

ASC Head Appointed to Asia Society Task Force

Rodolfo C. Severino, Head of the ASEAN Studies Centre at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, has been appointed to the Asia Society's Task Force on America and East Asian Regionalism: A New Strategy for Multilateral Engagement.

The Task Force will assess current U.S. policy and formulate recommendations aimed at strengthening ties between the U.S. and Asia. Key issues that the Task Force will examine include: strategies for addressing rising trade protectionism; suggestions for engaging multilateral institutions; the meaning of intra-Asian regionalism; and how to shape the Obama administration's regional diplomacy. The Task Force will issue a report that will present a forward-looking set of policy recommendations, including a roadmap on how best to engage Asia to bring about lasting cooperation.

The Task Force is co-chaired by J. Stapleton Roy, Director, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States and former U. S. ambassador to Singapore, China and Indonesia, and Han Sung Joo, Director, Asian Institute for Policy Studies, and former foreign minister of the Republic of Korea.

Co-directors are Simon Tay, chairman of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, and Mike Kulma, Director of Policy Programs at Asia Society.

Other members of the Task Force are leading scholars from East Asia, Australia and the United States.