Special Feature 1: ERINA 25th Anniversary Symposium

Overview of ERINA’s 25th Anniversary Symposium

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This past October 1, ERINA marked the 25th anniversary of its establishment by holding an anniversary symposium and party. In October, ERINA 25th Anniversary, a publication outlining the background to ERINA’s establishment and its achievements over the last 25 years, was sent to readers of ERINA Report (Plus). In this edition, we present a special feature focused on the 25th Anniversary Symposium1.

Time and date: 14:00-17:30, Monday, October 1, 2018
Venue: Marine Hall, 4th Floor, Toki Messe
Agenda
Welcoming Address
KAWAI Masahiro  Representative Director and Director-General, ERINA
Congratulations
HANAZUMI Hideyo  Governor of Niigata Prefecture
SHINODA Akira  Mayor, City of Niigata
SHIMA Keiichi  Director, Japan-Russia Economic Affairs Division, European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
IJUIN Takeo  Director, Korea Office, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Commemorative Address
Japan in Northeast Asia
AKASHI Yasushi  Chairman, International House of Japan
Panel Discussion
The Prospects for Northeast Asia
Panelists
FUKAGAWA Yukiko  Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University
SUZUKI Masanori  Director, JGC Corporation
KOBAYASHI Masaaki  Senior Managing Director, Tohoku Economic Federation
NOZAKI Shigeru  Chancellor, Niigata University of International and Information Studies
KAWAI Masahiro  Representative Director and Director-General, ERINA
Moderator
IJUIN Atsushi  Lead Economist, Japan Center for Economic Research

In his keynote address, Mr. Akashi commented on the remarkable coincidence that 1993, the year of ERINA’s establishment, was also the year in which the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), a major UN peacekeeping operation, opened the door to peace and democracy in Cambodia. Noting Northeast Asia’s complex history and present, he expressed the hope that trade and investment in the region would intensify in the future and that human resource development and interpersonal exchange would take place.

The panel discussion featured two rounds: the first was focused on the current state of the Northeast Asian economy and the challenges that it faces, while the second addressed prospects and expectations regarding future international economic cooperation. Panelists discussed the topics the perspectives of specialist fields (international economics, economic cooperation with Russia, regional economic exchange, and the perspectives of Niigata Prefecture and of ERINA).

ERINA intends to pursue its activities as an international hub for Northeast Asian economic research in even greater depth, while responding flexibly to the changing face of Northeast Asia. We would be more than delighted if the project to mark the 25th anniversary of our establishment proved to be a catalyst for further strengthening partnership and exchange with relevant institutions, both within Northeast Asia and elsewhere.

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1 This special feature has been compiled on the basis of recordings of the event and responsibility for the wording lies with ERINA. The term “Sea of Japan” is used where the speaker actually used this term in their remarks.