Democracy: Evidence from East Asia
   Chin-en Wu and Yun-han Chu
Discussants: 5. Being invited
            6. Ibrahim Suffian

15.30-15.45  Coffee Break

15.45-17.45  Session IV. Civil Society and Democracy
Moderated by Andrew Nathan
7. Social Capital and Civic Competence as Determinants of Attitudes toward the
   Regime
   Ken’ichi Ikeda and Masahiro Yamada
8. Are Associations the Schools of Democracy in East Asia?
   Chong-Min Park and Jaechul Lee
9. Does Participation and Voting Reinforce Citizens’ Commitment to
   Democracy?
   Tianjian Shi and Jie Lu
Discussants: 7. Being invited
            8. Bridget Welsh
            9. Chung-li Wu

17.45-20.00  Reception Hosted by Yu-shan Wu

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August 10
09.30-11.00  Session V  The Significance of Regime Evaluation
Moderated by Dorie Meerkerk
10. Is Not So Bad Good Enough? Retesting Churchill’s Lesser-Evil Notion of
    Democracy in East Asia
    Doh Chull Shin
11. Perceived Quality of Governance and Support for Democratic Regime
    Yu-tzung Chang and Yun-han Chu
Discussants: 10. Saiful Mujani
            11. Larry Diamond

11.00-11.15  Coffee Break
11.15-12.45  Session VI  Synthetic Analysis
   Moderated by Damba Ganbat
   12. A Synthetic Analysis of Sources of Democratic Legitimacy
      Yun-han Chu and Min-hua Huang
   13. Why East Asians React Differently to Democratic Regime Change:
      Discerning Their Routes to Becoming Authentic Democrats
      Doh Chull Shin
   Discussants:  12. I-chou Liu
                 13. Hsin-Chih Kuan

12.45-14.00  Lunch

14.00-15.20  Roundtable on “Why Asians Support Democracy and Why Not, and
             Implications for the Consolidation of Democracy in Asia”
             Moderated by: Fu Hu
             Panelists: Yun-han Chu, Larry Diamond, Hsin-Chih Kuan, Andrew J.
                       Nathan, and Suhas Vasant Palshikar